

Annual Review

2009/2010

Herts and
Middlesex





FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Firstly, a heartfelt thanks to Richard Ball for the dedication he has shown to the Trust over the last 14 years – it's a pleasure to be taking over the mantle of Chairman from him, and a challenge at the same time!

What strikes me about this year's report is not a big, front page story. It's all the little stories. The work we do every day, to keep our nature reserves just right for wildlife. I'll admit, reedbed restoration doesn't sound very exciting does it? But the work we carried out on Hertfordshire reedbeds has meant record numbers of a very rare bird, the bittern, wintered here – 16% of all the bitterns recorded in the whole of the UK, in fact. It's these everyday jobs we do that, collectively, will help to protect wildlife for the future.

Talking of the future, the Trust is now up to speed with a brand new website, www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk and we have big plans to extend our digital influence further. We are now on Facebook and Twitter too! These channels are helping us to tell more and more people about the wonderful wildlife in our counties, as quick as a flash. We are also using these tools to show people what they can do, as individuals, to enjoy nature - and how to take action to protect it too.

Our work in the Stort Valley over the last year (opposite) has been all about engaging with individuals. This project has been particularly rewarding: we reached people who have never enjoyed a walk in a nature reserve before. Inspiring people about nature is one of the most powerful things we can do: each positive interaction with a person is a success story.

Our membership continues to grow. With over 21,000 members we are a strong, dynamic organisation. I would like to thank all of our members for their continued support, and all of the partners we have worked with over the year. Together we can keep these success stories happening every day.

Mike Master, Chairman

ABOUT US

Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust works to protect wildlife. The charity manages 1,900 acres, from beautiful wetlands and woodlands to rare patches of heath and orchard. We take practical action every day to help wildlife flourish, through the management of our 43 nature reserves and the protection of the species that live there.

With long term strategies for the conservation and development of environments rich in wildlife, we want everyone to be able to enjoy and benefit from access to nature. In the face of climate change, the survival of our native wildlife now depends not only on retaining existing habitats but on the active expansion and reconnection of these green spaces. Our vision is of a living landscape, rich for wildlife and for people too.

Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust is one of 47 Trusts across the UK; together we are the biggest voluntary organisation in the country dedicated to protecting the full range of UK species and habitats for the future, with more than 750,000 members and 200,000 acres of wild spaces in our care.

TRUST MANAGEMENT

Honorary President: Sir Simon Alexander Bowes Lyon, KCVO

Honorary Vice-Presidents: Richard Ball (elected 17th October 2009), William Hunter Darling, Colonel Peter Echlin Gerahty, Robert Wilson.

Our condolences go to the family of William Hunter Darling, who died in March 2010.

For the purposes of the Companies Act 1985, the Council of Management is regarded as the Board of Directors of the Company. The following served as Charity Trustees on the Council of Management during the period and up to the date of this report.

Richard Ball (Chairman – until 17th October 2009), Tim Bell (from 23 July 2009), John Bristow (Treasurer), Agneta Burton (from 23rd July 2009), Dr. Veronica Edmonds Brown (Vice Chairman), John Foster (until 13th September 2008), Dr. David Gompertz (until 17th October 2009), Paul Knutson, Michael Master (Chairman – from 17th October 2009), Paul Moran, Anthony Oliver, Steve Shaw, David Telford.

Company secretary: Brenda Barrett

Principal staff: Judith Adams (Chief Executive), Valerie Johnson (Finance Manager), Tim Hill (Conservation Manager), Stephen Bound (Reserves for People Manager), Danielle Porteous (Marketing and Fundraising Manager).



A Great Start!



In 2009 we launched our Connecting People with the Stort Valley Project. We've had great success engaging with hundreds of local people over the year, encouraging them to get close to nature right on their doorsteps.

Funded by



The project was designed to give people, particularly in Harlow and Bishop's Stortford, the opportunity to discover the natural and social heritage of the Stort Valley and its open spaces. Our aim is to involve a whole new audience with nature, with a focus on disadvantaged communities.

