

Bringing Nature Back to Leicestershire and Rutland

Annual Review 2022-2023



**Leicestershire
& Rutland**
Wildlife Trust

Delivering for nature and people

This Annual Review reports on our achievements during the year 2022/23 towards the main goals of our Strategy to 2030: Bringing Nature Back – increasing the area of land being managed in favour of wildlife, and engaging more people in taking action for nature. The Review showcases some of those achievements and demonstrates how the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust, working with our many supporters, is making a difference for wildlife and people across the two counties.

There has never been a more urgent need to protect and restore nature. We are facing the dual threats of the biodiversity and climate crises. Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust, together with our members, partners and supporters, can be a major player in addressing these risks by making a difference at a local level.

This year we have delivered more for nature on our reserves, and through our project work we have encouraged and influenced nature-friendly responses by landowners and others. We have supported and enabled local communities and partners to take action for nature, we've delivered education and training, and we've connected with communities who have not been previously engaged with our work. This Annual Review provides a snapshot of the year. You can find more details of our work in the Annual Report of the Council (available on our website).

None of our work would be possible without the generous support of our members, volunteers, partners, donors, grant funders and others, or without the passion and dedication of our Council of Trustees and our staff. Thank you to everyone who is helping to make a difference for wildlife and people in Leicestershire and Rutland.



Mat Carter

Mat Carter Chief Executive Officer



Ann Tomlinson

Ann Tomlinson Chair, Council of Trustees

How we are bringing nature back

Our **Strategy to 2030: Bringing Nature Back** responds to the nature and climate emergencies. It recognises that the threats of climate breakdown and ecological collapse are the most important issues of our time. As well as protecting the fragments of wildlife-rich habitat we have left, we must strive to restore ecosystems at scale and put nature into recovery.

This important Strategy will shape the work of the Trust over the coming years. You can read more at lrwt.org.uk/strategy

Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust is uniquely positioned to inspire and lead the positive ecological change needed across our two counties, working as part of a strong, cohesive movement of Wildlife Trusts across the country. Our detailed work programmes drive our aims and objectives.



Our Vision

Our vision is of a thriving natural world, with our wildlife and habitats playing a valued role in addressing the climate and ecological emergencies, and people inspired and empowered to take action for nature.

Our Purpose

Our purpose is to bring wildlife back, to empower people to take action for nature, and to create a society where nature matters.

Our Goals

- 1** Working to protect and enhance biodiversity so that nature in Leicestershire and Rutland is in recovery with abundant, diverse wildlife and natural processes creating wilder land where people and nature thrive.
- 2** Engaging people in Leicestershire and Rutland to be inspired to take action for nature and the climate, resulting in better decision-making for the environment at both the local level and national level.
- 3** Nature in Leicestershire and Rutland is playing a central and valued role in helping to address local and global problems.

Making an impact

Your support helped us achieve so much in 2022-23. Here are some of the highlights.

£646,518
income from
memberships



20.6k
social media
followers, up
by 1,672



6 Living
Landscapes




18,400 members,
our highest number ever



100+ partners and
stakeholders, including
local and national
organisations, charitable
trusts, local councils
and landowners



28%
increase in
charitable
giving



468 moth species
recorded at Rutland Water



619 volunteers
generously gave
26,000
hours of their time


You can read
previous Annual
Reviews on our
website: [lrwt.org.uk/
how-we-are-run](http://lrwt.org.uk/how-we-are-run)



473,066
views on our osprey webcam



25,000+ visitors
to Lyndon Visitor Centre



124k
wetland birds of
66 species
counted in Wetland
Bird Surveys



113 young people
took part in our Green
Influencers Scheme



1,300
hectares across **35** nature
reserves managed by
Leicestershire & Rutland
Wildlife Trust

Protect and enhance biodiversity to put nature in recovery

To help wildlife recover we are creating more opportunities for nature to thrive, both on our nature reserves and in the wider landscape.

Creating more, bigger and better-connected wildlife habitats is essential to bring nature back. This year we have been creating and improving habitats across our 35 nature reserves and six Living Landscape areas.

