



**Derbyshire**  
Wildlife Trust



# A Manifesto for a Wilder Future

# Our World Is In Trouble...

**This is no secret. Wildlife is disappearing at an alarming rate. The UK has become one of the most nature depleted nations in the world – and the threat of climate catastrophe is looming. We live in a time of emergency.**

Here in Derbyshire we are witnessing devastating losses. Species are rapidly declining and we are losing vital green spaces. These issues will continue to gather pace if we don't do things differently. It doesn't have to be this way.

**Nature's recovery is the most important political and social issue of our time.**

As we rebuild after Covid, we need a Green Recovery. It will ensure economic benefits, more jobs, healthier, more resilient communities and, of course, a better natural world where wildlife and people thrive side by side. It has to be a time of renewal. For the economy, for nature, for us all.

To have a Green Recovery, we need at least 33% of Derbyshire to be connected and protected for nature by 2030 - making more space for nature to become abundant once again is essential. 33% is the bare minimum that nature needs to start recovering.

**Our vision for a Wilder Derbyshire is vital**

We need thriving landscapes that are good for people, good for wildlife and good for the economy.

We need you to champion nature's recovery. We need you to support the restoration of moorlands for carbon capture.

We'd love you to be on board with the reintroduction of beavers, as well as work to create and enhance wetlands in the region to mitigate against flooding – you can be part of the solution.

We need you to help us establish a Nature Recovery Network across Derbyshire, so wildlife can move freely across our county. And, perhaps most importantly, we need you to support wild wellbeing initiatives and help us to ensure everyone has access to high quality local wild places so people can reconnect with nature, and feel happier and healthier as a result.

If we can achieve all this, together, Derbyshire will thrive.

**We are asking you to pledge to:**

- 1. Champion the recovery of nature**  
Help us ensure 33% of Derbyshire is connected and protected for nature's recovery by 2030 by providing resources and funding to deliver a Nature Recovery Network.
- 2. Prioritise local solutions to the global climate and nature crisis.**  
Drive investment in carbon capture in woodlands, wetland and peatlands and invest in nature based solutions to climate challenges like flooding, and pollution.
- 3. Back natural health and wellbeing.**  
By supporting Green Prescribing programmes and wild wellbeing initiatives, as well as ensuring everyone benefits from accessible local green spaces where nature thrives.
- 4. Ensure development that is good for people and for nature.**  
By protecting valuable wild spaces from destruction and making sure all developments create net gain for nature.
- 5. Support innovative approaches to boosting the green economy**  
By investing in training and job creation for the growing green economy, backing nature-based tourism, and rewilding depleted land.

We know that people across Derbyshire want and need nature to recover.

We know that you play an important part in that. Now is the time to act for a wilder future.

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