



**Derbyshire**  
Wildlife Trust

# A celebration of the year

**2015 -16**



## 2015-2020 Our Vision

Landscapes  
rich in **wildlife** valued  
by **everyone**

### Our mission

#### Create Living Landscapes

We are determined to help nature recover and thrive.

We deliver our mission by:

- Creating and championing wildlife rich landscapes
- Defending wildlife and wild places
- Inspiring people and communities to act

## A little bit about us

We are the only organisation working to protect all wildlife and habitats throughout Derbyshire.

The Trust has 43 members of staff, supported by 451 volunteers and 13,800 members.

Established in 1962, we manage 43 nature reserves across the county, covering more than 1,922 acres. We also run two classrooms, one outdoor education centre and Forest Schools.

We're part of a nationwide network of 47 local Wildlife Trusts, working in partnership to protect the country's natural heritage.

Here are just a few of the things we have achieved together – enjoy!

### In numbers

- Over **20,000 species** records have been gathered this year helping us build a picture of the state of nature in Derbyshire and enabling us to see which species and habitats need our urgent help.
- **8,202 children** engaged with nature – sowing the seed for a lifetime love of wildlife.
- **3,281 volunteer days** spent on our nature reserves ensuring they are in the best condition for people and wildlife – the most ever recorded.
- **1,176 planning applications** reviewed as we defend Derbyshire's wildlife for future generations to enjoy.



# A Year at Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

**April**

Over **1,800** people visited the Watch Points to see the Derby peregrines in their **10th** breeding season together



**May**

The Avenue Washlands is named joint winner of the Land Trust's **Best Space for Nature** Award



**June**

Over **12,400** people go wild for the **30 Days Wild** campaign



**July**

Our most successful badger vaccination round with an **80%** vaccination rate, 10% above target



**August**

We join over **500** people for Hen Harrier Day to highlight the plight of this beautiful bird



**September**

We move to our **new headquarters** in Middleton!



**October**

We start collecting **150,000** seeds for Kew's National Tree Seed Project



**November**

Our river habitat restoration and creation gathers pace with **42 partners** all working together as the Derbyshire Derwent Catchment Partnership



**December**

We're grazing more land than ever, restoring grassland and wild flower habitats with our own **Pasture Fed** accredited livestock



**January**

**1,380 hours** dedicated by our corporate supporters to restoring habitats across Derbyshire this year



**February**

Our new **wellbeing programme** encourages young people from Derby's YMCA to complete a 9 week programme learning conservation skills



**March**

The first time **otters** are caught on camera at our newest reserve, Witches Oak Water



**"At the forefront of national thinking and action"**

There is no doubt in my mind that the most significant event for the Trust this year has been the move of our HQ from Belper to Middleton.

The building seems almost purpose built for our needs and our visitors and staff love it. Massive thanks must go to Jo and Steph for pulling the arrangements for the relocation together - not an easy task!

I would also like to say a big thank you to my Trustee colleagues who continue to do so much for the Trust. Sue Mayer, Paul Lynch and Nigel Huish joined us, replacing Stephen Brent, Mary Bayntun, Chris Monk and Alan Willmot.

I have been particularly thrilled this year with our badger vaccination program. The government seems intent on pressing ahead with a badger cull but we have been very active in vaccinating badgers against bovine TB in Derbyshire, and Tim Birch has been at the forefront of national thinking and action on this very important issue.

Sadly this will be my last message for our Annual Review. My time as Chair of the Trust has been an absolute privilege.

So, at a time when our natural environment needs more help and respect than ever before, I am sure Derbyshire Wildlife Trust will continue to do all it can to make that happen.

**Tony Hams**, Chair



# Financial review

## Income

The Trust continued to secure funding from a wide range of sources, which gives us stability should any particular source of funding reduce or cease. In 2015/16 the Trust secured £1,940,000 of income, of which £424,000 came from membership. This type of income is extremely important because the Trust can use it wherever the need is greatest to help protect local wildlife. The Trust also received £1,103,000 income from grant funders, public bodies and partner organisations for the delivery of specific projects as well as £355,000 as donations and legacies. Other recognised income amounted to £58,000.

## Expenditure

The vast majority of our expenditure (55%) was invested in the delivery of conservation for the benefit of wildlife. We also invested £648,000 (33% of our expenditure) in engagement and education.

