Cumbria Wildlife Trust

A year of nature recovery

Our impact in 2025/26



Protecting **Wildlife** for the Future

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About Cumbria Wildlife Trust

Cumbria Wildlife Trust cares passionately about wildlife and wild places. We're here to put wildlife back into our land and seascapes to make Cumbria a wilder county with more space for nature.

We restore and connect wild places, work with nature to tackle the climate emergency and support people to take local action for wildlife. Our skilled and dedicated staff work closely with volunteers, partners and thousands of supporters to create a wilder future for Cumbria.

We are part of a UK-wide grassroots movement made up of 46 individual Wildlife Trusts who all believe that we need nature and nature needs us.

To read our full report and accounts for 2025/26 on our website scan the QR code.

Our top three priorities are:

1. Creating and developing nature recovery networks.
2. Making wildlife and local nature even more relevant and important in the lives of people and local communities.
3. Delivering nature-based solutions by playing a leading role in tackling the wildlife crisis and climate emergency on land and sea.



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A message from our CEO, Stephen Trotter

On behalf of our dedicated trustees, staff and volunteers at Cumbria Wildlife Trust, I'm pleased and privileged to introduce our Wildlife Highlights report for 2025–26. The report presents an overview of Cumbria Wildlife Trust's work and achievements during the year.

As a short summary of the hard work, progress and success that we've achieved, it shows how together we have delivered our charitable purposes on behalf of the wildlife, wild places and the people of Cumbria this year.

It has been an incredibly busy and packed year – and it's always a hard choice to decide what to include and what to leave out.

The Trust has been working hard and had an extremely active year. It's really important for me to recognise and acknowledge that everything we do and achieve is 'powered' and delivered by people - whether as members, supporters, legators, volunteers or staff or in a combination of these roles.

Cumbrian wildlife is so very fortunate to benefit from your support, passion and enthusiasm.

Even though they can only provide a flavour, I feel these pages demonstrate and capture the breadth, impact and value of our work across Westmorland, Cumberland and Furness.

Our nature reserves remain the core of our work, and I'm deeply proud and grateful to all of the volunteers and colleagues who help maintain and improve these vital spaces which form the building blocks for the recovery of nature across our county. Their tireless efforts ensure these habitats thrive for wildlife and people alike.

Our commitment to restoring wild places extends beyond our reserves of course, and again we've worked to restore wildlife on more than 3,000 hectares of land beyond our boundaries – which made more nature-friendly through the restoration and recovery of peatlands, wildflower grasslands, wetlands, and pond creation to name but a few of the habitats that we're involved with.

Thank you for enabling our work and helping to protect Cumbria's wildlife and wild places.

Thank you for being part of such a positive movement and for helping make Cumbria a better, wilder place for people and wildlife.

None of this would be possible without our members and supporters.

Stephen Trotter
CEO, Cumbria Wildlife Trust

Our nature reserves

Our nature reserves are the cornerstone of our conservation efforts across the county.

With ancient woodlands, peat bogs, open fell and flower-rich meadows, our reserves are thriving habitats where nature comes first.

Key facts:

43 nature reserves
you can visit including
1 community nature reserve

4,958 hectares
of land managed for nature.

Half of our nature reserves have been acquired as a result in gifts in Wills. Thank you to everyone who has left us gifts, allowing us to help protect nature for the benefit of all.

Our 2025–26 highlights:

Limestone pavement studies at Hutton Roof

We've continued working with Lancaster University to set up more pioneering research work at Hutton Roof Crags and Clawthorpe Fell nature reserves.

The studies are being carried out by PhD student Ezra Tattersall, with support from the Limestone Pavement Partnership, and aim to help us better understand how to manage this internationally-important habitat.

Staff and volunteers from the Trust have worked with Ezra to set up trial management plots to see whether it is possible to restore open limestone pavement, and establish the impact of invasive species and ash dieback disease on the habitat. The results and follow-up studies will be hugely informative for land managers across limestone pavement sites and will help drive forward their conservation.





Funded by National Highways through the Network for Nature programme.

