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Questions about the Trust and its work



On this page you'll find answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about the Trust and its work. If they don't answer your query please feel free to contact us by email or call us on 01905 754 919.

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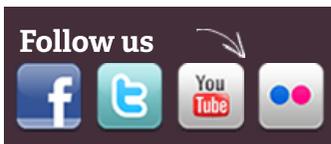
I have some land and would like to create a small reserve to attract wildlife. I need some help with designs and technical considerations. Can you help?

Do you do children's parties on any of your reserves?

Are you funded by the Government or local councils?

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust is an independent registered charity – it is not part of the council or the government. We rely for the majority (more than two thirds) of our funding on the donations given by our members and supporters.

However, in common with other landowners, managers and farmers the Trust can apply to government funding schemes for specific areas of our work and we currently receive e.g. environmental stewardship and woodland management grants. We also participate in the Gift Aid scheme which allows all charities to recover from HMRC the tax paid on donations given by tax payers.



financial support from a range of sources including Heritage Lottery Fund, The Lottery Communities Fund, charitable trusts or even statutory agencies. For example we are delivering work to benefit water quality in our rivers which is funded by The Environment Agency and the Heritage Lottery Fund contributed over £49,000 to the recent purchase of Sands Meadows nature reserve.

Other funds are raised through the work carried out by Worcestershire Wildlife Consultancy (which contributes its profits to the Trust); hiring out our meeting/conference rooms; adoption schemes, Christmas card sales, flag days, and many other ways.

Does my membership of the Wildlife Trust cover me for sites owned by the National Trust and RSPB?

Unfortunately there isn't a reciprocal arrangement with these organisations and therefore your membership card will not allow access to their sites (or vice versa). However your membership of Worcestershire Wildlife Trust does allow you to access most other Wildlife Trust reserves in the UK. There are a few sites where charges are applicable even for members, usually where visitor centres etc. offer additional facilities.

I'd like to book onto an event. How do I go about it?

Please check out our [events](#) pages where details of booking are listed

Do you have a Trust shop I can visit?

We have a small selection of items for sale in the reception of our Lower Smite Farm offices. These include, cards, calendars, identification guides, bird food, gifts etc. There is also a range of free leaflets and literature. You can also visit our [online shop](#), where you will find a larger selection of items to buy.

Do you sell cards & calendars at any shops?

Both cards and calendars are available from Lower Smite Farm reception (during office hours) and at WWT local group meetings from September onwards. Trust Christmas cards also are available from October each year at 'Cards for Good Causes' outlets in Bewdley (St George's Hall), Droitwich (Heritage Centre), Evesham (All Saints Church), Kidderminster (Baxter United Church), Worcester (The Guildhall & St John's Library) and Tenbury Wells (ex Post Office). They are also available from The Fold in Bransford, Clive's Fruit Farms, Upton Snodsbury Village Store, Gwillams Farm Shop and Chadbury Farm Shop. Alternatively, please visit our [online shop](#).

Can you provide a speaker for our community group meeting?

Please [contact us by email](#) if you would like a speaker, we have a team of volunteers who give talks on our behalf. A donation to the Trust would be most gratefully received.

We also produce a Directory of Speakers which lists wildlife-related speakers across the West Midlands who are available to give talks to groups of all sizes and interests. Please contact our [Senior Engagement Officer](#) to request a copy or you can download one by clicking on the [Directory of Speakers](#).

I would like to volunteer with the Trust. How can I find out more?

We have a range of options for volunteers and you can find more information on our [Volunteer Pages](#) or contact our [volunteer coordinator](#) directly by email. Please be aware that volunteers under the age of 18 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Do you take work experience students?

Unfortunately the only work experience opportunity we currently offer is a full-time 12-month student placement as conservation assistant and volunteer coordinator so we can't offer short-term opportunities. However, we are developing a small number of work experience opportunities for young adults for 2019. Please contact [Ben Rees](#) for more information.

We would recommend that anyone interested in working in nature conservation should try and get experience through volunteering. We have a range of options for volunteers and you can find more information on our [Volunteer Pages](#) or contact our [volunteer coordinator](#) directly by email. Please be aware that volunteers under the age of 18 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

A proposed development near me will destroy wildlife. What should I do?

For general information on our planning work please have a look at our [Planning Page](#). If you'd like us to help with a specific case please [email us with the planning application reference number](#), which is usually displayed on site notices and in the local paper, and our planning officer will be in touch. Of course we can't guarantee that we'll be able to help in every case but the more information you can give in your email the easier it will be for us to respond to your query.

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We respond to most key planning documents in the county so it's likely that we'll be standing up for wildlife by responding to policy content, site allocations and guidance on design etc. More information is available on the planning pages but if you'd like to discuss a specific document please [email us](#) and our planning officer will be in touch as soon as possible.

I have some land and would like to create a small reserve to attract wildlife. I need some help with designs and technical considerations. Can you help?

We can try! However the answer will depend on what features the site has already which can be utilised –such as patches of scrub/shrubbery or a small pond. It may already include orchard trees or grasslands. If you're thinking of creating a wildlife garden from scratch we recommend purchasing a copy of Wildlife Gardening for Everyone, which can be purchased from the Trust Headquarters. For specific queries, [please email us](#) and we will make sure that you are contacted by the appropriate person to advise you.

Do you do children's parties on any of your reserves?

We're very sorry but we are currently unable to run birthday parties on our reserves.

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