At Rutland Water Nature Reserve we used experimental and traditional hedge-laying methods to restore 650m of hedgerow, maintaining vital wildlife corridors that provide spaces for so many animals. We planted 2,000 trees, funded by kind legacies, and coppiced the hazel at Hambleton Wood to benefit woodland flowers and butterflies. At Lyndon a pond was restored to increase opportunities for amphibians, insects and birds.

We brought in more sheep to graze the grassland around the lagoons at Rutland Water, and cattle to encourage a diverse sward structure. This creates

ideal habitat for wading birds to breed and raise chicks, and helps invertebrates, while the animals' hoofprints serve as niches for wildflower seeds to germinate. To further help pollinating insects we sowed a new wildflower meadow next to Lagoon 6, funded by a generous gift from a member.

At Holwell Reserves we planted more trees to create a woodland and dug two new ponds for great crested newts and other amphibians.

Partnership progress

By working with partners at Airwick, World Wildlife Fund and Trent Rivers Trust, we have helped to enhance over 25 hectares of grassland for pollinators at Cossington Meadows and Mountsorrel and Rothley Marshes nature reserves, with more planned for Loughborough Big Meadow and Wanlip Meadows reserves.



We are also working with partners in the Charnwood Forest Landscape Partnership Scheme to create bigger, wilder, connected landscapes. Our work with landowners, together with our own landholdings, has brought 62 hectares of rare grassland habitat into positive management. Actively managing grassland by scything, cutting and grazing impacts many species and we can assess its effectiveness through bird

and butterfly surveys of the grasslands. This year's surveys show that Charnwood Forest is one of the most species-rich areas in the Midlands.

We continue to work with partners in the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Local Nature Partnership to develop a Local Nature Recovery Network Strategy for our counties.

A strong voice for nature

It is vital we speak up for nature and work to influence decision-making to help protect wildlife. This year we emailed our supporters encouraging them to take part in the *#DefendNature* campaign to influence Government decisions affecting nature. Our supporters wrote to their local MPs asking them to help defend nature by maintaining environmental protections and supporting new moves to care for nature. We continue to support the campaign through social media and by direct messaging our supporters.

Support was also provided to various Wildlife Trust national petitions and campaigns, including HS2, Action for Insects, the 'Say No to Peat Compost' campaign, and Team Wilder initiatives.

DAVID TIPLING/2020VISION



2 new ponds dug at
Holwell Reserves

62 hectares of grassland
managed for wildlife in the
Charnwood Forest



22 osprey chicks reared
from 10 nests across
Leicestershire and Rutland



Focus on: Nature recovery in Saffron Brook

The Saving Saffron Brook project is improving ecosystems found along the length of the river, which had been canalised and become degraded over time. The river, which is known as Wash Brook in Oadby & Wigston and Saffron Brook in Leicester, is a key wildlife corridor linking the countryside with urban and inner-city areas as it flows towards the River Soar.

The project has helped to engage local communities through guided walks, school projects and nature safaris. River habitats have also been improved and restored, benefitting the river's fish and aquatic insects, and species like kingfishers and bats that hunt them. New woodland has been planted, with wetland and species-rich grassland created to benefit small mammals, birds and pollinating insects.

At our Lucas' Marsh nature reserve, next to Brocks Hill Country Park in Leicester, we have worked with the Trent Rivers Trust to enhance the woodland habitats and riverbanks around the Saffron Brook.

This regeneration of wetland habitats has made space for woodland flowers and wetland plants, making the area



The improvements will help many wildlife species, big and small.

significantly more attractive to wildlife such as damselflies and dragonflies. It has also reconnected the river with its floodplain, helping to slow the flow of floodwater and reduce the risk of flooding downstream.

The Trust led family activities and Forest School groups with Leicester City Council at Knighton Park and Washbrook Nature Area. In total, 128 children and their families explored some of the wildlife living in



the water through stream-dipping activity sessions. In term time, 30 home-educated children from three Forest School groups discovered wildlife by paddling in the stream with nets in hands to find aquatic minibeasts like caddis fly larvae.

