

wildlife needs Willpower





Strawberry Hill, Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire

A forever gift...

Imagine leaving a gift that could truly last for generations, a gift that means your generosity can allow others to enjoy Nottinghamshire's wildlife and wild places for the future - just like you do now.

Leaving a legacy in your Will to Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust could make that difference.

Every single gift in your Will, however large or small, counts. At Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust we've been dedicated to looking after wildlife locally for more than 50 years, so you can be sure that every penny you choose to leave in our care will be well invested in future wildlife conservation.

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I'm sure that, like me, you're concerned about the future of our planet. You too share a belief that it is important that we leave a thriving natural world for future generations to know and enjoy. That is why making a Will is one of the most important jobs any of us has to do.

Sir David Attenborough, President Emeritus of the Wildlife Trusts



Leave a memory Leave a legacy

Naturally, you'll want to make sure your loved ones are looked after in your Will.

Then you may want to think about leaving a proportion of what's left to charities close to your heart.

Even a small percentage can make a big difference.

Your legacy is an investment, ensuring your estate lives on, growing with time in an area that you want it to. Your lasting legacy, for you, your loved ones and nature.

What a legacy to Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust could do:

- Help us acquire important wildlife sites, saving them from future development
- Enable us to continue supporting the recovery of some of the region's rarest species
- Manage and restore our nature reserves
- Inspire young people about the natural world - tomorrow's conservationists
- Support our work across the county to create a Living Landscape
- Provide a voice for wildlife across planning and policy so that nature isn't taken for granted



Clifton Wood, Nottingham

Your gift, safe with our knowledge

Why should you entrust Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust with your legacy for nature?

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust has been taking action for nature in the county for more than 50 years.

Across the UK, the Wildlife Trusts are one of the largest groups looking out for all wildlife and habitats, with a collective membership of more than three quarters of a million people.

From those early days we were campaigning for wildlife and continue to do so today; influencing policy and decisions that affect our natural world at the highest level, both locally and nationally.

In the Nottinghamshire region we have the support of nearly 11,000 members. We work from the north of the county at our Idle Valley Reserve and Learning Centre to Attenborough Nature Reserve and Centre in the south west of the county.

We manage 67 nature reserves with a rich variety of wild places, from city centre green spaces to wetlands, wildflower meadows and ancient woodland across the county.

We safeguard wildlife habitats for rare wildlife such as the hazel dormouse and the nightjar. We also advise others across thousands of acres of the Nottinghamshire countryside to secure a Living Landscape.

We see young people as the future and welcome children from all backgrounds to our centres and nature reserves and inspire countless others in the classroom.

Our dedicated teams continue to help species return to the region like the harvest mouse, water vole and the iconic otter.

Your legacy could help us continue this work.



Acorns

Some questions answered...

I'm not wealthy and I want to leave money to members of my family. What are my options for including a gift to charity as well?

It's important to remember your family and friends but once you have given consideration to the needs of your loved ones, you could consider leaving a small percentage of the 'residue' of your estate to causes that are closest to your heart. The Wildlife Trust will receive the proportion of your estate that you intended, regardless of issues in the future such as inflation.

What other types of legacy can I leave?

As well as a **'residuary gift'** (above), you could leave a cash gift known as a **'pecuniary gift'**. This is when you leave an exact sum of money to a charity of your choice. You can also leave a **specific item**, such as land or jewellery.

What about Inheritance Tax? Will others in my Will lose out?

Gifts to charity are tax-free. If you leave a legacy to Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust the value of the legacy is deducted from your estate before inheritance tax is calculated. This means your gift not only benefits the Trust, it can also reduce your liability to inheritance tax. Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust recommends you get advice about your Will from a professional Will writer such as a solicitor.

I already have a Will. Can I add to it?

Yes. If you have already made a Will and would like to add a gift to Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, your professional Will writer can add your request to your existing Will - this is known as a codicil.

If I want to leave a legacy to Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, what information does my solicitor need?

Your solicitor will need to know our charity **full name** and **address**, as well as our **Registered Charity Number - 224168** and the percentage of the residue or the amount of money you would like to leave to the Trust. Please also let us know if you are thinking of leaving us a gift so we can acknowledge your generosity.



Otter



Damselfly, Attenborough Nature Reserve

Want to know more? We're here to talk when you're ready

We know you'll want to take time to think about your family, loved ones and others you care for as you consider your Will, but when the time is right, you can call us for an informal conversation about what a lasting legacy gift could mean.

If you already have included, or know you would like to include, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust in your Will, please let us know. You can use the pledge form in this booklet or contact us directly so we can plan for the future.

Thank you.

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Registered Charity No. 224168

"I pledge to help Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust ensure our wildlife is protected for the future by remembering the charity in my Will"

Title: First name(s): Surname:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust is committed to protecting your privacy. We will only use your data to provide you with information about our work and will not pass on your details to any other organisation. If you prefer us not to contact you about legacies, please tick this box. ☐

Please let us know what you have pledged and be assured this is not a legally binding document. It will simply let us plan for the future.

☐ A share of my estate

☐ A specific item

☐ A residue of my estate

☐ A specific sum of money

Thank you.

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