



# Queenswood Country Park & Arboretum

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## The Partnership - Herefordshire Wildlife Trust & New Leaf



Queenswood Country Park and Bodenham Lake are managed by a partnership of two local organisations: Herefordshire Wildlife Trust & New Leaf.

Both sites are retained in public ownership through Herefordshire Council and leased to the partnership via a 99 year leasehold 'community asset transfer'.

### The Partners



## Herefordshire Wildlife Trust

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust is the largest membership-based wildlife organisation in the county, dedicated to **inspiring people about wildlife, acting as a wildlife champions and creating wildlife havens.**

*Our vision is for a Herefordshire richer and more diverse in wildlife that is valued, and cared for, by its people to the benefit of all.*

The Trust covers the county of Herefordshire and works closely with neighbouring Wildlife Trusts in England and Wales. The Trust is supported by around 5,000 local members and manages 54 nature reserves. We are a member of the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts, a federation of 47 Wildlife Trusts covering the whole of the British Isles.

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**NEW LEAF** is a not for profit co-operative, whose aim is to **promote sustainable living in Herefordshire and beyond.**



Initiated in 2010, we are best known for our annual **h.Energy** event and for our work



to reduce Herefordshire's carbon footprint. As a small charitable co-op, New Leaf works collaboratively with many communities, public sector organisations and businesses across the county. We seek to support and encourage people, locally and internationally, to demonstrate that the pursuit of a flourishing ecology, human wellbeing and a prosperous local economy are worthwhile and inter-related objectives with multiple benefits.

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## Funding

Following the transfer, the sites no longer receive funding from the council. To ensure the sites continue to be maintained to a high standard - both the wildlife habitat and visitor facilities, the Partnership installed pay and display parking meters.

We also raise funds from sales of logs and charcoal produced from the management of the woodland, through the new shop and through courses, workshops and events.

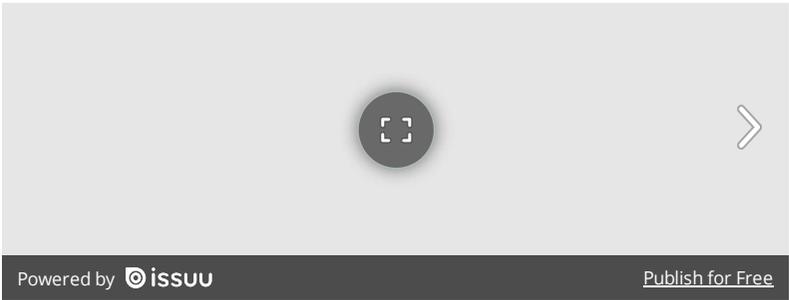
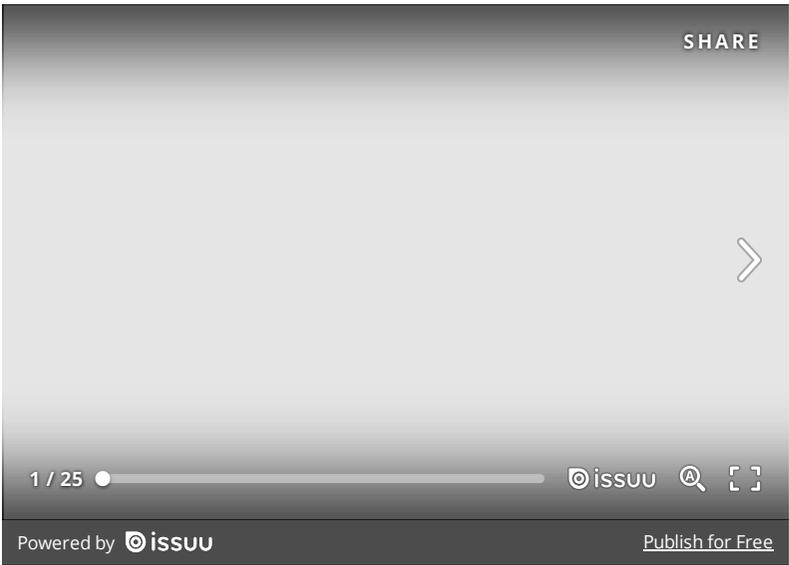
## Managing the two sites

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust has much experience at senior managerial and strategic level in managing wildlife sites including Sites of Special Scientific interest as we currently manage 55 nature reserves across the county. We run WildPlay and Forest School programmes, a wide range of habitat improvement, species conservation and community engagement projects.

Through the expertise of New Leaf, the sites will be used as exemplars of good practice to support the county's approach to sustainable development. An example of this is a proposal to seek funding to refurbish the buildings to the highest possible energy standards and undertake energy management measures, with the intention of minimising carbon emissions associated with the two sites.

## Consultations

New Leaf and Herefordshire Wildlife Trust invited local people to join them at three community consultation events about the proposed changes in the management of Queenswood and Bodenham Lake at Bodenham, Hope Under Dinmore and Leominster during 2015. Staff from the Trust also presented proposals and welcomed feedback at local parish meetings in 2016. Both the consultation document and the presentation given are below:



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