



Nurture nature
forever
with a gift in your Will

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Wildlife Trust



Sir David Attenborough
President Emeritus, The Wildlife Trusts

"The future is too much to be left to chance. That is why making a Will is one of the most important jobs any of us has to do.

I am sure that, like me, you are concerned about the future of our planet. You too share a belief that it is important we leave a thriving natural world for future generations to know and enjoy.

Your support for Essex Wildlife Trust will help ensure that our children and grandchildren can continue to enjoy the wonders of nature."

Front cover brown hare: David Tipling/2020VISION. Family in bluebells: Tom Marshall.

When you leave a gift in your Will, you are helping us to **restore nature in Essex** and **inspire action**.

As a charity we depend on gifts in Wills to carry out our work and we are exceptionally grateful for any contribution, no matter what size. A Will enables you to plan for the needs of your loved ones - and ensure a future for wildlife conservation in Essex.

Nature, wildlife or simply being outdoors in our beautiful green landscapes and along our stunning coastline may be what brings enjoyment and meaning to your life. A gift in your Will leaves a lasting legacy, helping us to achieve a county rich in wildlife with people connected to nature.

Over more than 60 years we have brought back species on the brink of extinction and transformed damaged and degraded habitats into havens for wildlife. We have tackled environmental challenges covering land, rivers and seas.

From ancient woodlands carpeted in native Bluebells and rare Oxslips, to spectacular saltmarsh and freshwater wetlands for wildfowl and waders, we are protecting environments for perpetuity.

Thanks to our amazing supporters, the song of the nightingale now rings out at the old gravel works at Fingringhoe, while the former landfill site at Thameside enjoys an abundance of rare invertebrates and reptiles. We are working to ensure species can move

through our landscapes and rivers, along wildlife corridors in our towns and cities, enabling them to thrive long into the future.

There is still so much more to do to ensure our county is resilient in the face of climate change and to protect our places of wonder from pressures.

Please help us nurture nature forever with a gift in your Will today.



Paul and Gail Cuthbert - Pledgers

"We decided to include a gift in our Will to Essex Wildlife Trust so that their great work carries on benefiting the next generation, as we want to give our children and their children's children something to have and love for the future. It's like a double advantage and was really easy to do."

How a **gift in your Will** can make a difference

Essex Wildlife Trust is the county's leading conservation charity. We protect more than 8,400 acres of land on 87 nature reserves and two nature parks. We run 11 Nature Discovery Centres that are gateways to great experiences in the natural world. A gift in your Will helps us to care for beautiful wild places across Essex.



£50

Fish migration work

£50 could help us continue our work creating passages for eels and migratory fish in Essex, so they can reach their spawning grounds.

£125

Saltmarsh restoration projects

£125 could help us buy the materials and support installations that will help restore our saltmarsh and protect our coastline.

£500

Turtle Dove plots

£500 could help us provide a feeding plot for the Turtle Dove, the UK's fastest declining bird species which is on the brink of extinction.

£15,000

Planting of hedgerows

£15,000 could help us fund the planting of 1,500 metres of hedging on a nature reserve, which wildlife need for food, shelter, breeding and to escape predators.

£50,000

Wildlife hides

£50,000 could help fund the installation of a bird hide, a great way of giving people a window into the wonderful world of birds without disturbing them in their natural habitat.

£200,000

Extending or buying a nature reserve

£200,000 could help us extend an existing nature reserve or buy a new nature reserve to enable us to protect more habitats in Essex.



Abbotts Hall saltmarsh: Terry Whittaker/2020VISION

Our promise to you

- Your loved ones will always come first.
- All correspondence will be handled with dignity, respect, compassion and privacy.
- We appreciate all gifts, whatever the size. Any gift will make a difference to wildlife.
- If your circumstances change, you can change your Will at any time.
- It is solely your decision. We are happy to provide you with information to make it an informed decision.
- Your gift will help us to protect wildlife in Essex.
- We will always be available to answer questions about gifts in Wills to Essex Wildlife Trust.

If you would like to understand more about how gifts in Wills have helped Essex Wildlife Trust become that charity it is today, please contact us.



Mark Gordon - Pledger

"I had always been fascinated by how quickly nature claims back landscapes when we retreat from them. This fascination deepened when, like many, I took greater notice of nature and particularly bird life during the pandemic. I now want to do my bit to ensure there is more nature-rich wilderness around in Essex when I am gone."



