

The future of
**Worcestershire's
wildlife**
is in your hands



Piper's Hill and Dodderhill Commons nature reserve, Hanbury

A forever gift...

Imagine leaving a gift that could truly last for generations, a gift that means your generosity can allow others to enjoy Worcestershire's wildlife and wild places for the future - just like you do now. Leaving a legacy in your Will to Worcestershire Wildlife Trust could make that difference. Every single gift in your Will, however large or small, counts. At Worcestershire Wildlife Trust we've been dedicated to looking after wildlife locally for the last 50 years, so you can be sure that every penny you choose to leave in our care will be well invested in wildlife conservation for the next 50 years.

"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. Any gifts in Wills received by the Trust are added to our Conservation and Development Fund and are used for acquiring nature reserves and other special projects.

What a legacy to Worcestershire Wildlife Trust could do:

- Help us acquire important wildlife sites to protect them permanently
- Protect species of plant and animal that need our help
- Improve and extend our wonderful nature reserves
- Inspire young people about the natural world - tomorrow's conservationists
- Support our work across the county to create wildlife-rich landscapes in town and country
- Provide a voice for wildlife so that nature isn't taken for granted



Your gift, safe with our knowledge

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

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust has been taking action for nature locally for 50 years. We are independent, county-based and governed by Worcestershire trustees based on local priorities. We are the largest wildlife conservation organisation in Worcestershire. We have the support of 22,500 members. Wherever you are in Worcestershire, you are no more than a few miles from one of our 80 nature reserves. We safeguard amazing woodlands, grasslands, wetlands and heathlands from the Wyre Forest and the Birmingham greenbelt to the Malvern Hills and Severn and Avon Vales. We do this to safeguard wildlife habitats for wonderful

rare and commonplace wildlife such as the majestic kingfisher, the iconic otter, our beautiful garden butterflies and dazzling wild orchids. We also advise others across thousands of acres of the Worcestershire countryside to protect and create wildlife-rich landscapes. We see young people as the future and welcome children from all backgrounds to our base at Lower Smite Farm, and to our reserves such as the Knapp and Papermill and inspire them with the wonders of Worcestershire's wildlife. There are local Wildlife Trusts like us across the UK. Together, we are one of the largest groups looking out for all wildlife and habitats, with a collective membership of over 800,000 people.

Your legacy could help us continue this vital work.



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 considered 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. Worcestershire 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 other assets.

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

Gifts to charity are tax-free. If you leave a legacy to Worcestershire 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. We recommend 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 Worcestershire 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 Worcestershire 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 - 256618 - 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 thank you and ensure we carry out your wishes.





Want to know more?

We are here to talk when you're ready. We know you will 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 gift in your Will could mean. If you have already included, or know you would like to include, Worcestershire Wildlife Trust in your Will, please let us know. You can use the pledge form in this booklet or contact us directly. Thank you

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"I pledge to help Worcestershire 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:

Worcestershire 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.

Please tick this box if you are happy for us to contact you regarding a gift in your Will.

Please confirm which ways you are happy to be contacted

Telephone

Email

Post

If you prefer us not to contact you about a gift in your Will, 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 residue of my estate

A specific item

A specific sum of money

Thank you

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