The Wildlife Trusts and ecological network mapping

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Nature Reserve

The Wildlife Trusts around the UK, Isle of Man and Alderney

INSPIRING PEOPLE

- 7 million visits to our reserves
- 480,000 people engaged through our Trust events
- 300,000 pupils/students engaged by Trusts

A round 11,000 events run

IN OUR CARE

- 126 visitor centres
- > 95,000 hectares of land cared for by Trusts
- 2,300 nature reserves

CHAMPIONING NATURE

- 5,300 landowners advised
- 215,000 hectares of land advised on
- 6,800 planning applications responded to

300 MPs/MEPs met in person to talk about wildlife

OUR PEOPLE

- 43,000 volunteers
- > 800,000 members
- 2,100 staff
- 600 trustees
Why are the maps needed?
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In addition to the policy drivers and for land use planning, other reasons given by Trusts for developing ecological network maps include:

- Embedding nature into local planning and development control
- Coordinating partnership activity and investment in nature
- Informing action in Nature Improvement Areas
- Guiding local approaches to landscape scale conservation
- Designing nature into major infrastructure projects
- Providing the basis for local natural capital investment strategies
- To target climate change adaptation
- Engaging local people in a vision for their environment

Integrated catchment management and natural solutions to flooding
Somerset Wildlife Trust
Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust
My Wild City
Help make Bristol a nature reserve

Our vision is to turn Bristol into a nature reserve. Working with communities across Bristol to transform our gardens and open spaces, together we can create a nature-rich city that attracts wildlife right up to our doorsteps. By connecting habitats and green spaces, we can create wildlife corridors or ‘green highways’ so that wildlife can move easily around the city. This city-wide nature reserve will give everyone the opportunity to experience wildlife every day, for their own health and wellbeing.

Using the My Wild City maps
Avon Wildlife Trust has created the My Wild City maps using existing data to show the best opportunities for enhancing nature across the city. Crossing our cities can be challenging for wildlife as green spaces are often separated by human infrastructure, such as buildings and roads. This map shows you the areas in your neighbourhood where you can improve woodland and grassland habitat for wildlife. It shows you the best places to reconnect habitats by linking gardens and other passageways, helping to create wildlife corridors across Bristol.

We are asking people to identify the areas in their neighbourhood where they can take action for wildlife, working with neighbours and the wider community.

Take action for wildlife
Taking action for wildlife can be easy, especially if you make it part of your everyday life. Remember, it doesn’t matter the size of your garden, or if you live in a flat, there are still lots of small changes you can make that will benefit wildlife. Find out how you can take action for birds, bees, butterflies and all wildlife at: www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk/mywildcity

More details can be found on the back of this map.

Better for people, better for wildlife
Making wildlife part of our everyday life is not just better for nature but better for us too. Humans are as much part of nature as any other species – our mental and physical wellbeing is boosted by contact with the natural world. Research shows that just five minutes spent in nature improves people’s sense of self-esteem and mood.

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Cornerstone of local delivery