Jane and Barrie Senior - Pledgers

"We have been members since 1987 and the Trust has become very important to us. Our gift reflects our lifelong interest in protecting our planet. Supporting Essex Wildlife Trust and similar organisations will help preserve nature for all. We are pleased to know our gift, though relatively small, will make a difference and is valued."



Tom Hodgson - Pledger

"The driving force behind my gift is my love of nature. I have been impressed by the organisation over the 15 years I have been a volunteer. I've enjoyed putting into the Trust and getting back friendships and activities, which are so important to me. Through my gift in my Will, I can continue helping the Wildlife Trust after I've gone, continuing the support I've given during my life."

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Remembering Essex Wildlife Trust in your Will **is easy to do**

Having an up-to-date Will enables you to **look after the people and causes that are important to you.**

Gifts in Wills are **exempt from Inheritance Tax**, so the full value of your gift will go straight to wildlife conservation. If you leave more than 10% of your estate to one or more charities, the inheritance tax on the remainder of your estate reduces.

You can write or update your Will **in lots of different ways** – and for free. We have teamed up with expert Will writing service Guardian Angel to make it easier.

You can do this:

- Online in 15 to 20 minutes
- Over the phone with a solicitor
- Face to face with a solicitor

You don't have to leave a gift to Essex Wildlife Trust to use this service, but we hope you will consider us.



Visit www.gawill.uk/essexwt, scan the QR code or call **0800 773 4014**, quoting Essex Wildlife Trust.



You can also **update or write your Will yourself**, although we would always recommend you seek legal advice to ensure your wishes are just as you want them.

An example of a simple **fixed cash gift** (known as a pecuniary bequest) in your Will could be as follows:

I give to ESSEX WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED (Charity Registration Number: 210065) of Abbots Hall, Maldon Road, Great Wigborough, Colchester, Essex CO5 7RZ absolutely the sum of £ _____ [amount in words] for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors.

An example of a simple **share of, or remainder, of the estate after all costs** and pecuniary bequests (known as a residual bequest) in your Will could be as follows:

I give to ESSEX WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED (Charity Registration Number: 210065) of Abbots Hall Farm, Maldon Road, Great Wigborough, Colchester, Essex CO5 7RZ absolutely [enter the proportion of the residue ie % or x share of X] for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors.

Remember to **name an Executor for your Will**. An Executor is a person appointed in a Will to administer the estate. This may be a friend, a family member (including someone benefitting from your Will) or a professional such as an accountant or solicitor, or a combination.

Any gift – whatever the size – will enable us to continue our work restoring nature across our beautiful county and encouraging one in four people to take action for wildlife.

We fully appreciate the importance of the thought process when considering or updating your Will – it is your very last act of kindness to those you value and appreciate. If you would like to understand the process further for peace of mind, our Legacy Officer would love to hear from you.



Nurture nature forever

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

- I have left a gift in my Will to Essex Wildlife Trust and would like to be invited to the annual thank you events
- I have left a gift in my Will to Essex Wildlife Trust but do not wish to be invited to the annual thank you events
- I am considering leaving a gift in my Will to Essex Wildlife Trust
- I have some questions and would like to be contacted by the Legacy Officer to discuss gift in Wills further

Title _____ **First name** _____

Surname _____

Address _____

Membership No. (If known and applicable) _____

Aspects of our work you are interested in _____

Comments _____

This form is no 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 special events (if opted) and involve you in future plans.

Please kindly return this form by post or submit your pledge online at www.essexwt.org.uk/gifts-in-wills

We'd love to keep you up to date with gift in Wills information, like our Christmas letter from our CEO and invitations to our annual gift in Wills thank you events. If you are happy for us to do so, please indicate how you would prefer to be contacted:

Post _____

Email _____
(Please provide email address)

Phone _____
(Please provide phone number)

Text _____
(Please provide mobile phone number)

Essex Wildlife Trust will never sell your details and you can change your preferences at any time. To do so simply call **01621 735233** or email **legacies@essexwt.org.uk**



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For more details on leaving a gift in your Will, call our Legacy officer Lizzy Steward on **01621 735233**, return this form, visit www.essexwt.org.uk/gifts-in-wills or scan the QR code.

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