



# Nurture nature, forever

*Have you a Will  
for wildlife?*



**ESSEX**  
Wildlife Trust





Lord Petre, Lord Lieutenant of Essex and Patron of Essex Wildlife Trust

The future is far too important to be left to chance. This is why making a Will is so important.

I write this in the hope that when you write your Will or update it you remember your local wildlife.

Once you have made sure that the people you care about are provided for, please consider including a gift to Essex Wildlife Trust to ensure future generations can enjoy the natural beauty of Essex and its wildlife.

Essex Wildlife Trust is able to carry out very special work as a consequence of receiving a legacy. This means a gift of any size will help us to continue the excellent work of the Trust, enable us to buy new nature reserves, enlarge our existing sites, safeguard endangered species, and inspire people to help us secure living landscapes and living seas.

The coming decades will continue to bring new threats to Essex and its unique wildlife. Through your Will you can play a huge part in ensuring Essex Wildlife Trust is able to continue to fight for the county's wildlife and to safeguard important sites for people and wildlife to enjoy. Please help to ensure we do only borrow the planet from our children by remembering Essex Wildlife Trust through your Will.

*“Essex Wildlife Trust did not just say thank you when my late wife Janice left them a gift. Not having a car, I was picked up for a visit to Abbots Hall Farm, introduced to some friendly staff and kept informed of any events. It was very much appreciated, especially when going through a difficult time”*

B.D.Spooner



Janice Spooner

Orchids at Oxley Meadow Nature Reserve

Charlie Oliver



Joan Elliot

*“Miss Elliot was very concerned by the loss of wildlife across Essex and particularly in the farmland landscape. She wanted the Trust to show how wildlife could be conserved and she wanted people to be able to see the benefits of conservation – she would have been so proud of the Trust’s work at Abbots Hall”*

John Hall MBE, former CEO of Essex Wildlife Trust

Until 2000, Abbots Hall Farm was a typical 700-acre arable farm and farmhouse. Today it is the focus of a 300-acre coastal and habitat project, winning national acclaim and a 400-acre sustainable farm benefiting wildlife, as well as the main offices of Essex Wildlife Trust. All of this has been made possible because of one very generous lady, Joan Elliot. Miss Elliot left a significant legacy to the Trust, which spearheaded the purchase of Abbots Hall Farm and attracted support from other organisations.

Legacy gifts to Essex Wildlife Trust are crucial in enabling the charity to continue the excellent work it undertakes. These are not donations but an investment in the future of Essex wildlife for both Essex people and Essex wildlife.

Daniel Brage

Abbots Hall Farm Nature Reserve



Fingringhoe Wick Nature Reserve has been described as the 'Jewel in the Trust's crown' and has awoken many thousands of us to the wonder of nature. More than fifty years on people are still coming to this magical place. The 100 members who established the Trust in 1959 and had the vision to fundraise and purchase the site, would have been amazed by the successful land acquisition which has almost doubled the reserve's size.

The extension has only been made possible thanks to the kindness of our supporters and a very generous lady who left a significant gift of love through a legacy for nature to the Trust. This new land will increase Fingringhoe's significance for wildlife and people by recreating coastal marshes and important mudflats, a natural habitat that is fast declining.



Abberton Reservoir Visitor Centre



Flights of Fantasy

Mr Middleditch's generosity has created a play area with a difference at our beautiful Abberton Reservoir Visitor Centre in the hope that children develop a passion for wildlife to last a lifetime.

New land purchase from Fingringhoe Wick Land Acquisition Appeal 2014

Jo Wray

Peter Bowden

*“Shirley left legacies to four charities; Essex Wildlife Trust was the only one that showed real appreciation of the gift. The other three just sent formal, almost impersonal thank you letters. One even started to send me begging mail shots. As a direct result of these responses, Essex Wildlife Trust is now the residual beneficiary of my own Will”*

George Hart



Shirley Hart

George Hart

White-tailed Bumblebee  
Penny Frith

*“Essex Wildlife Trust is doing really important work for our environment both now and for the future. My legacy means that my lifetime support will continue after my death”*

Penelope Johnson

*“John was passionate about conservation and wildlife. He volunteered each week at Pound Wood, thoroughly enjoying the company of Essex Wildlife Trust staff and volunteers and the work they did. So much so that John decided to leave the Trust a legacy, which the Trust handled with great sensitivity and care, after John's sad passing in 2012”*

Ursula Warwick



John, with the working party at Pound Wood Nature Reserve



“At the end of the day, the only questions I will ask myself are...