HIGHLIGHTS

More than 500 local people attended walks, talks and boat trips on the River Stort.

Connections were made with local people through community groups in Harlow, including schools and care homes. Most of these groups are based in the top 10% of deprived wards in the East of England.

We raised the profile of the Stort Valley through the launch of a new brand, which was rolled out across the web, publications and at events.

We supported volunteer conservation groups in the area to carry out 60 work parties, providing them with tools, clothing and protective equipment.

From left to right:

Students from Mark Hall Specialist Sports College helped brighten up a bird hide at Maymeads Marsh Nature Reserve; locals got close to wildlife at Sawbridgeworth Lake; Schoolchildren enjoyed a boat trip on the River Stort.



Review of Activities



STANDING UP FOR WILDLIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Trust continues to lead on biodiversity action plans for wetlands, grasslands, urban habitats, otters, water voles, bitterns and black-necked grebes. A significant milestone was reached in the bittern action plan with booming (singing) bitterns heard on two separate nature reserves, showing that the habitat and food stocks are finally proving attractive enough for potential breeding.

Helping bitterns beat the big freeze

This winter was the coldest on record for a generation and it made life extremely difficult for much of our wildlife. Weeks of frozen conditions at the start of 2010 meant that most of our reserve lakes became completely iced. For fish eating rare birds such as bitterns, there was a real danger of starvation. To try to help them, Trust staff carried out supplementary feeding of sprats, where the bitterns were seen walking around on the ice. The action seemed to pay off as all four bitterns seen at Amwell before the cold snap were seen again when the thaw eventually arrived. The story was also picked up by BBC Three Counties Radio, with the Trust's Conservation Manager being interviewed on two separate occasions. The reedbeds of Hertfordshire and the Lee Valley attracted 16 bitterns in total. With only around 100 recorded in the UK, our area remains vitally important to the conservation of this still rare bird.

Nesting sites for ospreys

This year, the Trust designed and managed the construction of two osprey nest sites. At Stockers Lake, funding was provided by Veolia Water and Natural England's Countryside Stewardship funding enabled another to be built on a private estate near the Trust's Amwell Nature Reserve. More nests will be built as and when funding can be secured. By providing nesting sites we hope to encourage the ospreys to breed.



Bittern

Water vole project in its final year

The Heritage Lottery Funded 'Wetlands for Water Voles and People' moved into its third and final year. Habitat improvements, including pond creation and willow pollarding, were combined with the installation of a viewing platform and information boards at Frogmore Meadows Nature Reserve (below) and a replacement two storey bird hide was installed at Tewinbury Nature Reserve with new information boards.



Working with planners

Pressure for development in Hertfordshire and Middlesex continues. The Trust considered 570 planning applications and made written responses to 343, either objecting outright or suggesting conditions to protect wildlife. We are delighted that our monitoring of the planning decisions showed that 105 (31%) of applications were either refused or contained conditions for wildlife. We continued to work with local authorities as they develop their strategic plans, ensuring that they incorporate biodiversity initiatives and link to the objectives set out in the Hertfordshire Biodiversity Action Plan – this year we contributed to 19 development plans. Eleven Local Strategic Partnerships are operational in the Trust's area and we engaged with four of these in the past year. In addition, the Trust made a continuing contribution to the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority's 'Park Development Framework', attending workshops and providing detailed comments on drafts.

Surveying for otters

The Trust carried out an otter survey of the Colne Valley from Rickmansworth to the River Thames. Encouragingly, the quality of wetland habitat for otters was found to be very high. The major constraint for otters in the Colne was found to be the high numbers of obstacles to their free movement such as locks and weirs on rivers. The survey also identified solutions to these problems, as well as general proposals for habitat management. Implementation of the recommendations will be delivered over the coming years through the Trust and its partners.