The Saving Saffron Brook project is managed by Leicester City Council, Trent Rivers Trust, and Oadby & Wigston Borough Council in partnership with Knighton Wild, NatureSpot and the Trust. It is funded by Defra's Green Recovery Challenge Fund with support from the Environment Agency's Water Environment Investment Fund.



128 children and their families explored the aquatic wildlife

7 wetland areas created or enhanced at four sites



Empowering people to engage with and act for nature

Giving people of all ages and backgrounds the opportunities to engage with and take action for nature is essential as we bring nature back.

The Trust is on a mission to help people living in Leicester city create greener, wilder spaces through our Nextdoor Nature community project, which started in December 2022. Funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and part of a nationwide initiative coordinated by The Wildlife Trusts, we are helping communities develop the skills and find the tools and opportunities they need to act for nature where they live.

The first projects put into action saw Belgrave Library Community Garden develop its green corridor vision in partnership with local authorities and organisations. We supported StreetWild, a new project to record wild plants, while Leicester College film students completed a short promotional film.

Inspiring young and old

The overall aim of the Wildlife Trusts' national Strategy, in which the Leicestershire and Rutland Trust plays its local part, is to see one in four people taking action for nature and climate by 2030. One way the Trust is working towards this goal is by engaging families, school groups, home-educated children and young people in their communities.

Since 2015 and thanks to the support of players of the People's Postcode Lottery, we have led Forest School sessions enabling thousands of children to have fun, discover creepy crawlies and gain confidence to speak up for nature. During 2022-23 we expanded our Forest School Wild Tots programme into Melton Mowbray and Market Harborough and continued our Wild Play project in



partnership with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council.

Wildlife of the past attracts young people's attention as much as today's does. More than 1,000 children watched an online talk given by the Trust about the 'Sea Dragon' – an Ichthyosaur, which was discovered in the mud at Rutland Water in 2021.

The Green Influencers Scheme entered its final year. This youth-led project was set up to support 10 to 14 year-olds in taking environmental social action where they live. Since 2021, nine school and community youth groups, involving

113 young people across Leicestershire, devised and executed their own projects with our support. These included projects to transform school grounds and local green spaces, and to educate other people about protecting our environment and acting for nature. The Trust's Green Influencers Scheme was one of 44 schemes across the UK, funded by The Ernest Cook Trust and the #iwill Fund.

Activities for all

Events and activities across the Trust were able to return to normal scheduling this year following the disruption of the Covid pandemic. Walks, talks and hands-on experience via outdoor courses in activities such as dry-stonewalling and hedge-laying were reinstated as full programmes, while our dawn chorus and badger-watching events recommenced at Rutland Water Nature Reserve.

The Trust's Lyndon Visitor Centre, located at Rutland Water Nature Reserve, played host to over 25,000 visitors this year. People came to see the Osprey Project, as well as to enjoy the birdwatching and wildlife-spotting opportunities in this quieter part of the reserve.



JANINA HOLUBEK



1,727 local sign-ups
to 30 Days Wild

26 Wild Play
sessions delivered over
585 hours



7,500+ supporter
email contacts, up
2,200 in a year



Focus on: Inspiring children through Forest School



At Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust, we want 1 in 4 people across our two counties taking action for nature by 2030. A first step along this road is enabling children to experience the natural world in ways they enjoy and that gives them confidence.

Forest School helps children of any age connect with and learn about the natural world through games, practical hands-on activities and exploration. Every child takes something away from Forest School: a skill, a feeling, a new experience, or perhaps something they have made or found.

Forest School has a positive impact for all the children who take part in these sessions. Teachers notice how behaviours change when children are learning outdoors. Children who are shy in class can become leaders in outdoor games. Others find that being in nature is calming for them.

Taking part can also help children to flourish in the classroom. Key skills like speaking and listening to others are developed while at Forest School and these behaviours are taken back

to their classroom environments. Children have fun as they discover the natural world and find out what they can do to help care for and protect the natural environment.

Our programme of Forest School sessions with inner city children is made possible thanks to the generous support of players of the People's Postcode Lottery through our Wild Forest School project. The Trust has delivered thousands of Forest School sessions with city of Leicester children since 2015.

