



people's trust for endangered species





A voice for wildlife

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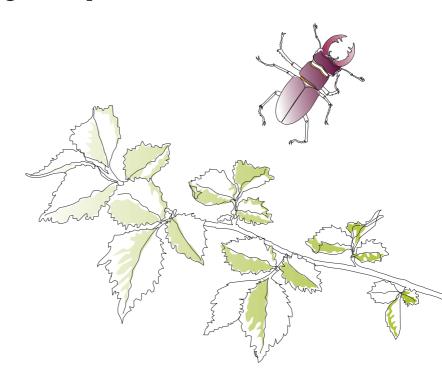
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Our mission

To save our wildlife for the future.

Our purpose

Our wildlife is disappearing. Almost two thirds of species in the UK have declined in the past 50 years. Over 65,000 species are on the international alert list. There's nothing natural or inevitable about this. It can be stopped. And we can all play a part. That's why People's Trust for Endangered Species exists.





We live and breathe for British wildlife. Our passion is what drives our work. It's what gives some of the UK's most threatened species a chance of survival.

So how do we do this?

Scientific research

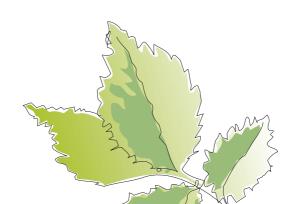
Conserving endangered species and the places they live is a huge task. To make a long-term impact we must make our limited resources work as hard as possible. We use scientific evidence to judge where action is most needed and where we will have the greatest impact.

Conservation action

We work with landowners, local communities, scientists and the public to take swift and sustainable action before it's too late. From hedgehogs and stag beetles in our gardens, to lions and wild dogs on the African plains, we work with passion to save them all.

Educating & inspiring

We can save our wildlife, but we can't do it alone. We use our expertise and experience to inspire thousands of volunteers to monitor British wildlife and improve their surroundings for nature.





Message from the Chair

It is a delight to report on all we have achieved in the last year. We are proud to have had far reaching, worldwide impact.

In 2015 we launched the first national monitoring programme for water voles in the UK, published the first conservation strategy for hedgehogs at our conference for volunteer 'Hedgehog Champions' (with our partners at the British Hedgehog Preservation Society), reintroduced dormice to another Nottinghamshire woodland, and began a new grants scheme for orchard owners restoring their traditional orchards.

We supported work on an array of endangered species including many lesser known ones such as Bale monkeys, Javan slow lorises, Bawean warty pigs, northern river terrapins, dholes, hirolas, bonobos and beautiful water starworts. And we sent emergency funds to discover the cause of a mass die-off of saiga antelopes.

Our success relies on the help of many generous people sharing their time and money. Your generosity and loyalty are boundless and invaluable. A special mention must go to the group of volunteer supporters who during the year set up and continue to run a PTES pop-up charity shop on Maidenhead High St, raising thousands of pounds for us.

Thank you to you all. With all your support we will bring the wild back to life.

Sherta Anderson

Sheila Anderson, MBE

Chair, People's Trust for Endangered Species

Highlights in 2015



Inspired

We inspired our Hedgehog Champions to link over 10,000 gardens for hedgehogs.



Invested

We invested over £379,000 in 27 conservation projects in 12 countries and helped eight young conservationists get their first foot on the career ladder.



Launched

We launched the first UK national monitoring programme for water voles.



Helped

We helped owners to maintain and restore their traditional orchards through training, information

and grants for fruit trees.



mammals, many of which – such as dormice, hedgehogs,

water voles and red squirrels – are in serious trouble.

Most wild mammals are elusive and it's hard to know how they are faring. Research into their behaviour, needs and whereabouts is critical for effective and successful conservation. During the year we awarded seven research grants and five internships to scientists at leading universities and

conservation organisations.

Our volunteers recorded the foxes, hedgehogs and other mammals seen in our two annual surveys of British mammals: Living with Mammals and Mammals on Roads. The results, taken with those of previous years and published this year in the scientific press, show a continued downward decline for hedgehogs emphasising the importance of these long-term surveys to spotting when a species is in difficulty.