Continuing work in the Stort Valley

The Trust continued its lead of the Stort Valley Partnership. The Action Plan has been progressed and refreshed and further development of the towpath and the Connecting People with the Stort Valley Project has been supported by Growth Area Funding from Homes and Communities Agency.

Consultancy

The Trust's Consultancy helped a wide range of organisations to conserve the counties' biodiversity and in so doing made a healthy financial contribution to the Trust – all profits go to supporting our work. A total of 19 projects were completed, ranging from reptile, water vole, botanical and bat surveys to the restoration of a scheduled ancient monument and ponds. Of particular note was the researching and production of a Biodiversity Action Plan for Stevenage Borough Council.

CREATING AND ENHANCING WILDLIFE HAVENS

Reedbed restoration

Work continued at three sites. At Marsworth Reservoir, the Trust provided expert habitat management advice to British Waterways. The Trust supervised reedbed restoration using the Truxor – an amphibious reed cutting machine used to create 550 metres of channels and new pools. The work is aimed at increasing the length of reedbed 'edge' the preferred habitat for feeding bitterns. The Truxor was also used at the Trust's Amwell Nature Reserve, thanks to funding from the Environment Agency where channels and pools were also cut. We are working to increase fish populations on wetland reserves to provide food for bitterns and other fish-eating creatures. Over 3,000 rudd were introduced to Amwell in the early spring. The funding also enabled us to create fish refuges by felling bankside trees into the lake – the tangle of branches and twigs underwater provide cover for the fish.

Helping water voles and reed warblers

In the Mimram Valley, at our Tewinbury Nature Reserve, we continued our restoration of the wetlands aimed at conserving water voles and improving habitats for birds such as reed warblers. Environment Agency



More reed warblers were recorded at Tewinbury last year than at any time in the last 26 years.

and Thames Water funding enabled us to remove shading scrub from the reedbeds and to pollard large bankside willows which were also shading the voles' habitats. As a result of the restoration work, the numbers of breeding reed warblers has been increasing with record breaking numbers recorded in 2009. Tewinbury remains one of the best locations to watch water voles in Hertfordshire.

Caring for our wetlands

Ditch restoration at King's Meads Nature Reserve continued. Approximately 250 metres of overgrown ditch was cleared and overhanging scrub removed in order to encourage the establishment of marginal vegetation. King's Meads has strong and growing populations of water voles and dragonflies and these works will benefit these and other species.

Rare wildlife returning

Our management of Hunsdon Mead Nature Reserve, a floodplain meadow, is carried out in partnership with the local farmer who takes a hay crop and then grazes the meadow with sheep through the autumn. This traditional regime is allowing wildlife to thrive – in 2009 there were



Green-winged orchid

winged orchids flowering amongst a sea of hundreds of cowslips. A rare jewel beetle, *agrilus sinuatus* was found in old hawthorns which border the meadow.

Caring for our woodlands

The Trust undertook significant woodland management works, through funding from the Forestry Commission's Woodland Improvement Grant Scheme. The majority of this work focused on increasing light levels and open ground within the woodland, which will benefit ground flora, invertebrates, birds and bats. Fir and Pond Woods, Balls Wood and Gobions Wood Nature Reserves benefitted.

At Balls Wood one hectare of hornbeam coppice was brought back into management and a derelict ride,



created to provide access for extracting timber from the coppice blocks, was restored. A hectare of oak – planted approximately 30 years ago by the previous owners of the wood – was thinned. Widening along a 100 metre length of ride was completed and three new glades were created. Balls Wood is home to a number of rare or notable species, including the purple emperor, white admiral and silver washed fritillary butterflies and these works will significantly benefit these species. The substantial quantity of timber harvested as a result of this work has been sold to a fuel wood dealer, ensuring that costs were covered by income.

