



Nottinghamshire
Wildlife Trust

WORKING WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO WELCOME WILDLIFE BACK

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STAGE 1

UNDERSTAND WHO TO TALK TO

Don't be intimidated by working with local authorities. The first step is to learn about the different levels of decision making and understand who you can work with.

There are 161 parish and town councils in Nottinghamshire. Allotments, cemeteries, playing fields and even the village green may be managed by your local parish council. They comment on planning applications on their patch and may be responsible for street trees and footpath management.



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Find out more about parish councils here

Borough & District councils and Unitary Authorities such as Nottingham City Council manage larger public parks and some services like environmental health and waste collection. They assess planning applications for developments such as housing and business parks, and manage public parks like Wollaton Park in Nottingham & Sconce Park in Newark.



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Find out more about their approach here



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for Nottingham City

Nottinghamshire County Council is responsible for planning matters such as waste and mineral extraction.

They also oversee rights of way and transport and manage waste recycling centres across the county (other than in Nottingham City). They also own a number of larger parks such as Holme Pierrepont and Cotgrave Country Park.



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You can learn more about the planning process on Nottinghamshire County Council's website





STAGE 2

ASK FOR ANSWERS

If you want to know how you can work with a local authority for wildlife, then ask!

In 2021 Rushcliffe Borough Council renewed its Nature Conservation Strategy which sets out to:

safeguard existing known sites of interest

- encourage the creation of new sites
- address the Climate Emergency and Biodiversity Crisis

Many councils across the county have also declared Climate Emergencies but more still needs to be done to put nature into recovery.

Why not ask your local representatives to take a similar step?

You can find out more about the Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy [here](#).



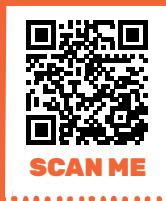
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You can ask questions in writing or in person at a meeting. If you have a larger question, then you can often ask an additional 'supplementary question', by attending a council meeting in person. Each local authority has their own procedures around submitting questions that you should check in advance.

You can also **contact your MP** to voice your concern around the rate of biodiversity loss, and ask them to find out what local action is taking place.

If you're unsure who your MP is, you can find out here.





STAGE 3

TAKE ACTION

Once you've learnt about the different layers of decision making and what is already happening in local government, work with them to drive positive changes for wildlife.



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If you want financial assistance for a community project that will benefit wildlife, then you can apply for a grant from one or more local authorities. Community groups and organisations can apply for funds towards running costs and physical improvements to local areas via the Local Communities Fund.

Nottingham CVS can also help with identifying possible sources of funding for community led projects.

Find out more...



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You can have your say on the long term future of development by contributing to the Local Plan for your area. These usually set out policies over a 10-15 year period and in Greater Nottingham the local councils work together to align policies for the provision of housing and space for business growth.

You can make planning more sympathetic to local wildlife by creating **a neighbourhood plan**.

Residents in Chilwell and Toton in Broxtowe have developed a Neighbourhood Plan to help ensure they have a say over major plans for redevelopment in their area including those linked to HS2 and Chetwynd Barracks.



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JOIN US

Nottinghamshire's nature is facing unimaginable pressure from habitat loss, development and climate change. Becoming a member is one of the best ways to support our work protecting wildlife where you live.

By becoming a member of Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, your money will help look after local wildlife and the amazing wild places in our area. You'll be joining a community of like-minded people and supporting us in all areas of our work, including conservation, campaigning and inspiring the local communities about nature.

THANK YOU!



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