Restoration of Burns Beck Moss Nature Reserve

Since its acquisition in 1995, the Trust has been working to restore Burns Beck Moss Nature Reserve to a healthy, functioning bog habitat. Before the Trust took ownership, the reserve had been damaged through peat cutting and repeated attempts to drain it, by straightening and deepening the beck and by digging a network of drains.

The most recent project to restore the peatland hydrology is now complete. This involved removing scrub which was shading vegetation and drying out the peat, re-profiling the river to slow its flow and make it shallower to heighten the water table, and installing cell bunds to bring water back to the bog surface.

With the restoration works complete, the wetland system is now truly wet and can develop in a more natural way. A new boardwalk has been installed to provide easy access to the reserve, with interpretation to give a guide to some of the things to look for.

10 years of Eycott Hill

In April 2025, we celebrated the 10-year anniversary of purchasing Eycott Hill. In this time there has been a huge variety of work, including establishing oak woodland and wet woodland, and planting thousands of juniper and other scrub. We set about re-establishing the old field systems, renovating boundaries, replanting hedges and repairing walls. Once we had these in place, we started to restore the enclosed meadow land with fantastic success.

As well as this, the reserve has been an excellent place for visitors. From school visits, guided walks, volunteer days, corporate days, training days, memorial tree planting for loved ones, visits from other organizations, community events, orienteering, family days out and more, the nature reserve is a real asset for Cumbrian people.



Volunteer Alan sitting beneath a tree he planted 10-years ago

Osprey chicks born at Foulshaw Moss Nature Reserve

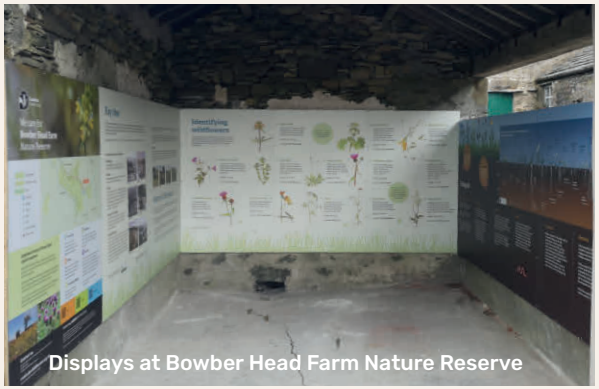
There was successful chicks at two nests at Foulshaw Moss Nature Reserve this year. The long-standing breeding pair, White YW and Blue 35, returned to the nest in March 2025 and laid three eggs, which hatched in May.

Soon after, a second pair of ospreys, Blue 476 and Blue 717 set up home at another nest on the reserve and laid three eggs. Although three chicks hatched, two were lost. In total four chicks fledged this year.

New interpretation at our nature reserves

We are continuing to roll out our new signage across our nature reserves. From welcome signs, information panels, 'kids' trails, large displays and more, we are making sure that our reserves are easy to find and navigate, and that they provide an informative visit.

Look out for new signage at Staveley Woodlands, Burns Beck Moss, Cold Springs and Bowber Head Farm nature reserves amongst others.



Displays at Bowber Head Farm Nature Reserve

Marine

As an organisation we have worked hard to protect the marine environment. Through a mix of advocacy, engagement, monitoring and practical conservation, Cumbria Wildlife Trust is committed to celebrating and restoring the Irish Sea.

Key facts:

our colony has grown to a record 480

with at least 14 seal pups born on South Walney Nature Reserve, an increase from last year.

248 kittiwakes counted

nesting on offshore wind farm substations during August by our marine interns.

2025–26 highlight: Community engagement around Allonby Bay

Thanks to the National Heritage Lottery Fund we began an exciting programme of community engagement in and around Allonby Bay and the wider Cumbrian Solway. The area is home to extraordinary coastal wildlife and England's first (and only) inshore Highly Protected Marine Area (HPMA).

Our early work focused on building relationships with local residents, helping to demystify what HPMA status means. As the project has progressed, we have established three new Wildlife Watch groups for children, expanded our work with schools and community groups across the Solway, and collaborated with local businesses including Cumberland Coastal School, Laal Collective, and Tale Trails to celebrate the unique nature of the area.