At Gobions Wood Nature Reserve a hectare of rhododendron was cleared. As rhododendron is invasive, casts heavy shade and is also poisonous to mammals and insects, it has a negative impact on the ecology of areas where it grows densely. The area will be closely monitored over the coming years to assess regeneration of native species.

At Fir and Pond Wood Nature Reserve, regeneration of oaks has been limited – possibly due in part to the suppression of saplings by bracken. Several hundred oaks have been planted in openings in the wood, in order to try to establish replacement trees for the mature oaks.

Management changes

The Chorleywood Estate was made a Local Nature Reserve, along with our Chorleywood Dell Nature Reserve. It was timely for us therefore to return 'our site' (the Dell) to Three Rivers District Council, ensuring that the reserve could take its rightful place as part of the LNR.

Telegraph Hill, which we have counted as one of our reserves, had been managed under an informal agreement with the landowner. However, the lack of a secure long-term agreement means we can no longer count it as one of our reserves. We continue to support annual maintenance work to ensure the wildflowers are protected.

Restoring Long Deans

The first phase of the 'Restoring Long Deans Nature Reserve' project, funded by Veolia Water, was completed. This involved replacing almost a kilometre of livestock fencing to enable the reintroduction of cattle grazing. In addition, a survey of the veteran parkland trees was carried out, resulting in a number of management recommendations. Work to the veteran trees, aimed at improving their health and prolonging their life, was undertaken. Scrub encroaching from the woodland into the grassland was cleared, along with scrub which had established in the old walled pond at the eastern end of the site.

INSPIRING PEOPLE ABOUT THE NATURAL WORLD

Learning to record wildlife

In the last year, HMWT, in partnership with Herts Natural History Society, University of Hertfordshire and Lee Valley Regional Park Authority, organised and managed the 'Learning About Wildlife' training programme. One of the main aims of the programme was to encourage more people to take part in the recording of the counties' wildlife by providing the necessary skills to do so. Over the course of the year 161 people attended 12 workshops. Workshop themes were varied and included the ecology of wildfowl, water voles, bats, plant identification including grasses, wildflowers and trees, as well as hedgelaying and tracks and signs.

Reaching people through events

Trust staff gave talks to 46 groups and societies with 1,440 people in attendance. Forty one guided walks were led across the counties attracting 485 participants. The Trust also participated in 19 events organised by others, making contact with 3,850 people. HMWT local groups and volunteers led over 40 local events and talks.



Ecologists taking practical action for water voles during an HMWT workshop.



Getting freshers interested in wildlife at the University of Hertfordshire.

Our Festival of Trees event last December attracted more than 2,000 people.



The Trust created and ran the Festival of the Trees event in St Albans in December 2009. The three-day community event included a display of over 50 trees decorated by local organisations and societies. The festival attracted over 2,000 visitors and allowed us to build new relationships with over 40 local organisations.

Through the bittern action plan, the Trust co-ordinated Hertfordshire Bittern Day with events at all the key wintering sites for this rare bird.

In September, staff from the Wetlands for Water Voles and People Project led a workshop entitled 'Practical Action for Water Voles' for professional ecologists, as part of a national programme of training facilitated by the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (IEEM).

HMWT co-sponsored a county conference on Green Infrastructure which attracted over 70 participants in November. The conference aimed to raise awareness of how green spaces can deliver a variety of benefits for people including health, well being and social cohesion.

Schools and families

The Trust renewed the Schools WATCH Membership offer, to include the new quarterly Wildlife WATCH resource materials and to encourage more classroom based learning. HMWT, working in partnership with Opticron, ran two family 'Learn to Birdwatch' sessions during the winter at Verulamium Park and Stockers Lake NR. Visitors used binoculars to watch birds, learnt more about local wildlife from our staff and were encouraged to join the Trust as members.

Fostering sustainable living

Our Go 4 Green campaign – coinciding with World Environment Day in June – once again attracted the support of Hertfordshire businesses. People dressed

in green for the day and donated money to HMWT. We also continue to give regular reminders to our members that they can help us to raise money for conservation projects (and do their bit for the local environment) by recycling mobile phones and computer printer ink cartridges.