Hedgehogs

Our own mammal surveys clearly show that hedgehogs are declining in Britain at the same rate as tigers. There are many more hedgehogs left, but the prognosis is bleak unless we act now. Our hedgehog campaign partnership with the British Hedgehog Preservation Society is making great strides for hedgehogs.

Hedgehog Street inspires people to make their street hedgehog friendly by allowing space for them and adding garden features that offer accessibility, food and shelter. Building on last year's gold award at RHS Hampton Court Flower Show, we're installing a Hedgehog St garden at RHS Harlow Carr, full of hedgehog-friendly features for visitors to copy in their gardens. Our partnership with the RHS and The Wildlife Trusts also made hedgehogs the focus of October's Wild About Gardens Week.

At The Day of the Hedgehog, over 300 Hedgehog Champions discovered more about the hedgehog decline from our research teams. Following the media coverage created, MP Oliver Colvile raised the plight of hedgehogs in Parliament, started a petition to increase the legal protection for hedgehogs and a summit meeting was held with Defra ministers. Over 20,000 people have already signed the petition – 100,000 will trigger a Parliamentary debate.

We held four training courses on the management and ecology of hedgehogs for managers of green public spaces and we are working with several building developers and garden fence makers to improve gardens and new builds with access for hedgehogs.



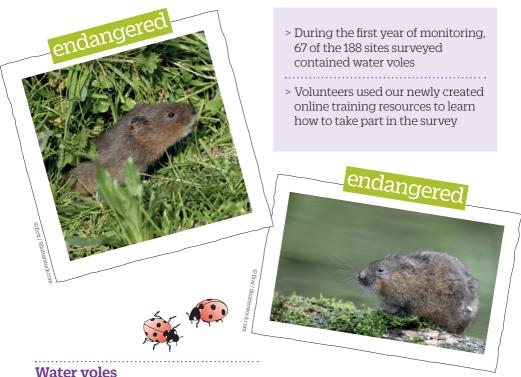


Dormice are more than delightfully cute little mammals that deserve a future. They serve as indicators of healthy woodlands and hedgerows where hundreds of species can flourish. We've been committed to dormouse conservation for over 30 years, since discovering their local extinction from large parts of the countryside.

Since then we've reintroduced dormice to 19 woodlands in 12 counties. This year saw our third release in Nottinghamshire where we're creating hedgerow corridors between the three sites. Eventually the new arrivals will venture out along the replenished hedgerows and mingle with their cousins down the road.

We'll continue to monitor them and thousands more in woodlands across their range in England and Wales. Hundreds of volunteers help us monitor dormice in over 350 woodland sites each year. The information gathered is held in our dormouse record centre and used to determine where to target further reintroductions and other conservation efforts. And our managing woodlands for dormice training courses guide land managers to do their best for wildlife.



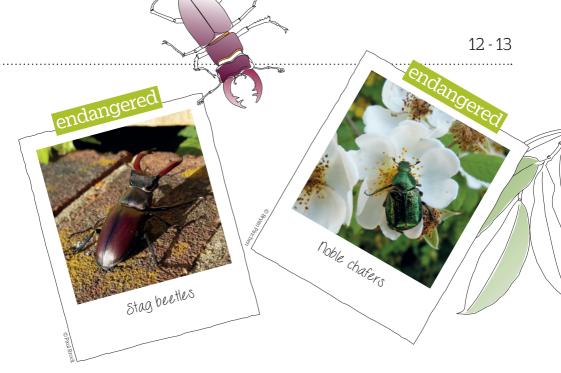


During the 1990s, water voles suffered one of the most serious and rapid declines of any British mammal ever. By the turn of the century nine out of ten water voles had disappeared, decimated by accidental and deliberate releases of non-native American mink bred for the fur trade, and loss of healthy, protective river bank vegetation. Extinction was a real possibility.