Our marine champions continue to deliver Shoresearch surveys on the West Coast of Cumbria and their passion, local knowledge and commitment are key to the success of monitoring in the area.



Allonby Bay © Derek Poulton



2025–26 highlight: New seagrass bed mapped at Scarth Bight

After one of our project volunteers reported seeing seagrass near Roanhead, we headed to the area to investigate it, as it was a previously unmapped area.

After surveying the site, we discovered seagrass was growing far up on the shoreline in the bay of Scarth Bight. Using handheld GPS devices we mapped out over nine hectares of dwarf eelgrass (*Zostera noltii*) growing over the intertidal sand and mud flats.

This summer we will add this area to our seagrass monitoring programme and survey its condition.

By recording the extent and condition of previously unmapped seagrass in Cumbria we can advocate for its protection. As well as this, understanding where it can grow helps inform our restoration work.

* As part of the £150 million Flood and Coastal Resilience Innovation Programme, which is managed by the Environment Agency to develop and test new approaches to help communities become more resilient to the effects of flooding and climate change.

Seagrass

Seagrass is a marine plant that can form dense underwater beds in our coastal waters, providing a home for numerous species, as well as several benefits to coastal wildlife, the planet and us. Sadly, seagrass meadows have faced serious declines, with pollution, disease and coastal development all preventing seagrass from thriving in our waters.

We are in our third year of restoration work thanks to Ozone and funding from Defra*

Key facts:

27,000 seed pods collected
resulting in **12,000 seeds** to plant out to restore areas of depleted seagrass.

434.5 hours
of volunteer time recorded.

100 hectares
mapped in Cumbria.

Peatland

2025–26 highlight: Wythop Moss Peatland Restoration and Natural Flood Management

This year we have carried out peatland restoration works on a site that has had a slightly different focus – natural flood management. All peatland works we carry out have some benefits for flood management, as they help to hold back water on the fells and slow its flow into streams and rivers downstream. But this year we have carried out some restoration at Wythop Moss that should have even greater benefits.

Wythop Moss had a number of drains running through it that were draining the blanket bog and causing water to rush down off the fell into the streams below. Using specialist contractors, we have blocked these ditches with a mixture of peat dams, timber dams and stone dams, which helps re-wet the peat and provide the right conditions for peatland plants and species to flourish.

On this site we have installed timber dams with a difference – they all have a small 'letter box' opening three-quarters of the way up the dam, which at normal flows allows the water to slowly flow through it and gradually work its way down the drain. However during storms the amount of water moving through the drain is too much to all go through the 'letter box' at once and the extra height above the gap in the dam allows more water to be held back, thus increasing the water-holding capacity of the site at these crucial times.

This is a really good example of how we can harness the multiple benefits of peatlands, for both people and wildlife.

We would like to thank the Cumbria Innovative Flood Resilience Project for funding these works, as well as providing design input and acting as the landowner intermediary. We would also like to thank West Cumbria Rivers Trust for securing the funding from the Water Restoration Fund for the initial feasibility study for this site.





This work was made possible due to funding by the Westmorland and Furness Council.

2025–26 highlight: Planting for Pollinators: South Lakes

This year the grassland and pollinators team has delivered 17 different projects across Cumbria, including Planting for Pollinators: South Lakes.

Since this project began, in 2023, we have been working to create pollinator habitats in community spaces, while engaging with the local people to get them interested in pollinators.

This year, we have worked on a variety of sites across the south of Cumbria, including in orchards, school grounds and village greens, as well as creating new wildflower meadows using local, Cumbrian seed and plug plants sourced from Gosling Sike.

We have planted 44kg of local seed, 25,000 plugs, 3,500 bulbs and 700 shrubs across 11 locations in the project area. Since the project began 1,124 members of the public have helped out including primary schools, Friends of groups and local residents.

Grassland and pollinators

Here in Cumbria, species-rich grasslands and wildflower meadows are crucial to the survival of pollinators. We're working across the county to help restore this valuable habitat which has declined by nearly 97% in the UK over the past century.

Key facts:

50,199 plug plants planted and 504kg seeds sown.

