Shropshire Wildlife Trust



How can a wilder Shropshire be part of...

...your life story?

Your guide to including a gift to Shropshire Wildlife Trust in your Will.



A **gift in your Will** can help us achieve a **thriving natural world** in **Shropshire**.

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Shropshire’s nature and countryside hold a special place in our memories: the birdsong, the smell of wildflowers, the delightful views; splashing in streams or walking in woods and sunlit meadows, it’s often the place where we were at our happiest.



Leaving a legacy for Shropshire Wildlife Trust grants our children and grandchildren the opportunity to enjoy the same glorious landscape that we cherish.

Richard Grindle
Chief Executive, Shropshire Wildlife Trust





Wildlife under threat

Sadly, the splendid countryside of our childhoods is increasingly being lost, with the average abundance of species in the UK declining 19% since the 1970's.

One in six species are at risk of exctinction and without intervention these losses are set to continue.

Make a moment last forever

Everybody has special wildlife 'moments' in their lifetime. Be it listening to the dawn chorus, feeling the brush of wildflowers as you stroll through a meadow or simply taking a breath of fresh air in your favourite wild place. A gift in your Will provides the chance for future generations to experience moments like these.

> "Every gift in your Will, even just 1%, can **make the difference** between saving a haven for wildlife or **losing it forever.**

Helen O'Connor, Head of Development



“I often feel disheartened when I see what we as humans are doing to the planet, especially seeing wildlife and landscapes from my childhood lost.

But it is comforting to know that Shropshire Wildlife Trust is fighting against this, and that I can help.

Gary - Legator

“I’ve left a gift in my Will to preserve our beautiful Shropshire that I’ve loved for over 40 years, hoping that my grandchildren and others to come can enjoy this wonderful countryside too.

I won’t see the results but it’s like planting oak trees, you know that future generations will enjoy them!

Katie - Legator



> Nature conservation and restoration on our nature reserves is vital in achieving our vision of a thriving natural world in Shropshire. But it is often challenging to find funding to cover this work. Legacy gifts can help provide financial certainty, allowing us to plan and execute more ambitious and strategic work on our nature reserves.
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> Fran Lancaster – Head of Conservation and Policy

Earl's Hill, Photograph by Emily Nickless

What your legacy could mean for Shropshire

£10,000

could maintain the vibrant remnant of woodland at sites such as Clunton Coppice and Lurkenhope, which once covered much of this south-western corner of the county for years to come.

£86,000

could host and pay for three year-long trainee placements at Shropshire Wildlife Trust, fostering new talent in the environmental sector.

£250,000

could enable us to save at-risk habitats in Shropshire at sites identified by the Trust as vulnerable and important for conservation.

How to include a gift in your Will to Shropshire Wildlife Trust

After taking care of loved ones in your Will, any gift, no matter how large or small, will make a crucial difference.

Including a gift to Shropshire Wildlife Trust is straightforward.



You'll need our details:

Charity name:
Shropshire Wildlife Trust

Charity number: **212744**

Charity address:
193 Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY2 6AH

There are three main types of gift that you can include:

A residuary gift

This is a gift of all or a percentage of what is left of your estate after taxes and debts are paid and all other legacies have been distributed.

A pecuniary gift

This is a specific sum of money left to a person or organisation.

A specific gift

This is a gift of a specific item, such as an object of value, property or land.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I write or update my Will?

We recommend that you speak to a solicitor or qualified advisor about writing or updating your Will. We can also connect you with free Will writing services to get you started. For more information, contact our Fundraising Manager, Gary de Saram. Phone **07399 493 119** or email **garyds@shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk**

What is Inheritance Tax?

Under current legislation Inheritance Tax at 40% is payable on your taxable estate. However, gifts to exempt beneficiaries, including charities like Shropshire Wildlife Trust, are free of Inheritance Tax and are deducted from your estate before Inheritance Tax is calculated.

Anyone leaving 10% or more of their net estate to charity will qualify for a reduced rate of Inheritance Tax of 36% on their taxable assets, which could save a considerable amount.



How will my gift be used?

We are very grateful for every single gift we receive. Conservation needs change all the time, so the most helpful gifts are those that are unrestricted, allowing us to use the funds wherever the need is greatest. If you would like to leave a gift towards a particular area of our work, please get in touch to discuss this with us.

Is there a minimum I can leave to you?

We are very grateful for each and every gift. Just a 1% gift in your Will will protect nature and the wild places you love.

Can I give a gift now?

Some people want to see the amazing impact of making a gift to wildlife during their lifetime. If you would like to make a major gift or discuss giving some of your planned gift now please contact Gary de Saram via email: **garyds@shropshirewildlifetrust.co.uk** or call **01743 284280**.



> A legacy to your local Wildlife Trust is a very special gift that can do remarkable things to help the wildlife treasures on your doorstep.
>
> **Sir David Attenborough**
> President Emeritus of
> The Wildlife Trusts

Choosing to remember a charity in your Will is an important and deeply personal decision and we want you to feel confident that you are making the right choice.

If you would like to discuss leaving a gift in your Will to Shropshire Wildlife Trust, please contact our Fundraising Manager, Gary de Saram on **07399 493 119** or email **garyds@shropshirewildlifetrust.co.uk**
We are always happy to have an informal and confidential chat about how your legacy can be used to help our region's wildlife and special places into the future.

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