Since then we've directed over £500,000 into over 40 water vole projects investigating what helps provide safe refuges from mink, what sort of vegetation they favour, reintroducing them where they've disappeared and controlling mink.

This year, to ensure we aren't caught unawares again, we launched the first National Water Vole Monitoring Programme. This annual national census will quide us to where action is most urgent and measure the impact of conservation actions.

139 volunteers surveyed 500m stretches of river bank for water voles, looking for tell-tale water vole signs as well as the animals themselves, 188 sites were visited. We aim to increase the number of sites visited over time with an eventual target of 900 surveyed each vear.



Invertebrates

Many saproxylic beetles, such as noble chafers and stag beetles, live on or in the deadwood found in gardens, wood pastures and woodlands. Unfortunately our enthusiasm for tidy gardens and living spaces is threatening their very existence.

Our regular *Great Stag Hunt* reveals where stag beetles are still hanging on and our expert surveys of old orchard trees tells us much about the behaviour and preferences of noble chafers.

Wood pastures and parklands are considered a priority conservation habitat chiefly because of the wealth of invertebrates they support. But precious little is known about how much wood pasture and parkland survives and its

condition. We hope to remedy this and initial work on exactly how we can help has begun.

- > The Great Stag Hunt recorded over 6,000 stag beetle sightings
- We discovered two new sites for extremely rare noble chafer beetles
- > Three internships supported young scientists working on endangered brown bordered lacewings, crayfish and large scabious bees, toads and glow worms

Restoring landscapes

Certain habitats contain such a richness of life that they need to be protected at all odds.

Ancient woodland

Our nature reserve at Briddlesford Woods on the Isle of Wight is a prime ancient woodland teeming with life. We're busy restoring this home to some of our most important threatened mammals – dormice, red squirrels and bats – as well as many birds, insects, amphibians and plants.

Among our regular surveys of the wildlife present, with the help of experts and volunteers we monitored red squirrels, dormice, dragonflies, moths, butterflies and plants over the year and investigated bat roost sites and foraging behaviour.

We manage the woodland for the wildlife it supports but have also commissioned a review of sustainable use of some of its resources. Innovative ideas that emerge will inform the wildlife management training courses that we run from the training centre in the heart of the woodland.



@bbc5live: How did the dormouse cross the road? On a special bridge to help protect them from extinction!



- > BBC Autumnwatch featured our trial dormouse bridge at Briddlesford Woods
- Our surveys recorded a triangle moth and a red-eyed damselfly – both firsts for Briddlesford
- We ran five dormouse woodland management courses at Briddlesford training centre and two public events

Traditional orchards

The great loss of traditional orchards threatens the thousands of animals and plants that depend upon them, many of them very scarce.

We're restoring orchards that we designated in our recent inventories as 'poor' or 'good' into 'excellent' condition. Orchard owners are now using our online management advice centre and watching videos that demonstrate specialist techniques.

Old trees with veteran features, such as rot holes, provide the richest areas in an orchard for many invertebrates, but we need to plant new trees to secure the next hundred years of orchard wildlife. We awarded grants to orchard owners for trees and rootstocks.

Fruit varieties and their historical localities inspire many orchard lovers. We're creating a database of fruit varieties, listing where each is traditionally grown and where they're available, so that orchard owners can source varieties best suited to their area.

We are restoring Rough Hill, our own beautiful, traditional orchard on the banks of the River Avon in Worcestershire, which is nationally significant for endangered saproxylic (dead-wood-loving) beetles and home to turtle doves, harvest mice and red-winged click beetles. A bird survey this year also recorded a song thrush, linnet and cuckoo, all red-listed species.

- > Details of over 5,000 fruit varieties are now in our database
- > Over £8,000 awarded in grants for fruit trees and rootstocks to restore traditional orchards
- > Six apple days and weekends attended to promote the conservation value of orchards





scientists where it has most impact.

