

Wildlife on our Reserves needs **Your** help

The Trust manages 700 acres of nature reserves including many of Herefordshire's most important areas for wildlife. They include nationally important woodlands, wetlands, grassland and orchards together with a rich and diverse range of species.

Take a tour of the reserves around Herefordshire and you will find:

- Ancient semi-natural woodlands carpeted with bluebells, ramsons and herb paris where dormice and wood white butterflies can be found
- Floodplain grasslands inhabited by great burnet, mud snails, skylarks and curlew
- Rivers and streams with dippers, crayfish and scarce dragonflies
- Meadows and pastures with green winged orchids, betony, devil's bit scabious and waxcap fungi
- Old orchards where 'Catshead', 'Lady's Finger of Hereford' and 'King's Acre Pippin' trees provide habitat for little owls and mistletoe
- Miles of ancient and species rich hedgerows with massive pollarded oak and willow trees

Managing our nature reserves for their wildlife remains one of the most important aspects of the Trust's work. To do so we rely upon committed staff, investment through local contractors and positive working relationships with local farmers.

We depend upon a dedicated and loyal band of volunteers who undertake practical management on the reserves every week of the year. Thanks to our teams of volunteers, over 7000 man hours of conservation work were carried out on the reserves during 2008.

The cost of managing land never decreases and in the current economic climate the future of wildlife conservation will rely upon better investment, prudent spending and further funding being generated. Managing and employing the unstinting labour of volunteers does not come free. It requires investments in vehicles, tools and machinery, training, travel and insurance, all of which cost the Trust upwards of £45,000 per year.

*We need your help to raise
£25,000 towards these costs
over the next year.*

*Your help will secure the
immediate future of our nature
reserves with their wonderful
diversity of habitats and
species.*

Southern Marsh-orchids (C Harris)



Pink wax cap (C Harris)



Common spotted-orchids (C Harris)



Four-spotted chaser (C Harris)



Herb Paris (C Harris)



Lea and Pagets Wood (C Harris)

To continue the positive management of our reserves and the involvement of volunteers from all walks of life, any gift you can give today will enable us to:

- provide chainsaws, brushcutters and motorscythes which allow coppicing, grass cutting, bracken and scrub clearing to be carried out
- provide training for volunteers – tractor driving, chainsaw use, brushcutter use, first aid, etc.
- run and maintain the Trust's tractor used for hay making, path cutting, thistle topping, hedge trimming, log cutting, etc.
- cover volunteer travel costs
- secure the funds needed to cover minibus and landrover running costs
- purchase and maintain hand tools
- purchase safety and protective gear

YOUR HELP WILL ENSURE:

- ◊ Our woodland reserves remain a stronghold for dormice and other mammals.
- ◊ Green winged orchids continue to flourish at Crow Meadow.
- ◊ Wet Grassland habitat for overwintering snipe is maintained and enhanced.
- ◊ Grass snakes, adders and slowworm are safeguarded at Davies Meadow, Pool Ellocks and Common Hill.
- ◊ 5 species of bat can continue to feed over and around Titley Pool.
- ◊ Access paths, woodland rides and glades are kept open for all our visitors.
- ◊ Globeflowers continue to flourish at Upper Welson Marsh – its most southerly limit in Britain.
- ◊ Deadwood at Crow Wood continues to provide habitat for rare bees and wasps.
- ◊ Purple emperor butterflies survive amongst our oak woodlands.
- ◊ 54 nature reserves continue to be positively managed for people and wildlife.

Meadow at Waterloo Reserve (C Harris)

Herefordshire Nature Trust

I would like to help Herefordshire Nature Trust raise money for the Future of Conservation Volunteering.



I wish to give: £25 £50 £100 £500 Another amount £ _____

You can also give online by going to www.justgiving.com/hntconservationvolunteering

Title _____ Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

I enclose a cheque/PO made payable to the Herefordshire Nature Trust

Gift Aid Declaration. Make your gift worth more (please tick)

I am a UK taxpayer and want Herefordshire Nature Trust to treat all my donations including membership monies from 6th April 2000 as Gift Aid donations until further notice. N.B. You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax equal to the tax we reclaim on your donations/ which is currently 25p for every £1 you give. The government will pay us an additional 2p on every £1 you give between 6th April 2009 and 5th April 2011. This transitional relief for Herefordshire Nature Trust does not affect your personal tax position.

If you would like to receive an acknowledgement of your gift please tick here

Signature _____ Date _____

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