

# Herefordshire Nature Trust

## Making Herefordshire richer in wildlife

### Who we are

The Herefordshire Nature Trust is a voluntary charitable organisation that cares for Herefordshire's wildlife and countryside. It is one of 47 similar Wildlife Trust's covering the U.K, which are affiliated to the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts. The Herefordshire Nature Trust was formed in 1962 and covers the whole of Herefordshire.

### How the Trust is organised

A Board of Trustees is elected at the Trust's Annual General Meeting by its members. The Board governs the Trust and is responsible for policy matters and general conduct of the Trust's affairs. It appoints staff to advise on a full range of Trust affairs. There are a number of local Trust branches, which also organise events at a local level.

### How the Trust is funded

The Trust's income is derived from a number of sources including membership subscriptions, donations, legacies and grants from government and other sources (usually for special projects).

### The Trust staff

The small team of Trust staff, headed by the Chief Executive Officer, works in close partnership with a large number of volunteers. Staff based at the Trust's headquarters at Lower House Farm in Hereford are responsible for nature reserve management, wider countryside conservation and community involvement as well as membership support services.

Volunteers undertake a wide range of tasks including nature reserve management, survey and monitoring, education, fundraising and administration. Together they contribute thousands of hours of time to the Trust.

### Nature reserves

The Trust owns and manages around 50 nature reserves, many of which are wholly or partly designated Sites of Special

Scientific Interest because of their national and sometimes international wildlife importance. Most nature reserves have a voluntary Warden who is assisted by staff and volunteers. Each nature reserve is managed to maintain and enhance its wildlife value. Nearly all the Trust's nature reserves are open to the public and on some sites educational events run.

### Wider countryside

Much of Herefordshire's precious wildlife lies outside of nature reserves. The Trust works closely with land managers and community groups advising them how to take care of important wild places.

### People and wildlife

Increasing people awareness of wildlife and involvement in its conservation is critical to protection of Herefordshire's wildlife. Through Wildlife Watch, the junior branch of the wildlife Trust, training courses and other events we engage a wide range of people from different backgrounds and age groups.

### Working in partnership

The Trust collaborates with a wide range of charitable and other organisations including statutory bodies, Local Authorities and many others. It is regularly consulted by all these bodies on a wide range of countryside matters.

For further information about the Trust's work call 01432 356872 or go to [www.wildlifetrust.org.uk/hereford](http://www.wildlifetrust.org.uk/hereford)

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