



# Wildlife Trusts Wales

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## Who we are

**Wildlife Trusts Wales works in partnership with the five local Wildlife Trusts in Wales: North Wales, Montgomeryshire, Radnorshire, Gwent, and South and West Wales.**

Wildlife Trusts Wales believe passionately that wildlife and natural processes need to have space to thrive, beyond designated nature reserves and other protected sites. To achieve this it is vital that the richest wildlife sites are protected and sustained as a starting point from which nature can spread back into our wider landscapes. And at sea we must also protect areas now for a future when our marine wildlife can thrive more widely.

Society needs this as much as our wildlife does. A healthy natural environment is the foundation for everything that is of value to people – food, water, shelter, flood prevention, health, happiness and creative inspiration. It's the source of our prosperity and our wellbeing. We want to inspire people about the natural world so that they value it, understand their relationship with it and take action to protect and restore it.

Our network of [local Wildlife Trusts](#) is the largest voluntary organisation in Wales dedicated to protecting wildlife and wild places. Together we manage 216 nature reserves covering more than 8,000 hectares, and we are supported by 25,000 members.

There are [47 individual Wildlife Trusts](#) covering the whole of the UK and the Isle of Man and Alderney.

## What we do

- Together The Wildlife Trusts are the largest UK voluntary organisation dedicated to protecting wildlife and wild places everywhere – on land and at sea.
- We are supported by more than 800,000 members, 150,000 of which belong to our junior branch - Wildlife Watch - and 37,000 volunteers.
- Every year The Wildlife Trusts work with thousands of schools and welcome 7 million people of visitors to our nature reserves and 120 visitor centres.
- The UK-wide part of our organisation was founded in 1912 by the banker and naturalist Charles Rothschild. By the end of the 1960s Wildlife Trusts had been formed across the British Isles (usually, but not always, at a county-wide level). Trusts were often set up by local activists determined to save what they could - the last remaining meadows, ancient woods, heaths - in the face of widespread devastation to our natural environment.

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## Our Vision

### To create “Living Landscapes”

Living Landscapes is a recovery programme for the Welsh countryside, restoring, recreating and reconnecting key habitats both inside and outside nature reserves.

### To secure “Living Seas”

Living Seas is an initiative to halt the decline of marine wildlife around the Welsh coast and help marine ecosystem recover from years of neglect and overexploitation.

## Our Objectives

### To demonstrate how nature works

Our focus is to show how to restore the health of our ecosystems and provide the conditions for wildlife to recover. We already show how nature works on our own land; we inspire and support landowners to manage their land for nature and we play an advisory and advocacy role to demonstrate how the marine environment can be managed.

### To inspire people and communities to value and take action for nature

Wildlife has always inspired people. Seeing red kites soar above a hillside, otters play on a riverbank, or discovering a beautiful orchid in a wildflower meadow, lifts our spirits and improves our wellbeing in a unique way. We believe everybody in Wales is entitled to these experiences wherever they live.

### To champion nature and our work

We must champion nature and our work through highly effective advocacy and strategic alliances.

To ensure the sustainable political and corporate change needed to secure nature’s recovery, we need to engage and mobilise those who share our vision, beliefs and values.

We must strive not only to increase our influence with decision-makers and opinion-formers in industry and government and other key players in the natural environment, but to increase the value they place on our work.

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