Our top priority is to make sure we have the evidence necessary to conserve a species in trouble. Without a sound scientific rationale for the work, effort can be wasted. We support projects that offer a real insight into the problem - work that will make a lasting difference.

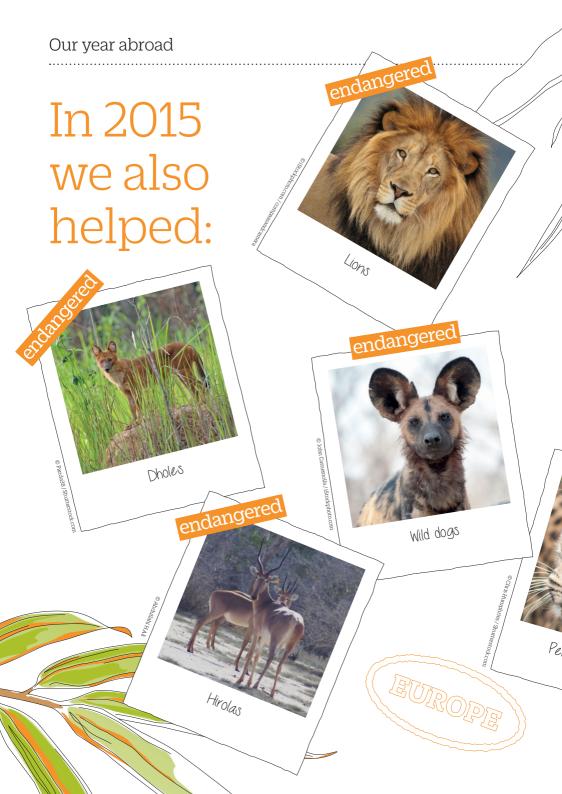
We offer worldwide conservation insight grants to conservationists for trialling or scoping an approach or technique and collecting practical information on the ground.

We awarded seven insight grants this year:

- > £19.000 to connect bamboo areas for Bale monkeys in Ethiopia
- > £19.950 to reduce human-carnivore conflict in Tanzania
- > £16.275 to save Javan slow lorises from the pet trade in Indonesia
- > £19,966 to protect saiga antelopes in Uzbekistan
- > £5,496 to restore Bawean warty pigs and their habitat in Indonesia
- > £8,251 to reintroduce northern river terrapins in India
- > £19,500 to survey and protect snow leopards in China
- > £4,700 to assess giraffe populations in

- > £20,875 emergency funds sent to discover the causes of the mass die-off of saiga antelopes in Kazakhstan
- The owners of thousands of hectares of grassland in South Africa signed five-year agreements to protect sungazers on their land
- > Ten livestock corrals created in the Mongolian Tost mountains to protect livestock and livelihoods from snow leopard attacks









Standing up for wildlife

Our success relies on the help and support of so many people.

Conservation volunteers, charitable trusts, individual supporters, expert advisors and the long-term commitment of our staff and trustees are all critical to us making a real and lasting difference to wildlife.

Some of our supporters in Maidenhead, led by Cheryl Wilde, opened our first charity shop on the high street. All the proceeds are helping endangered wildlife. Starting out life as a pop-up enterprise, the volunteer helpers have made the shop a must-visit destination and thoroughly enjoyed our excursion with them to Briddlesford Woods to see

how all their efforts were directly benefitting wildlife.

A very special thank you to Cheryl, Jackie Holton and Sheila Barwise and the many other volunteers for their exceptional contribution to our work.



Opening a charity shop was a golden opportunity to provide a sustained income for PTES and the vital work it carries out on behalf of wildlife."