76 hectares have been either restored or enhanced with wildflowers.

865 volunteers attended sessions, which included planting and surveying days.

Wilder Cumbria

Wilder Cumbria is about people taking action to help nature. Whether it's organising your neighbourhood to reimagine a local green space, or making your garden friendlier for wildlife.

This year, the Community Team has advised 16 community groups, schools and organisations on how they could go about this and delivered over 80 sessions and activity days reaching over 900 people.

Youth engagement

We've welcomed many youth groups in nature-based sessions, including:

- **Botcherby Community Centre** (ages 7–11) and **Carlisle Youth Zone** (ages 12–16) joined woodland and pond-dipping sessions through the Holiday Activities Fund.
- **Carlisle Beavers** visited Gosling Sike's wildlife garden to earn their gardening badge.
- We also supported **Keswick Museum's Schools Cluster Day**, delivering hands-on heritage sessions to Year 5–6 pupils from six primary schools, all about Skiddaw and highlighting future plans for the project.

Community support

Bolton Gate residents sought advice on replanting after conifer felling and were connected with Raise Community Forest.

Raughton Head Primary School joined as members. Volunteers Teri and Gary Norman from Gosling Sike visited the school to deliver a workshop all about hedgehogs.

Botcherby's Nextdoor Nature projects continue to thrive. Local lead Rob McWilliams noted that the visits from Cumbria Wildlife Trust had made them *"want to start doing more things at the coffee mornings, and getting more people involved"* and had renewed their energy.

Youth volunteering

A collaboration between **The King's Trust** and **Carlisle Sea Cadets** saw 14 young people transform the Cadets' outdoor space. They built habitat boxes, installed raised planters, and gained valuable skills in teamwork and project delivery—leaving behind a more wildlife-friendly and productive garden.





Wilder Carlisle

Wilder Carlisle is a three-year project funded by the Ernest Cook Trust, working in underserved areas of Carlisle to support Young People aged 10–18 to connect to nature in a variety of ways.

We deliver sessions over a long period of time with ongoing support to aim to embed nature connection into the various schools and settings.

During the year, we delivered 93 sessions with 81 young people.

These sessions have helped to connect young people to nature in a variety of ways including Forest Schools, gardening, bushcraft, and learning plant and animal identification. The sessions are also valuable in increasing mental wellbeing, confidence and self-esteem.

Wilder Hadrian's Wall

Wilder Hadrian's Wall aims to create a nature corridor from the Solway Coast to the North Sea, linking the northern cities of Carlisle and Newcastle. We are working with landowners, local authorities, charities, and communities along the wall to map opportunities and identify gaps where we could do more for nature.

In the first six months, we have already brought together a network of 49 organisations who share our vision.

Funded by the Ecological Restoration Fund, this Development Phase is a joint project between Cumbria Wildlife Trust and Northumberland Wildlife Trust, with support from the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts.



Nature and You

Based on the west coast, Nature and You was part of the West Cumbria Mental Health Partnership, funded by Sellafield Ltd's SiX programme through Cumbria Community Foundation Grant.

The two-year project aimed to connect young people and their families with nature, to alleviate anxiety, build confidence and improve resilience and mental wellbeing.

Following a schools' outreach programme, we set up Wildlife Watch nature clubs for children aged 8-14 years old in Workington, Whitehaven and Maryport. The clubs explored the coast with wildlife surveys, beach cleans, outdoor art and creative writing.

The parent of one participant said:
'We spend more time as a family outdoors and he loves telling us what he has learned. I can honestly say that we have seen a massive growth in confidence, mental health and overall behaviour'.

Key facts:

Wildlife Watch **3** new groups

20 volunteers involved

800 young people engaged



A year of nature recovery – our impact in 2025/26

Cold Springs Community Nature Reserve

Cold Springs Community Nature Reserve in Penrith has now been fully open for nearly a year and welcomes around 50 visitors every day, showing the need for green space in urban environments.

This year the reserve has expanded its accessible paths, including a boardwalk to the pond and a new wildlife garden, which will be planted this spring. Events have brought new people to nature, including popular fortnightly nature tots sessions and school holiday wildlife kids' clubs. 120 people attended the harvest festival in the community orchard.

