

# Annual REVIEW 2018/19



**Worcestershire  
Wildlife Trust**



Time seems to pass ever faster, and this past year has flown by. We've been especially busy with celebrating our 50 years as a nature conservation organisation alongside all our other diverse activities as summarised in this review of our year.

As always it is Trust members either engaging in volunteering or supporting us financially who enable all the work the Trust is doing for wildlife. This year, again, a vast amount of work has been done. You, together with volunteers, staff, funders, partners and our trustees show how much we as individuals can achieve for wildlife in the county.

The whole Wildlife Trust movement is working closely with

like-minded nature conservation organisations as part of the Greener UK coalition to ensure a powerful Environment Act is passed into law. As part of our Wilder Future campaign we are encouraging our supporters to contact their MP and ask them to stand up for wildlife. Please support us in this goal.

We have spent some of the past year working towards the most ambitious Trust project to date. In the north of the county we have the opportunity to purchase a large tract of land at Dropping Well Farm near Kidderminster. This land is currently farmed for arable crops that we will be able to restore, over time, to its original lowland heathland condition.

In doing so we will create the largest area of heathland in Worcestershire.

This project will need your support and we will soon be calling on members to help us raise the funding for this acquisition as well as on going practical support.

This is a fantastic opportunity to build on the last 50 years and show how, by each of us doing our bit locally, we build a better, more connected biodiverse world enriching our lives and those around us.



*David Mortiboys*  
Chair



# Thanks to you – our work in 2018/19



**36**

interviews of volunteers, recording their memories of volunteering over the past 50 years.



**970 m** of fox-proof fence added at Upton Warren to protect breeding avocets  
**3,000 m** of fencing replaced across our reserves to allow grazing which promotes wildflower.



**2,906**

acres owned or managed as nature reserves



**171**

farms and projects advised on through

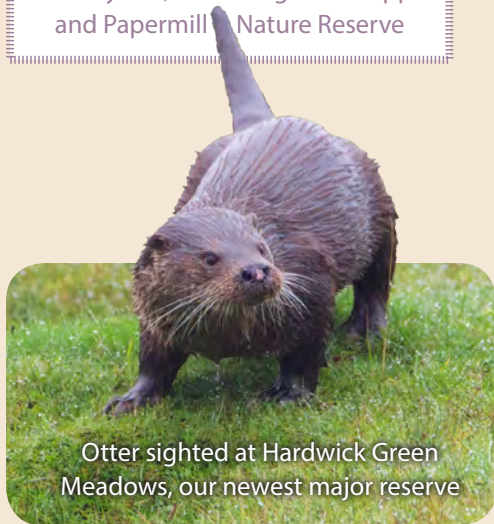
our Severn Trent Water partnership and Natural Networks project



First record in the UK of the parasitoid wasp *Diphysus latebricola* at the Helen Mackaness Reserve.

**100th**

patch of land acquired by the Trust in 50 years, extending The Knapp and Papermill Nature Reserve



Otter sighted at Hardwick Green Meadows, our newest major reserve

Peter Walkden



**200** green-winged orchids recorded in a field at Hollybed Farm Meadows nature reserve where two years ago there was only one.

Andy Bartlett

**90,000** logs produced and sold from conservation forestry on our reserves



**10,247**

species recorded on our nature reserves 1968–2019

**350** number of wildlife patches pledged



**7** root plates installed along Hoo Brook to slow the flow (through the Salmon in the Stour Project)



**42,000**

hours by volunteers throughout the year to support our work

**23,000+** members



**4,000**

school children visited Lower Smite Farm and The Knapp and Papermill from 100 school visits



**104** events held by the Trust and our **8** local groups during the year

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019**

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.19 Total funds £	31.3.18 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	804,657	370,893	395,757	1,571,307	2,258,366
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Education	22,188	-	-	22,188	26,846
Land Management Grant	251,917	-	9,459	261,376	301,637
Other trading activities	360,302	-	1,351	361,653	346,728
Investment income	57,796	-	-	57,796	59,634
Other income	27,340	-	-	27,340	23,390
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,524,200</b>	<b>370,893</b>	<b>406,567</b>	<b>2,301,660</b>	<b>3,016,601</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	644,608	7,710	5,099	657,417	648,052
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Education & Communication	118,781	-	-	118,781	110,373
Wider Countryside	163,281	-	4,987	168,268	168,748
Reserves	649,743	71,510	330,332	1,051,585	771,556
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,576,413</b>	<b>79,220</b>	<b>340,418</b>	<b>1,996,051</b>	<b>1,698,729</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	73,506	-	73,506	(57,430)
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>(52,213)</b>	<b>365,179</b>	<b>66,149</b>	<b>379,115</b>	<b>1,260,442</b>
Transfers between funds	148,914	-	(148,914)	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Fund</b>	<b>96,701</b>	<b>365,179</b>	<b>(82,765)</b>	<b>379,115</b>	<b>1,260,442</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>5,115,804</b>	<b>2,857,671</b>	<b>6,607,243</b>	<b>14,580,718</b>	<b>13,320,276</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>5,212,505</b>	<b>3,222,850</b>	<b>6,524,478</b>	<b>14,959,833</b>	<b>14,580,718</b>