In addition, we have received generous support from other funders: Melton Building Society, Howard Watson Symington Memorial Charity, and the Central England Co-operative. This has enabled us to continue our work in Leicester city and reach out further to schools in the Melton Mowbray and Market Harborough areas of the county where we ran 65 sessions with 144 children from seven different schools. The Trust also delivered Forest School sessions at Attenborough Arboretum, owned by the University of Leicester.

 Watch our short film about the benefits of Forest School at wildforestschool.org.uk



65 Forest School sessions
with **144** children
in Melton Mowbray and
Market Harborough



Achieving more with our incredible volunteers

The scale of volunteer contributions to our work is extraordinary. They are vital to achieving our Strategy to 2030: Bringing Nature Back.

Volunteering enables the Trust to achieve even more for nature. We really appreciate the hard work of all our volunteers, who provide vital support undertaking a wide range of tasks. Volunteers undertake conservation work, monitor wildlife, engage the public, lead the charity's governance, provide technical expertise, and help with administration. Their knowledge underpins our achievements. This year our 619 volunteers dedicated an amazing 26,000 hours of work.

At Rutland Water Nature Reserve volunteers are central to the success of the Lyndon Visitor Centre and the Anglian Water Birdwatching Centre, where many people reconnect with nature. Over the past year volunteers gave 3,896 hours of their time at the centres, where they welcomed visitors, advised on

the best views of the ospreys and other wildlife, and helped with retail activities.

Across our nature reserves, the Limestone Group volunteers undertook 774 hours of work and the Ketton Quarry volunteer shepherds 120 hours. The Charnwood Lodge volunteer team carried out more than 6,000 hours. Volunteers also restored pond habitats at Lyndon, while Head Office volunteers gave up more than 180 hours of their time to assist with administration.

Developing skills

We continued to host trainees on long-term placements. Our trainee scheme helps those looking to build a career in nature conservation gain the necessary experience, while making a valuable contribution to the Trust's work.



We ran training courses to develop volunteer skills in hedge-laying, drystone walling and scything, which are essential in the management of our reserves.

Regular training sessions were also run to help people identify and record wildlife in the Charnwood Forest GeoPark. Working with our partners National Forest Company and NatureSpot, this forms part of an ambitious target to attract more wildlife recorders and achieve our target of 10,000 species records within the GeoPark logged by people new to wildlife recording. Sessions ranged from bats to lichens and the records will help us track the health of nature.



Monitoring wildlife

Through monitoring and surveys carried out by both volunteers and staff we can gain a better understanding of the abundance and diversity of wildlife on our reserves, which helps improve how we manage these special places.

Volunteers spend thousands of hours recording the wildlife at Rutland Water Nature Reserve, including the activities of the ospreys. Our first Wildlife Report

for Rutland Water Nature Reserve (available at lrwt.org.uk/rutland-water) is a fascinating snapshot of the many hundreds of species found on the reserve and evidence we are providing the right habitats to bring nature back, with the help of our amazing volunteers.

More than 124,000 wetland birds were counted in Wetland Bird Surveys and over 52,000 gulls recorded in the winter gull roost survey at Rutland Water.

Invertebrates were also targeted, with 468 species of moth identified in moth-trapping surveys, and 25 species of butterfly recorded. In just eight survey visits, more than 600 species of beetles were identified.


We want to know how climate change affects migratory species and how to adapt our nature reserve management for them. During 2022-23 we installed a Motus tower tracking device at Rutland Water to monitor migrating birds and bats, helping us develop a better understanding of these impacts.



5,152 volunteer hours
monitoring ospreys



500 volunteer
hours on butterfly and
bird transects in the
Charnwood Forest area



5,598 birds
ringed by the
bird-ringing group

Developing a resilient and sustainable organisation

To deliver our mission across Leicestershire and Rutland, the Trust must have the right resources, bolstered by financial strength and resilience.

To ensure these strong foundations, the year ended 31 March 2023 saw a focus on organisational consolidation after the impacts of Covid, and in setting the framework for the delivery of our 2030 Strategy.

The Trust greatly values its staff team, now 38-strong. To meet the new challenges arising from a refocusing of the Trust's work to deliver the 2030 Strategy, it is important that the team is properly structured, professional and resilient.