Through *Wildlife Matters*, we urged readers to support local food suppliers and to source local products where possible.

INCREASING OUR PROFILE

New website launched

In September 2009, HMWT launched its new and improved website at www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk. In addition to a new modern look and format, the site includes interactive reserve maps, events calendar and booking, online donations, news pages and downloadable wildlife information. All Trust staff have been trained to use the content management system and are contributing regularly to the content of the site. In the first six months of operation the website has increased its number of hits by 10,000 (total 32,000) and attracted over 18,000 unique visitors.

Gaining recognition

In July, volunteer warden Michael Clark met Prime Minister Gordon Brown at a reception for conservation volunteers at 10 Downing Street. Michael was one of a number of Wildlife Trust volunteers honoured for their service to conservation.

In November, HMWT were announced as winners of a Mercury and Observer Newspaper Community Award. The award honoured the Trust's fundraising campaign to purchase Balls Wood Nature Reserve and the support of the local community.



Our Balls Wood fundraising campaign won us a Community Award.

Media coverage

HMWT reserves were featured in two national magazines. In November, Aldbury Nowers NR was included in *Geographical* magazine's feature on the Chiltern AONB and in January Hunsdon Meads was listed as one of 'The Most Extreme Places in Britain' by *BBC Wildlife* magazine.

Throughout the year we have promoted our aims, projects and events through local media. In September HMWT began a monthly "wildlife spot" on community radio station Verulam Radio as well as a new monthly "out and about" series on BBC Three Counties Radio, working in partnership with two neighbouring trusts. *Hertfordshire Life* magazine continues to work well for us, reaching many readers who might otherwise not be aware of our conservation work.

Public affairs

MP for Broxbourne, Charles Walker met with the Trust this year. Being a keen countryman, he was keen to find out more about our work on rivers and wetlands and the value of our work to his constituents. He also worked with the Trust on a river restoration scheme in Waltham Cross, close to the 2012 London Olympics White Water Canoe Course. The restoration works aims to benefit Water Voles and Otters and provide opportunities for local people to get close to river wildlife.



DEVELOPING OUR RESOURCES

Corporate

We have been developing and strengthening corporate relationships this year – working closely with Aylett Nurseries, Capel Manor, GlaxoSmithKline, Van Hage Nurseries, Barclays, Opticron and Cadbury UK – a number of whom also participated in work parties on our nature reserves. We also continued our partnership with optical equipment retailer, In Focus, to use a hide at Amwell Nature Reserve for the demonstration and sale of binoculars and telescopes and are also hosting a Trust display and leaflets at their London Colney shop.

Membership income

Our members continue to provide a vital source of income and influence, making a huge contribution to our work, with membership subscriptions alone providing over £774,000 of our income. Our membership grew by 7.8% to 11,996 households.

