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## How trusts and foundations can support our work



There are many grant-making organisations without which our work to protect London's wildlife would not be possible.

We could not deliver our important work across the capital without the generous support of a wide range of trusts and foundations, lottery distributors, landfill funders and other grant making bodies.

From community outreach to outdoor education to landscape conservation, our grant funders support a broad range of exciting and inspiring initiatives across the Trust, for the benefit of London's people and wildlife.

If you are interested in finding out more about how your organisation could support the work of London Wildlife Trust, please contact Rosie Oldham – call 020 7261 0447 or email [roldham@wildlondon.org.uk](mailto:roldham@wildlondon.org.uk).

We are immensely grateful to all of our supporters. Just a few of these are featured below.

### Current supporters of our work

#### Veolia Environmental Trust

Veolia Environmental Trust is funding our vital work at [Frays Farm Meadows Site of Special Scientific Interest](#) in Hillingdon, north London. Frays Farm comprises 30 hectares, and is one of the finest examples of wet grassland in London, but one area of the reserve was at risk of being overwhelmed by vigorous weeds due to soil enrichment.



to help wildflowers that need low soil fertility and clearing the scrub encroaching onto the grassland. The grant will also enable us to introduce a small herd of placid Sussex cattle to graze the meadow. By maintaining the meadow we will improve the habitat for a host of different species including water vole, grass snake and marsh forget-me-not.

#### Biffa Award



Building communities. Transforming lives.

Biffa Award is funding our All in a Whorl project at Denham Lock Wood Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a wet woodland nature reserve in the Colne Valley in west London, and one of only 30 SSSIs in London, selected for its important ecological interest.

With help from Biffa Award, the local population of the rare Desmoulins whorl snail will be able to thrive at Denham Lock Wood, one of only a handful of sites in London that support these tiny snails. The snail needs wet marshy habitat, so we will be working with a team of local volunteers to reverse the falling water level at the reserve by clearing ditches, replacing the water management system, and cutting back encroaching plants.

#### Timberland and King Baudouin Foundation

The King Baudouin Foundation and Timberland's My PlayGreen programme is kindly supporting Raising Beds, Raising Futures, working with local volunteers to transform a crumbling community garden at the reserve, creating accessible raised pond-dipping and log-hunting areas so children with limited mobility can engage closely with wildlife, as well as a forest garden where now there is only concrete.



The support of the Foundation and Timberland will improve the nature reserve for people, wildlife, and the hundreds of toads at the reserve. The Centre for Wildlife Gardening in Peckham welcomes over 22,000 visitors a year.



#### Suez Communities Trust



Suez Communities Trust is generously supporting our volunteering project Dead Wood, Living Nature, which will support volunteers to preserve dead wood with traditional management techniques at Gutteridge Wood in Hillingdon.

Dead wood has historically been cleared away from managed green spaces to make them 'neater'; it is only in the last few decades that the importance of dead wood has been realised, supporting as it does thousands of invertebrate species

#### Maudsley Charity

The Maudsley Charity is supporting Potted History sessions for older people who are socially isolated or at risk of dementia. Sessions use reminiscence therapy and nature-based activities to improve participants' health and wellbeing.



The older people taking part are encouraged to connect with each other through group activities; get outside and get active; take notice of the seasons and wildlife; learn new things through growing and harvesting vegetables and herbs; get creative with art and craft inspired by nature; and share memories and experiences in a positive group setting through group discussion. Sessions are hosted and supported by the Mental Health Older Adults and Dementia Clinical Academic Group at South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust.

#### Esmée Fairbairn Foundation



The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation is supporting [Water for Wildlife](#), a London-wide project to improve habitats and our knowledge of the waterbodies in the capital, and engaging volunteers across London in citizen science. The presence of dragonflies and damselflies is used as an indicator of the quality of freshwater habitats such as lakes, canals and rivers; volunteers will monitor dragonfly and damselfly species to help us better understand the health of London's waterbodies. The knowledge gained through this project will be used to guide practical habitat improvements at 20 sites across London.

#### Heritage Lottery Foundation

A National Lottery grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) is enabling us to deliver [Vole Patrol](#), a citizen science project involving work across London. Small mammals, such as pygmy shrews, bank voles, and field mice, have historically been underrepresented in UK surveys of green spaces, especially when compared to birds, butterflies, and plants. This means that the conservation sector is not always aware of the impact of habitat management on small mammals.

With the support of HLF, volunteers across London are measuring the range and habits of different small mammals, to ensure that future management of green spaces takes account of small mammals.



#### Stavros Niarchos Foundation



The Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) is providing generous support towards the construction and fit-out of our [new learning and visitor centre at Camley Street Natural Park](#), due to be built in 2018. This will replace the current structures at the reserve, which are over 30 years old and no longer fit for purpose. It will enable us to increase our capacity to reach over 7,000 adults, children and young people per year through an activity programme of conservation volunteering, outdoor education, community outreach and adult education events.

The new learning centre will be fully accessible and SNF's support of the building's multi-purpose learning space will enable us to create the nature ambassadors and urban conservationists of the future.

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