Following a comprehensive consultation process with staff, a new staff structure was implemented on 1st April 2023. This restructuring ensures the Trust can prioritise the key elements of internal strength and external

engagement with supporters, partners and other stakeholders.

Within this new structure, the Management Team under the Chief Executive Officer comprises the following: Head of Nature Reserves; Head of Nature Recovery (new post); Head of Fundraising (new post); Finance, IT and Support Services Manager; and Engagement Manager (new post).

As well as ensuring the structure was fit for purpose there was work to ensure that internal policies and procedures were updated to support our work. This included reviews of our HR policies, further strengthening our approach to health and safety,

external review of our safeguarding measures, and starting a review of our IT systems that will lead to future actions.

As managers were recruited into the new structure, we have continued to build further improvements into our activities, reflecting this new expertise and direction. All this work has been focused on ensuring improved future delivery and efficiency.

Reliable and productive income streams are key to continued strength of the Trust's financial position, whether this be through individual supporters, corporate supporters, grant-making institutions, or other bodies. We have dedicated resources to delivering our membership offer in reflection of the importance of this to our work and income. We have also strengthened our corporate and grant-funding expertise and capacity.

In our restructure we highlighted the importance of the technical skills necessary to deliver our core duty (such as conservation expertise, nature reserve management, engagement, and volunteer management), identifying



training requirements and recruitment needs which we have subsequently begun to address.

Effort was made throughout the year to support staff through a period of change and develop a culture that supported future delivery, with an emphasis on staff engagement and empowerment. Communications were strengthened and feedback regularly sought from staff and stakeholders. This will continue.

The Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust is now well-placed to develop and grow the delivery of our Strategy with a sustainable approach and within a positive culture.

Against this background of stability and growth, and reflecting our priorities under the Strategy, our work in the year ending 31 March 2024 includes a focus on achieving further funding to expand our reach in Leicester communities, while in the wider countryside we are working towards expansion of our Soar Valley Living Landscape. We are also looking to identify more areas in the two counties where land can be brought under positive management for nature.

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All thanks to you!

We are delighted to work with a range of diverse partners, stakeholders, grant funders and local authorities who share our ambitious vision for 30% of land dedicated to nature by 2030.

Together we are bringing nature back in Leicestershire and Rutland.

Since its inception in 1956, Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust has been the area's leading wildlife conservation charity, saving endangered species, standing up for wild places, and bringing people closer to nature.

Members

Last year our memberships increased to 18,400, a sure sign that more people want to help nature in Leicestershire and Rutland by supporting our work through annual subscriptions. Our supporters have also been generous making donations and gifts during the year, and in responding to our appeals.

Partners

We are immensely grateful to all our partner organisations, charitable trusts, grant-giving bodies and businesses who help us achieve our goals. This invaluable support enables our staff and volunteers to look after our nature reserves, engage more schoolchildren in their natural environment, and run events and guided walks.



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18,400
memberships

600+
volunteers



Volunteers

Our volunteers are the lifeblood of the Trust. More than 600 volunteers give up their time, skills and considerable expertise very generously to a huge range of tasks across all areas of the Trust's activities and initiatives. Volunteering offers health and well-being benefits for those taking part and is a fantastic way to connect with nature. Find out how you can join in and do your bit for wildlife at lrwt.org.uk/volunteer

Local Groups

One of our greatest strengths is our network of Local Groups, who represent us and the wildlife of Leicestershire and Rutland in their local community. We are very grateful to the Local Groups who organise activities such as guided walks and talks that give more people the chance to enjoy and learn more about their local wildlife and our work. Find out about Local Groups and their events lrwt.org.uk/local-groups

Gifts in Wills

The Trust is especially grateful for the generosity of supporters who remembered the Trust in their Wills, and particularly in the last year **Malcolm Jackson, Sylvia Canetti, Hugh Frederick Dixon, Debbie Sawday, Andrea Tebbutt, Maggie Frankum, Anthony Squires, Kathleen Potterton and Helen Boynton.**

We are also grateful to friends and families who gave donations to the Trust in memory of their loved ones. Legacies and In Memoriam donations make a tremendous difference to our nature recovery work.