Cheryl WildePTES shop founder

Thank you to all our volunteers



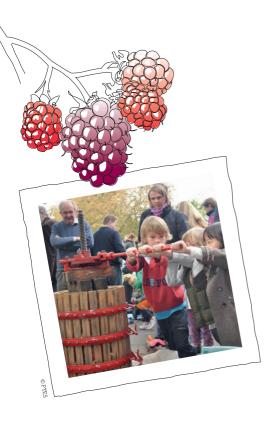
Volunteers

Our thousands of volunteers across the country are integral to the success of our work. Their support on the ground, week in, week out, includes:

- > Taking part in our Mammals on Roads, Living with Mammals and other surveys
- Making holes in garden fences for hedgehogs
- > Reporting stag beetle sightings
- > Recording sights and signs of water voles
- > Working in our charity shop in Maidenhead
- > Helping us with office work and data entry
- Monitoring and making dormouse boxes
- Grafting, planting and checking the condition of traditional orchards
- Helping at public events and enlisting friends through social media
- Joining work parties at our nature reserves
- Involving their friends through social media
- > Holding fundraising events

Our people

- > Wildlife World magazine now has monthly updates keeping our supporters in touch with all we do
- > We are engaged with more people than ever through our website and social media
- Our Wildlife Encounter wildlife watching events inspired visitors with the wonder of our natural world



Sharing the learning

As we find out more and more from our work and research, we share what we learn as much as we can.

Project leaders engage with local stakeholders in plenty of imaginative ways and some work is published in the scientific literature. This year, research was published arising from our work protecting the places where slow lorises live, predicting where bats are most likely to roost, understanding pine marten abundance, and using moths to test the efficacy of woodland creation schemes

Expert articles were published in a wide range of specialist newsletters and magazines about our work on key species. And the thousands of records we collect from all our survey work are submitted to the National Biodiversity Network for others to use when assessing development proposals or for further research.

We go way beyond a scientific audience too. Our outreach programme reaches amateurs and experts both young and old as we visit festivals, fairs and schools as well as all the training courses we run.



@ClaireCmb23: Looking forward to Ian White @PTES talking about national #dormouse monitoring programme tonight with @KentMammalGroup at @KentWildlife HQ



Conserving the natural world is a huge challenge, one that no-one can achieve alone. To be truly effective we work with others, something which we also enjoy.

We have partnerships with many organisations. Notable among these are:

- > Our hedgehog campaign with the British Hedgehog Preservation Society, Dr Pat Morris, Royal Horticultural Society, The Wildlife Trusts, RSPB, RSPCA, BTO, ZSL, Garden Wildlife Health, Royal Parks Foundation, Nottingham Trent University, University of Reading, Natural England, Natural Resources Wales, Nigel Reeve, GWCT, Gower Bird Hospital, Froglife, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Dorset Mammal Group, Russell Armer Homes, Jackson's Fencing, John Grime's Sawmills and Vinspired
- Natural England, ZSL, Paignton Zoo, the Common Dormouse Captive Breeders Group, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, Yorkshire Dales National Park, HMP Humber and the Ministry of Justice for dormouse conservation
- > Rob Strachan, Hampshire Wildlife Trust, Essex Wildlife Trust, Natural Resources Wales and the University of Aberdeen for water voles
- Natural Resources Wales, Natural England, National Trust, Orchard Network, Tidnor Orchard Trust, Three Counties Traditional Orchard Project, The National Fruit Collection, Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group, Mid-Shires Orchard Group and The

Little Owl project for traditional orchards

- Hedgelink for hedgerows; InvertLINK, Royal Holloway University of London, Aberystwyth University and University of Birmingham for invertebrates
- > Landscape Therapy, Jonathan Cox Associates, Isle of Wight Steam Railway, Davidson-Watts Ecology Ltd, Isle of Wight Council, Hants and IW Wildlife Trusts, Butterfly Conservation, Isle of Wight Natural History Society, Harry Green and the many people who help us manage Briddlesford and Rough Hill
- > Battersea Park Children's Zoo for outreach work.

Thank you to all our partners

Our trustees

Sheila Anderson, MBE Sylvia Kahn-Freund Andrew Kitchener Tony Mitchell-Jones Martin Rowson



Financial supporters

Most of our income comes from individuals through regular gifts and cash donations. Your generosity and lovalty are boundless and invaluable.