An experienced and skilled staff team continue to be the Trust's major asset and a major area of investment.

Salaries (including national insurance and pension contributions) amounted to 55% of expenditure. We work hard to ensure we keep our administration and running costs to a minimum.

For more information and our full accounts please visit [www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/Aboutthetrust](http://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/Aboutthetrust)

## Summary

During financial year 2015-16 the Trust incurred a small deficit of just over £8,000. Total fixed assets value (eg nature reserves, vehicles) for 2015/16 was £2,233,000. Actual expenditure for 2015-16 excluding losses on investment and actuarial gains on pension scheme totalled £1,942,000.

The Trust holds a financial reserve of £450,000 which covers at least three months worth of core expenditure as well as a designated project fund of around £500,000 to allow investment in our new 2015-2020 strategic plan.

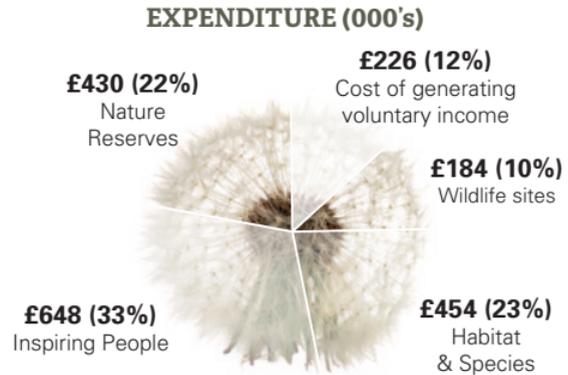
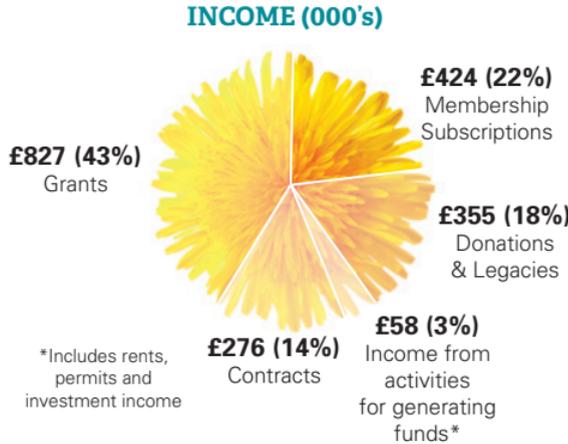
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### Council Officers

Mr A D M Hams Chair  
Mrs S Hawkins Vice-Chair  
Mr M J Cox FCA Treasurer

### Council Members

Mr S Brent (retired 21/10/2015)	Mr P R Shore
Dr A Willmot (retired 21/10/2015)	Dr H A Edwards
Ms M Bayntun (retired 21/10/2015)	Mr C F Pickering
Mr T Hudson FCA	Miss S L Fowler
Mr C Monk (retired 21/10/2015)	Mrs S L Lewis
Mr C J Gale	Professor P Lynch (appointed 21/10/2015)
Mr D F Charlton	Dr S J Mayer (appointed 21/10/2015)
Dr M Greenwood	Mr N P Huish (appointed 21/10/2015)



## Our corporate supporters

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Cemex	Visit Peak District and Derbyshire
C W Sellors	Wienerberger
University of Derby	Platinum Street Lighting Solutions
Weleda	Peak Shopping Village
Accrofab Limited	Jurys Inn
Absolute Networks	Stancliffe Stone
Bowmer Bond	Matlock Garden Centre
Buxton and High Peak Security Services	Peak Walking Adventures
Catandra Consulting	Nestle Waters
Commercial Estates Group	Amber Ales
East Midlands Chamber	Villager Jim
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## What's next?

- Beautiful **gateway sites** and a **visitor centre**
- **Training programmes** for skills that may be lost in a generation
- Improved **awareness** and **engagement** with nature through education and event programmes
- **More supporters** than ever before



## With pride

"My journey with the Trust started back in 2009 when I needed to take my mind off an accident I had at work. It began as the odd weekend volunteering at The Avenue Washlands and developed as I was trained by the Trust in all sorts of landscape management skills. I am now the full time volunteer warden for the reserve, which I do with pride!

Through the Trust I have met new friends, discovered new flora and fauna and I learn all the time – and, this year I decided to become a member."

Ron Turner, long term volunteer and member



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