



Surrey
Wildlife Trust



Leaving a Gift for Nature

Your lasting legacy for wildlife



Talk to us

If you'd like to speak to us about leaving a legacy for nature, please call us on **01483 663297** or email **fundraising@surreywt.org.uk**



Your dedication to local nature is inspiring

Thank you for caring about local wildlife and for understanding how important it is that we protect Surrey's nature for future generations.

Surrey Wildlife Trust has big plans to accelerate our impact on nature locally and help reach the national goal of restoring 30% of nature for wildlife by 2030. By working with other landowners, public bodies and communities across Surrey, we're connecting and protecting Surrey's precious heathland, chalk grassland, ancient woodland and wetlands to create healthy habitats which are brimming with life.

Gifts in Wills fund a significant portion of our work every year, and a gift of any size will have an impact on the natural world around us. You too can support our work by including a gift in your Will - a gift dedicated to saving endangered wildlife and giving future generations the opportunity to enjoy a wildlife-rich natural world.

Thank you for considering leaving a gift for nature.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Jane". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sarah Jane Chimbwandira, Chief Executive

A Living Legacy for VANN LAKE

This secluded reserve near Ockley is brimming with stunning flora and fauna.

It supports a variety of habitats including wet and dry woodland and open water, and is best known for its fungi – of which over 900 species have been recorded, including six species new to Britain.

Vann Lake is a fine example of ancient woodland. Surrounding an eight-acre man-made lake, it is thought to date from the mid-18th century, when a gill was dammed to form a 'hammer pond' to power a mill, which was never built.

Surrey Wildlife Trust has owned and managed the site since 1987, but as of 2023 a new acre of land next to the existing reserve became available to buy. Through a generous living legacy, its purchase was secured.

The whole reserve – including the newly-acquired area – is a SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest), designated because of its ecological richness.

As someone who cares passionately about Surrey's wild places, our kind donor wanted to leave a living legacy which would be realised during their lifetime and last far beyond.

Anyone who cares about wildlife has a marvellous opportunity to do something unique, by remembering their local Wildlife Trust in their Will. This generous act is one of the most important things you can do to make sure the species and habitats we love will be there for future generations to enjoy.

By leaving a legacy for wildlife in your Will, you are giving a gift that keeps on growing.

The thing that impresses me most is that this individual shares our belief that - in the face of a climate and nature emergency - optimism and action are the only sensible response.

James Herd, Director of Reserves Management

How to include a gift for nature in your Will

Many people choose to support us by leaving a percentage, or **'residual gift'**, of whatever is left from their estate once everything else is paid out.

This allows them to ensure their loved ones are looked after first and foremost. A residual gift also keeps pace with inflation. Even 1% of your estate can be a significant gift.

Making your Will is the only way to be absolutely certain that your money

and belongings go to the people and causes you care about. Investing some time and effort now will give you the peace of mind that your affairs are in order.

If you would like more information about leaving a gift to Surrey Wildlife Trust, please complete the form overleaf, or contact us using the details provided.

Terry Whittaker/2020VISION



Write your Will for FREE with us

We're working with trusted partners to offer supporters the opportunity to write their Wills for **FREE**, with no obligations whatsoever.

In each case, we cover a discretionary fee for a limited number of simple Wills to be written.

We recommend either speaking to a solicitor or contacting the Law Society or local Citizens Advice Bureau if you would like to create or update a Will.

Our partners

Octopus Legacy

Complete your Will online, over the phone, or face-to-face with a solicitor.

The Free Wills Network

Have your Will written by a local solicitor.

Find out more at surreywildlifetrust.org/legacies

Please get in touch

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Our promises to you:

- We understand that your loved ones will always come first
- We won't ask you about the size or type of your gift
- We respect your right to change your mind
- Our gift will be used to support our areas of greatest need

We'd love to hear from you

Leaving a gift in your Will is a very personal decision and, should you wish to share your plans, we would like to thank you and keep in touch with you about the impact your gift will make.



Fill in this form and return it to us, or complete our online form by **scanning the QR code** or visiting **surreywildlifetrust.org/legacies**

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- I have already included a gift to Surrey Wildlife Trust in my Will
- I would like to know more about leaving a gift in my Will to Surrey Wildlife Trust
- I would like to speak to Surrey Wildlife Trust about supporting in this way

Please get in touch with me using my details below:

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By email By phone By post

Title ____ Initials _____ Surname _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Email _____ Tel _____

If you would prefer to contact us directly please call us on **01483 663297** or email **fundraising@surreywt.org.uk**

Please return this form to:

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Surrey Wildlife Trust, School Lane, Pirbright, Woking, Surrey, GU24 0JN

Keep up to date

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If we don't already, we'd love to keep you updated by email about Surrey Wildlife Trust and send you useful information on how you can get involved and help protect wildlife in Surrey.

Yes please No thanks, not interested

Surrey Wildlife Trust will use your email address to contact you about how you can help protect Surrey's wildlife. We promise never to sell or swap your details and you can opt out at any time. View our Privacy Policy at surreywildlifetrust.org/policies

A legacy donation may be used as payment for a Landfill Operator as part of the LCF. If used for this purpose, donations may not be applicable for Gift Aid. Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) is a way for Landfill Operators and Environmental Bodies to work in partnership to create environmental and community benefits.

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