We are also greatly indebted to those who gave the ultimate gift to us by leaving a legacy so that we can plan ahead with confidence and respond quickly to need. We received over £378,513 in legacies this year from the following people:



Mr Brian Norman Bowcock
Ms Carolyn Bradley • Mr Howard Lloyd Davies
Mrs Patricia Davies

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During the year we gratefully received support from the following trusts and foundations:

Our most sincere thanks go to all our supporters



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Financial overview 2015

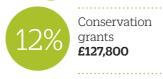
We are pleased to report that we have maintained broadly comparable income to recent years.

This year we benefitted less form legacy income. The trustees continue to invest in fundraising to diversify income streams as much as possible. During the year we created products to attract new supporters and invested in both traditional and digital marketing. We believe that we are well placed to maximise the return on that investment over the next few years.

How we raised our money



An increase of over 500% from 2014



£49.552



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Rental income £24.866

Donations **£437,073**



Nature reserves £35,874

Investment income £64,964

Selling sustainable timber from our woodland reserve helps fund its management

Investment policy: our trustees invest in companies that operate in an environmentally responsible way and our investment brokers are instructed accordingly.

Reserves policy: we maintain financial reserves at a level to meet all current conservation obligations including committed research grants, to be able to respond immediately to sudden and unexpected conservation need, and to be responsible employers.

The investment policy and level of reserves are reviewed annually.

Investment reserves stand at £1,478,797. Committed expenditure beyond 2015: £818,037 conservation grants.

How we spent our money

Total spend £1,374,863

(2014-£1,394,337)



UK conservation projects £427.465



Worldwide and UK research grants £379,488



Education £122,685



Nature reserve management £123,215



Raising funds £322,010

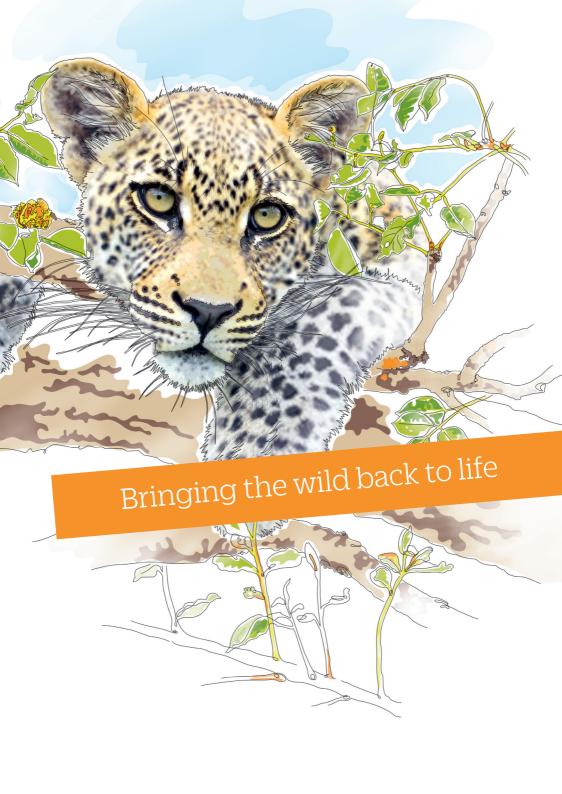
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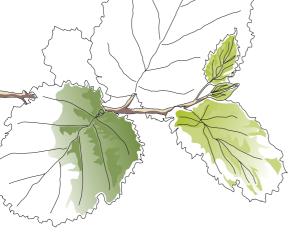
*For every £1 we spent on fundraising in 2015 we got £3.08 back, and hope to improve on this even more in 2016.

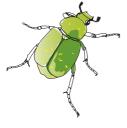


PTES' rigorous research, monitoring and practical action, targeted at the 39 species of mammal on the UK conservation priority list, has transformed our understanding of these animals - and the action we take to protect them"

Professor David Macdonald CBE Director, Wildlife Conservation Unit (WildCRU), University of Oxford









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