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Ulster Wildlife (previously known as Ulster Wildlife Trust) was first formed in 1978 by a group of local people who identified the need for an organisation with nature conservation expertise.

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**Our main purpose remains the same as does our reliance upon volunteers to help deliver the work of Ulster Wildlife.**

It was named the 'Ulster Trust for Nature Conservation' and was made up of keen volunteers who wanted to see collective use of their nature conservation expertise.

The first chairman was Dr John Faulkner, then a research scientist with the NI Department of Agriculture; an amateur entomologist, he was also Chairman of the Armagh Field Naturalists' Society; later he became Director of Natural Heritage in the Northern Ireland Environment Agency.

From the start, the Trust made the acquisition of nature reserves a high priority. In the absence of funds to allow the purchase of a range of sites, and largely thanks to the efforts of the Trust's first Honorary Treasurer, Mervyn Archdale, management agreements were drawn up for a number of sites in various parts of the Province, including Mervyn's own working farm outside Omagh. While most of these reserves were relatively small, the Trust soon

acquired, by management agreement, part of the extensive and scientifically significant Umbra dune system in North Derry.

The first reserve to be purchased by the Trust was an abandoned railway cutting at Milford, just outside Armagh, among whose riches is, unusually for an Irish inland site, marsh helleborine.

Since those early days, the organisation has come a long way and has achieved a lot in a relatively short time.

Read more about the current work of Ulster Wildlife and more about the [history of the wildlife Trusts](#)

	<h3>What's on</h3> <p><a href="#">Wildflower Propagation</a> Wednesday 9th January 2019, 8.00pm - 9.30pm <b>Venue:</b> Edengrove Church Hall, Ballynahinch, Co. Down Talk hosted by the Ballynahinch Branch of Ulster Wildlife</p> <p><a href="#">See all events</a></p>	<h3>Jobs</h3> <p><b>No current vacancies.</b></p> <p>Why not check out our <a href="#">volunteering pages</a> for details of voluntary opportunities at the Trust.</p>
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