



Essex Wildlife Trust

Living Landscapes



Protecting Wildlife for the Future and for the People of Essex



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Living Seas



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Local Wildlife Sites



Biological Records

The Essex Barn Owl Conservation Project

The Essex Barn Owl Conservation Project was established by Essex Wildlife Trust in 2013 with the aim of reversing the dramatic decline of wild Barn Owl populations recorded across Britain.



A vision for the future of Essex

What is a Living Landscape?

For over five decades Essex Wildlife Trust has been working to conserve the native species and habitats of Essex - across our 89 sites we currently conserve 7,250 acres of land. Even when this is added to the land holdings of other conservation charities we only have a direct influence over about 2% of Essex. The areas that we manage are some of the most beautiful and species-rich; however due to the threats faced in coming decades from climate change and development, we are looking to move out from the nature reserves and conserve wildlife over a much larger area.

The Living Landscapes vision is to restore, recreate and reconnect our wildlife habitats including SSSIs, Local Wildlife Sites and Nature Reserves, so that the species living within them can move through the landscape more easily, and continue to survive and thrive long into the future. Living Landscapes is not purely focused on wildlife, as we are looking to improve links within the community and promote local economies so that everyone can benefit from the scheme. This is a vision shared by all 47 Wildlife Trusts in the UK and by the UK government as outlined in the Natural Environment White Paper.

How will Essex Wildlife Trust deliver this vision?

The project is managed almost entirely by volunteers who work to engage landowners in conservation by assessing site suitability for wild Barn Owls, providing habitat management advice, installing nest boxes and monitoring wild Barn Owl populations across Essex.

Those interested in supporting the Essex Barn Owl Conservation Project may do so by hosting a nest box (subject to site assessment, please be aware that there is a cost associated with nest box building and installation), sponsoring a nest box, volunteering for Essex Wildlife Trust or through spreading awareness of the project to others.

Further information on this important project and how to get involved contact Emma Ormond, Living Landscapes Coordinator: email emmao@essexwt.org.uk or telephone 01621 862954.

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Within Essex we are already working with a wide range of partner organisations, farmers, landowners and individuals on projects that matter to people locally, along with working on a few overarching projects that will benefit wildlife and communities over an even larger area.

Essex Wildlife Trust has mapped more than 80 Living Landscapes within the county where we are hoping to work over the next decade. Lead areas are shown on the map below in green. Highlighted in orange is the Birch Living Landscape - one of two showcases, along with the Daws Heath & Belfairs Living Landscape.

All other Wildlife Trusts across the country have produced similar maps and the result will be a network of robust wildlife corridors that can stand the test of time, providing not only highways for wildlife but green spaces for us all to enjoy. Research has shown that spending time in green spaces - be they nature reserves, parks or gardens - is extremely beneficial to both a person's physical and mental well being. As such, we are looking to promote Living Landscapes to as wide an audience as possible and, most importantly, to each individual in the county as individual action can make a huge difference - why not contact Essex Wildlife Trust to see how you can get involved, or download our Living Landscapes leaflet.

Living Landscapes Map



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