A tree nursery has been established to gather local seed, to be processed and eventually planted at Skiddaw Forest. The wildlife is moving in too, following the spreading of 5kg of wildflower seed, and a new woodland of 410 native trees being planted. Species such as black darter dragonfly, parrot waxcap, buzzards and badgers can all be seen at this nature reserve.

Key facts:

361 volunteers

552 young people engaged

410 trees planted

The land was gifted as a legacy by Ann and Brian Clarke.

The work taking place on the nature reserve is funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund through the Access to Eden project.



Events

2025–26 highlight: Wildlife gardening eight week course

In September 2025, we held a pilot introductory gardening course, teaching people how to create a garden that welcomes and supports wildlife. For eight weeks, participants attended a variety of modules at Gosling Sike, including how to set up a garden for wildlife, lawns, pollinators, soils and growing medium.

The sessions were a mix of classroom learning and hands-on activities, and each week, expert speakers and Cumbria Wildlife Trust staff guided participants through key wildlife gardening techniques.

Participants praised the quality of delivery, the engaging mix of theory and practical learning, and the expertise of tutors. All respondents reported that the course was enjoyable, well organised, and had increased their confidence to garden for wildlife.

The course has inspired participants to make tangible changes in their own gardens and has fostered a strong sense of community among like-minded individuals.

Key facts:

Wildlife Watch **49** events for children

1,066 bookings

7 local groups organising a variety of engaging talks across the county.





Volunteering

Key facts:

822 volunteers

46 young volunteers

174 new volunteers

32 roles advertised

2025–26 highlight: Young Volunteers North

Young Volunteers North was set up by the Trust in November 2024 to give an opportunity to learn for 11-18 year olds in North Cumbria who had an interest in conservation. Now run in conjunction with the North Pennines National Landscapes, the group runs monthly, taking members out to Trust nature reserves and land owned by others who want help taking action for nature.

With tasks ranging from tree planting to tree guard removal, from hay raking to 'balsam bashing', the group members have confidently turned their attention to whatever opportunities have come their way, seeing new sights and learning new skills along the way.

Thirty young people have attended since that very first session and between them they've achieved over 400 hours' worth of volunteering, planted 100 trees, filled two trailers worth of reusable tree guards and sat by one roaring fire! We're looking forward to the next 12 months.

Gosling Sike

Situated on the edge of Carlisle, Gosling Sike is ideally positioned for people to access this unique place, whether for education and training, or to visit the wildlife garden.

Gosling Sike is a hub for people and nature, with a garden, orchard, wildflower nursery and seed bank, and a busy volunteer and events programme, giving everyone access to nature.

Thank you to our volunteers who participate every week:

25 in the wildflower nursery

15 in the wildlife garden

12 in the Men's Shed

10 in the orchard



Key facts:

Engaged with 2,400 individuals through volunteering, events, workshops and visits, all with the aim of getting people to take action for nature and get involved with wildlife, and to raise the profile of our work.

Winner of the European Garden Association Award for 'gardening focussed on community'.

50,000 wildflower plants grown in the nursery.

More than a million seeds collected from across Cumbria, and stored in the seedbank for long term conservation.

Moth trapping event with Butterfly Conservation – 321 species present in the last 5 years.

Plant biosecurity event with Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) and Cumbria Local Nature partnership (CLNP).

Supported local businesses by providing a space for: Yoga, Thai-Chi, business groups, soundbaths, fitness classes, Myerscough College, Susan's Farm, Pink Link, Heathlands – making Gosling Sike a real hub in the local community.



650 attendees at SeaFest, a part of Irish Sea Day

THE BAY

Natural Health Service

The Bay is a nature and wellbeing programme based around Morecambe Bay. It aims to help people connect with nature through events and social prescribing programmes.

2025–26 highlight: Easter egg(case) hunt!

In April, the Bay held its annual Easter eggcase hunt in Barrow-in-Furness to help the global monitoring of sharks by the Shark Trust.