Your support helps future generations to look after nature. Including a gift to Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust in your Will helps us continue to protect threatened species and the wild places that you love. A bequest gives you peace of mind that your assets are being used for the causes you care about.

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To find out more about leaving a gift in your Will, go to lrwt.org.uk/legacy or contact us on 0116 262 9968 or info@lrwt.org.uk

Working in **partnership**

We are delighted to work with a range of diverse partners, stakeholders, grant funders and local authorities who share our ambitious vision for nature's recovery set out in our Strategy to 2030.

Together, we are bringing nature back in Leicestershire and Rutland. During the year ended 31st March 2023, we are grateful to the following for their support:

Grants and trusts

- Central England Co-Operative
- David Cock Foundation
- Grantscape/Augean
- Leicestershire and Rutland Community Foundation
- National Lottery Heritage Fund
- Peoples Postcode Lottery
- The Ernest Cook Trust
- The Rutland Trust

Companies

- Aggregate industries
- Amazon Smile
- Anglian Water
- CR Civil Engineering
- Easy Fundraising
- Hanson Cement
- PayPal
- Redrow Homes East Midlands
- Vine House Farm

Corporate members

- Eco Ski
- Edwards & Edwards Consultancy
- The Melton Building Society
- Horiba Mira

Community groups & other organisations

- Admiral Nurses
- Age UK
- Air Wick Botanica
- Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland
- Butterfly Conservation East Midlands
- Charnwood Forest Regional Park Landscape Partnership Scheme
- Defra
- Dementia Adventure
- East Mercia Rivers Trust
- Environment Agency
- Friends of Charnwood Forest

- Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust
- Greener Golf Group
- Leicestershire and Rutland Badger Group
- Leicestershire and Rutland Bat Group
- Leicestershire and Rutland Mammal Group
- Leicestershire and Rutland Swift Partnership
- Loughborough Naturalists' Club
- National Forest Company
- Natural England
- NatureSpot
- Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts
- Rutland Natural History Society
- Soar Catchment Partnership
- South Highfields Neighbours
- The Green Place
- The Wild Flower Society
- Trent Rivers Trust

- Twycross Zoo
- University of Leicester
- Wreake Catchment Nature Recovery Network
- WWF

Local authorities

- Blaby District Council
- Charnwood Borough Council
- Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
- Leicester City Council
- Leicestershire County Council
- North West Leicestershire District Council
- Oadby and Wigston Borough Council
- Rutland County Council

Other sponsors

- Zeiss



ANDREW PARKINSON/2020VISION

Our governance

Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust is managed by a Council of Trustees, who are elected from its members. The Trustees oversee governance and the Trust's strategic direction. All Trustees are listed with their skills and expertise on our 'How we are run' webpage at lrwt.org.uk/how-we-are-run

Council of Trustees

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Our finances

The figures below are taken from the statutory accounts of Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023. The full accounts can be found at lrwt.org.uk/AGM

Total Income £2,018,120

£646,518

Membership (and Gift Aid)

Our members and corporate members not only provide the substantial unrestricted funds that can be used where the need is greatest, but they also give strength to our voice when advocating and campaigning for wildlife.

£516,952

Conservation consultancy and land management contracts

Income from partnerships with other land owners where we work to monitor and enhance biodiversity.

£501,595

Donations and legacies

We are hugely grateful to all those individuals and organisations who have given to fund our work over the past year. We remember with gratitude the generous supporters from whom we received a gift in their Will.

£140,074

Business activities

Income from products and services we sell from Lyndon visitors centre including osprey cruises, event fees, rents and investment income.

£111,183

Grants

Grants awarded during the year are vital to the delivery of our projects, and we are grateful to those grant-giving trusts who have given us their support this year.

£101,798

Rural Payments Agency

Payments made by Defra for environmental stewardship and management of land.



Total Expenditure £2,039,566

£715,948

Nature reserves – our wildlife havens

Work to maintain and enhance our network of nature reserves remains a priority for expenditure.

£606,324

Inspiring educating and engaging

Inspiring people and communities, and engaging them with nature, is central to our mission. People will not protect what they do not love.