Did I love enough?

Did I laugh enough?

Did I make a difference?

Let what you love, be what you do”

Legacy Officer contact details are: Essex Wildlife Trust, Abbotts Hall Farm, Great Wigborough, Colchester CO5 7RZ. Call 01621 862987 or email legacies@essexwt.org.uk

Essex Wildlife Trust fully appreciates the importance of the thought process when considering creating or updating your Will. It is your very last act of kindness to those who you value and appreciate after you have gone. Gifts in Wills to Essex Wildlife Trust are exempt from Inheritance Tax, so the full value of your gift will go straight to Essex Wildlife Trust to protect the wildlife of Essex letting your love for wildlife live on.

If you would like to understand more about how legacies have helped Essex Wildlife Trust become the charity it is today, or want to understand the process for peace of mind, then our dedicated Legacy Officer would love to hear from you to help you make an informed decision. This can be over the phone, face to face, or via post or email.

PLEASE LET US SAY THANK YOU!

Additionally, our Legacy Officer would love to hear if you have already left, or are considering leaving, a legacy, as we hold a very informal and relaxing annual thank you event, where you are invited to be our guest on a reserve, with key personnel from the Trust. It is lovely for us to be able to show our appreciation for you showing such an act of kindness while we can and the important projects the Trust are working on to improve wildlife conservation in Essex.

Bradwell Shell Bank Nature Reserve



Danny Green

Hibernating Dormouse



Kate Hayward

Ladybird on Forget-Me-Not

I want my lifetime's love for wildlife to last...forever

- I have already remembered Essex Wildlife Trust in my Will.
I am considering leaving a legacy to Essex Wildlife Trust and would like to be invited to future legacy events.
I would like to be contacted by the Legacy Officer to discuss legacies further.

Membership No (if applicable)

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Dr/Prof..... First name.....

Surname.....

Address.....

Postcode..... Telephone number.....

What aspects of our work are you most interested in?

Comments

LET US SAY THANK YOU

Please kindly return this form to: Legacy Officer, Essex Wildlife Trust, FREEPOST RSLR-BUKX-ZYJB, Abbotts Hall Farm, Great Wigborough, Colchester, Essex CO5 7RZ

Alternatively, complete online at www.essexwt.org.uk/get-involved/legacy/pledge. This form is not in any way binding and you are under no obligation to Essex Wildlife Trust. This is purely to enable us to thank you and invite you to our special events and involve you in plans for the future.



## With your foresight we can be the change you want to see in Essex for wildlife when you are no longer here, by leaving a gift in your Will to Essex Wildlife Trust.

### Did you know...

- Strictly speaking, a Will does not need to be dated. However, it is generally good practice to insert the date when the testator signs it.
- Since April 2012 the rate of Inheritance Tax has been reduced from 40% to 36% on those estates that leave at least 10% of their value to charitable causes. Your solicitor can tell you more.
- That when you include a charity in your Will always include its unique charity registration (Essex Wildlife Trust's charity number is 210065). This allows the name and address changes to be traceable in the event that the charity relocates or renames in the future.

### Essex Wildlife's Trust promise to you...

- That each enquiry is dealt with respect and compassion and most importantly, privacy.
- Size does not matter: we are truly grateful for all the legacy gifts, large or small, each gift *will* make a big difference to wildlife in Essex.
- Your gift will help us to safeguard living landscapes and living seas to enthuse communities to take action for the wildlife of Essex.
- If your circumstances alter, you can change your Will at any time.

Thank you  
for taking the time  
to read this leaflet and  
considering leaving a  
gift of love to Essex  
Wildlife Trust in  
your Will.



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Essex Wildlife Trust is the county's leading conservation charity. It has more than 35,000 members, manages and protects over 8,400 acres of land on 87 nature reserves and 2 nature parks and runs 11 visitor centres. The aim of Essex Wildlife Trust is to protect wildlife for the future and for the people of Essex.

It is supported financially by members, local businesses and grant-making organisations. It is one of the largest of the 47 county wildlife trusts that work together throughout the British Isles as The Wildlife Trusts.

Barn Owl