Sharks are facing various threats, from marine litter to abandoned fishing gear, and one of the ways they can be helped is by monitoring numbers by counting shark eggs. 203 people took part and, after an induction in which they were showed what to look for, headed out onto the beach.

During the two-hour event, 6,632 cases were found, the largest number of eggcases in one hunt anywhere in the country. The Bay team were also the second largest reporter of eggcase numbers to the Shark Trust in the UK.

Red squirrels

One of our most charismatic mammals, the native red squirrel has suffered severe population declines across the UK.

Over the past year, we have begun engaging communities across Cumbria's west coast to raise awareness of red squirrel conservation.

Through events, volunteer involvement and school outreach, we are building relationships and supporting local action to help protect and restore red squirrel populations across the landscape.

Key facts:

over **70 nest boxes**
installed across Cumbria.

40 volunteers
helping us on events and surveys.

2025–26 highlight: Red Squirrel Appreciation Day celebrations

In January, to celebrate Red Squirrel Appreciation Day, we held a red squirrel day in Barrow in partnership with The Bay. The day began with a walk around Barrow Park, where we talked about red squirrels and the impact that grey squirrels can have on their populations.

In the afternoon, the attendees helped construct flat-packed nest boxes, which are vital as places where reds can shelter and raise their young.

A team of volunteers has now put up the boxes in Lanthwaite Wood near Crummock Water.



Red squirrel © Paul Harris

The extensive work taking place across Cumbria for the protection of red squirrels is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund through the Red Squirrel Recovery Network project and through generous gifts in Wills.



2025–26 highlight: Tree nurseries in full swing

We are setting up a series of tree-growing nurseries around Cumbria to help supply the Skiddaw Forest project with trees to plant on site.

Nurseries have been built at our head office near Kendal, Cold Springs Community Nature Reserve in Penrith, our existing nursery at Gosling Sike and at the Lake District Wildlife Park near Bassenthwaite.

These nurseries will be places to come and volunteer, and help towards this project! A range of trees and plants will be grown, including oak, birch, rowan, Scot's pine and a whole variety of rare, upland willows.

Once grown for a season or two, these trees will be going onto the mountain side, to create new temperate rainforest.

Skiddaw Forest Nature Reserve

Skiddaw Forest is a vast area of upland moorland, totalling around 3,000 acres. Comprising three summits (Skiddaw, Great Calva and Little Calva), its purchase is a unique opportunity to make changes for nature on a landscape scale.

For the past year the work has focused on completing baseline surveys on site. The results of these surveys will allow us to identify any important habitats and species still on site that need to be protected, and to adjust our restoration plans accordingly. They will also act as a base from which we can do future surveys to demonstrate the impacts of the work.

As well as this, we have been establishing nurseries across the county to provide the trees that will be planted on the slopes of Skiddaw Forest.

County Wildlife Sites

Case study: Engine Lonning County Wildlife Site

Engine Lonning is a former bustling rail yard and was once one of the major rail hubs in the North of England before closing in 1963. Since then, the site has been reclaimed by nature, with predominantly pioneer woodland developing alongside areas of open grassland with some notable species. It is now a County Wildlife Site.

The site is owned and managed by Cumberland Council and is used mostly by local people, who describe it as “a place of nature” and “an oasis of calm in the busy city”. Hadrian’s Wall national trail also runs through the site.

The recommendations within the County Wildlife Site survey report will help guide the future management of the site for the benefit of wildlife and the people who visit.

Key facts:

48 sites surveyed.

34,424 hectares of County Wildlife Sites in Cumbria.



Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who has made a donation over this last year. Whether a regular gift or a one-off donation to a specific appeal, we are really grateful for all your support.

The response to the Skiddaw Forest appeal was absolutely astonishing, with over 7,000 donations made in just eight weeks. These donations meant that we could complete the land purchase and begin all the baseline surveys needed to inform the further management of the reserve and monitor the impact of any changes made to the habitat.

Wild Work Days

Many businesses also contributed to Cumbria Wildlife Trust through a donation or staff taking part on a Wild Work Day. Thank you to all those who came along.

You can find out more about our Wild Work Days and Wild Wellbeing Days on our website.

