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About London Wildlife Trust



London Wildlife Trust is the only charity dedicated solely to protecting the capital's wildlife and wild spaces, engaging London's diverse communities through access to our nature reserves, campaigning, volunteering and outdoor learning.

Our vision for London

A London alive with nature, where everyone can experience and enjoy wildlife.

Our mission

To stand up for London's wildlife, by:

- Protecting, restoring, and creating wild places for nature
- Engaging, inspiring and enabling people to connect with nature
- Championing, challenging, and influencing people to stand up for nature

Our values

- **Regard and respect**
We believe that London's wild plants, animals and their habitats, are an essential part of the city and have a right to flourish.
- **Inclusivity and wellbeing**

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neighbourhood.

- **Curiosity and passion**

We are curious and passionate about nature in London and people's relationships with wildlife, and are prepared to challenge policies and actions that lead to the deterioration of the city's natural fabric.

- **Rigour and integrity**

We take actions and decisions that are open, transparent, just and are based on evidence. In doing so we will respect the environment, nature, and people.

- **Collaboration and can do attitude**

We will work in partnership with others to ensure that London's wildlife and wild spaces are protected and enhanced, for now and in the future.

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Get involved

We are only able to achieve any of this with the generous help of our supporters. [Find out how you can get involved!](#)

The history of London Wildlife Trust

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Fantastic wildlife sites - which would have fallen under bricks and mortar - have been saved and looked after for the public to enjoy, including iconic sites like [Sydenham Hill Wood](#) and [Camley Street Natural Park](#).

London Wildlife Trust is a membership charity dedicated solely to protecting London's nature and wild spaces.

It engages the capital's diverse communities through access to over 40 Trust-run nature reserves and is committed to campaigning, volunteering and education.

The Trust was started by a few passionate and forward-thinking activists in 1981 declaring that people in the capital had the 'right to share our environment with nature and wildlife.'

Since its first beginnings, London Wildlife Trust has grown significantly as a movement, encouraging Londoners of all ages and backgrounds to love and cherish their natural environment.

It has influenced the actions and policies of local government, other organisations, local communities and thousands of individuals.

Looking to the future there is still much for the Trust to do to help create a city where people treasure wildlife and natural spaces. Our Strategic Plan - [For a Wilder City](#) - sets out what we aim to realise by 2020.



One of 47 Wildlife Trusts across the UK

London Wildlife Trust is part of [The Wildlife Trusts](#), the largest UK voluntary organisation dedicated to conserving the full range of the UK's habitats and species whether they be in the countryside, in cities or at sea.

There are 47 local Wildlife Trusts across the UK, the Isle of Man and Alderney, managing around 2,300 nature reserves and supported by about 800,000 members and 43,000 volunteers.

To find out more, visit the [Wildlife Trusts](#) website.

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