£368,066

Champions for wildlife

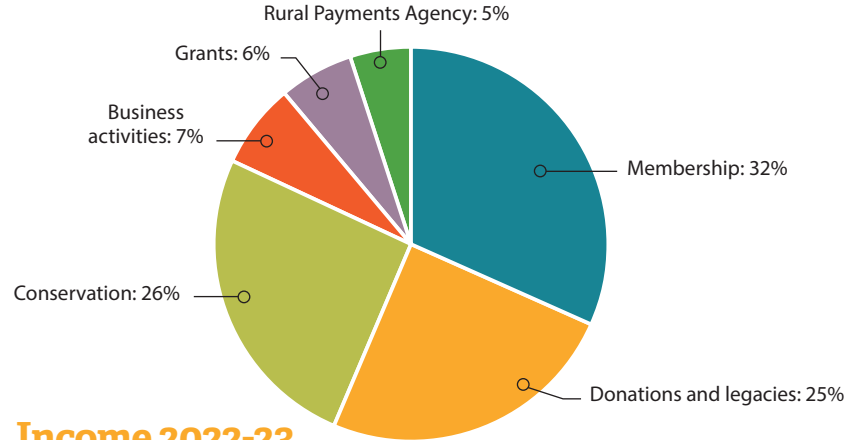
We devote resources to monitoring and research on both individual species and the wider landscape, and speaking up for nature both locally and nationally.

£349,228

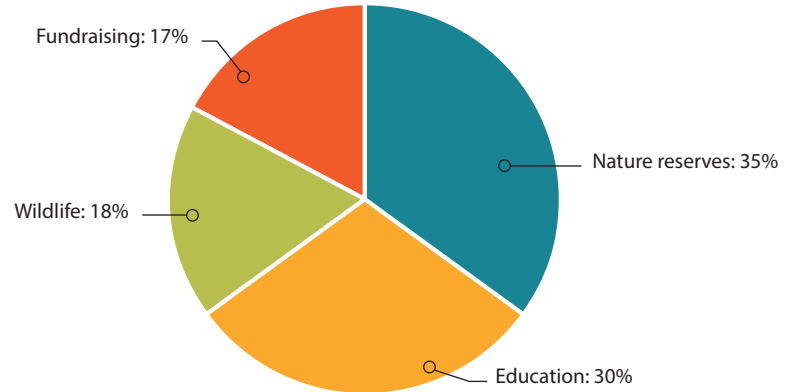
Fundraising and income generation

Costs invested in generating financial support.

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Expenditure 2022-23



*Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

The 67th Annual General Meeting

of the **Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust** will be held online on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at 7pm. Please go to **lrwt.org.uk/AGM** to register your place.

AGM Agenda

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Notice of the meeting
- 3) Minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting held online on Tuesday 22nd November 2022.
- 4) Report of the Council for the year ended 31st March 2023
- 5) Report of the Honorary Treasurer for the year ended 31st March 2023
- 6) Re-election of Members to Council* to serve a three-year term. The following Members of Council have completed their three-year term of office and have expressed their wish to stand for re-election:
 - Anthony Biddle
 - Helen Nott
 - Ann Tomlinson
- 7) The re-appointment of PKF Smith Cooper Audit Limited as Auditors to the Trust
- 8) Questions from members
- 9) Closure of the Annual General Meeting

*Biographies available at **lrwt.org.uk/how-we-are-run**

If you would like to submit a question for our AGM, please email **info@lrwt.org.uk** by November 1st, with AGM in the subject line, or send it to our address opposite.



The meeting will be followed by a presentation given by **Dave Goulson**, Professor of Biology at the University of Sussex and an Ambassador for the Wildlife Trusts.

Dave Goulson is the UK's leading expert on insects and will give a talk on saving our insects. Insects are fascinating, beautiful, and vitally important; without them ecosystems would grind to a halt. The talk will reveal why insects are declining and the consequences if we allow this to continue. It will then consider the many ways we can all get involved in saving our insects, from making our gardens more insect-friendly to supporting systems of farming that are truly sustainable.

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