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2019**

	Group		Charity	
	31.3.19 £	31.3.18 £	31.3.19 £	31.3.18 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Tangible assets	12,080,314	12,020,150	12,078,141	12,019,976
Investments	2,501,141	1,928,519	2,511,141	1,938,519
	14,581,455	13,948,669	14,589,282	13,958,495
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Stocks	91,980	87,399	-	-
Debtors	396,038	572,327	540,255	719,209
Cash at bank and in hand	393,404	558,123	324,538	476,843
	881,422	1,217,849	864,793	1,196,052
<b>CREDITORS</b>				
Amounts falling due within one year	(159,338)	(174,244)	(153,674)	(163,216)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>722,084</b>	<b>1,043,605</b>	<b>711,119</b>	<b>1,032,836</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>15,303,539</b>	<b>14,992,274</b>	<b>15,300,401</b>	<b>14,991,331</b>
<b>CREDITORS</b>				
Amounts falling due after more than one year	(343,706)	(411,556)	(343,706)	(411,556)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>14,959,833</b>	<b>14,580,718</b>	<b>14,956,695</b>	<b>14,579,775</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>				
Unrestricted funds	8,435,355	7,973,475	8,430,571	7,969,636
Restricted funds	6,524,478	6,607,243	6,526,124	6,610,139
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>14,959,833</b>	<b>14,580,718</b>	<b>14,956,695</b>	<b>14,579,775</b>

**Financial Report**

**Unrestricted Funds**

These represent income that may be used without any restriction to meet the charity's objectives

**Designated Funds**

The Trustees may formally designate part of the unrestricted funds for a particular purpose, although any unspent funds may later be re-classified as unrestricted.

**Restricted Funds**

These are funds that have been given by donors and funding bodies for specific purposes and such income may only be spent in furthering those purposes or objectives.

**Financial Performance**

Before adding £180,260 gains on investments, a deficit of £27,105 was recorded in the year. Income included £193,010 from legacies and £24,903 from our trading subsidiary. Net assets stand at £13,320,276, of which £11,212,944 represents the value of our nature reserves and other fixed assets and £1,845,466 the value of our investments. At 31 March 2017 £2,663,642 was designated for use in conservation and development projects.

**Independent Auditors' Report to the members and trustees of Worcestershire Wildlife Trust**

Due to the increasing length of Auditors' Reports required by today's accounting standards, it is not possible to include the report in this brief financial summary. However, the Auditors' Report from Thorne Widgery is included in the Trust's published accounts, which will be available at or immediately after the Annual General Meeting.

For the purposes of this Annual Review, the Trustees are pleased to confirm that with the exception of the pension deficit (which is discussed in the full audit report), the audit was successfully completed and the information in the Trustees' Annual Report, from which this statement of financial activities and balance sheet are extracted, is consistent with the financial statements.

Auditors:  
Thorne Widgery Accountancy Ltd  
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## Members and Supporters

Thank you to all members, supporters and partners of Worcestershire Wildlife Trust who contribute to the future of wildlife in our county.

### Legacies for wildlife

Gifts left to us in Wills have been critical for purchasing nature reserves, assisting with their development and for other specific uses as agreed by our Council of Trustees. We are indebted to those who have left gifts to the Trust this year:

Ronald and Shirley Cull  
David Hughes  
Barbara Jennings  
Douglas MacFarlane  
Stephen Newton  
Muriel Pusey  
Dr Chris Sennett  
Julia Thomas Wade  
Angela Wynn

We are also grateful for those who have donated to us in memory of loved ones.

### Grants and donations

Thank you to the organisations and individuals who have provided us with a grant or donation during the year. These include the following:

The Heritage Fund  
Severn Waste Services  
Anne Spurgeon and Tim Carter  
Biffa Award  
Tesco Bags of Help  
The Norman and Evelyn Proffitt  
Trust  
Kiddivouchers



## The Worcestershire Wildlife Medal 2018



The Worcestershire Wildlife Medal is awarded 'For dedicated services to nature conservation in Worcestershire'.

In 2018 the medal was awarded to John Tilt.

John Tilt is a long-standing Worcestershire naturalist and biological recorder especially of butterflies, birds, trees and other plants. He is the outstanding and very effective volunteer manager of Grafton Wood Reserve (owned jointly by Worcestershire Wildlife Trust and Butterfly Conservation) and has been since its acquisition. He has played a leading role in planning and undertaking conservation management of the wood. He recently retired after effective spell as Chairman of the Butterfly Conservation West Midlands Branch. He was a leading creator of Worcestershire's Ancient Tree recording scheme, constructing the first database and undertaking extensive field work in the early years of the survey.

### WNCT Enterprises

This wholly owned independent company encompasses Worcestershire Wildlife Consultancy which provides independent ecological services to individuals and commercial clients. Profits from these services together with those from facilities hire and sales activities are covenanted directly to support the charitable activities of Worcestershire Wildlife Trust. Thanks to everyone who has used our consultancy, hired our meeting space or purchased logs, cards, bird seed or other items from us. Every purchase makes a difference to wildlife.

**To find out more please visit  
[www.worcestershirewildlifeconsultancy.org](http://www.worcestershirewildlifeconsultancy.org)**

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