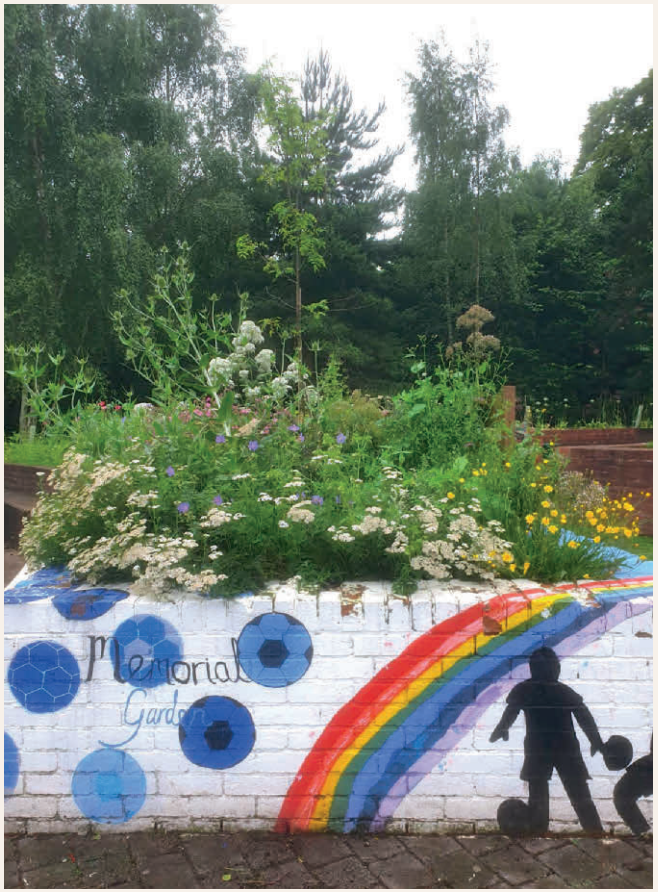
Gifts in Wills

A gift in your Will is a simple yet powerful way to keep your wishes alive. No matter how big or small, your gift can help Cumbria's wildlife in the future.

During the year we were grateful to receive new legacy donations from Patricia Boorman, David Booth, Stella Chance, Richard Thomson, Howard Simpson, Richard Neesham, Bill Willink, Di Hall, William Balmer, Andrew Smith, Jane Venet, Nula Dowie and John Sears.

If the time is ever right for you to consider a gift in your Will and you would like further information, please contact: **Helen Duxbury - 01539 816325, helend@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk**

Visit our website to find out more.



Business partnerships

The support we receive from businesses through membership, percentage of sales, in-kind donations and fundraising initiatives is incredibly valuable. Thank you!

An exciting partnership between Aviva and Cumbria Wildlife Trust is the start of an ambitious 100-year journey to restore temperate rainforest on Skiddaw Forest. We are hugely grateful to Aviva for making the acquisition of Skiddaw Forest possible through their donation to the purchase of £4.5m and their commitment to reconnect fragments of rainforest across the British Isles.

Platinum members

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The Impact of Gifts in Wills

From mountain tops to valley floors, Cumbria's wildlife is unique and special. While we have lost so much wildlife in the UK, we cannot live without it. That's why we work to protect nature and restore what has been lost.

Here in Cumbria, nature is always trying to come back. Otters returning to our riverbanks, ospreys reclaiming their hunting grounds and saltmarsh rebuilding itself. Even in our towns, nature pushes through pavements and into small community spaces. But it is fragile and it needs a helping hand. A gift in your Will can make a huge difference.

Every gift, large or small, helps wildlife in ways that may not be possible during your lifetime, but that gives nature's recovery a chance in the future.

Gifts in Wills are also often the catalyst to pioneering projects that may never happen otherwise; the restoration of additional fields purchased fields at Foulshaw Moss to extend the wetland further, the Red Squirrel Recovery Network working to secure the future of our red populations, securing land to manage as nature reserves for both wildlife and people, and the protection of our Irish Sea wildlife.

If you choose to leave a gift to Cumbria Wildlife Trust, thank you.

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