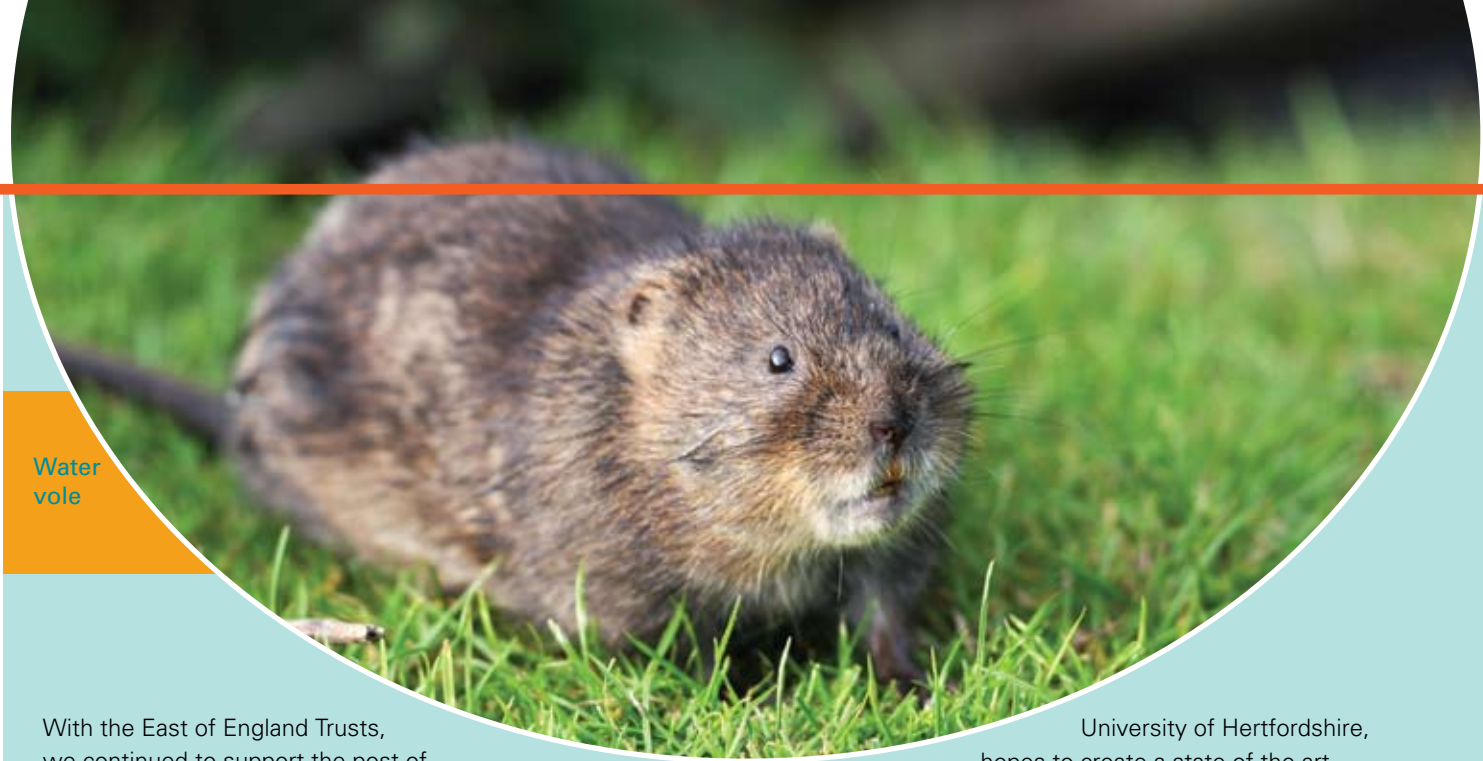
Legacies

In addition, legacies are an important source of support for our work and this year HMWT benefited from the support of several legacy gifts, totalling £54,220. Legacies make an important contribution to our work and are a positive way for supporters to ensure that their love of wildlife can continue to benefit us into the future.

SUPPORTING THE WILDLIFE TRUSTS

HMWT welcomed the completion by the Wildlife Trusts of a Memorandum of Cooperation, which all 47 Wildlife Trusts are encouraged to sign. HMWT was the first Trust to do so, demonstrating our willingness to work together with others for the good of wildlife conservation.

We also were pleased to join the Wildlife Trusts at Westminster to celebrate 100 Living Landscape schemes up and running across TWTs.



Water vole

With the East of England Trusts, we continued to support the post of Head of Conservation Policy, who enabled us to play a part in both the Regional Biodiversity Forum and the East of England Environment Forum, enabling us to keep the environment firmly on the agenda at a regional level.

To work towards Excellence in Governance and Management

Governance

At the AGM in October, Richard Ball, our Chairman for more than 14 years stepped down and Michael Master was elected as our new Chairman. Trustees, staff, volunteers and members would like to thank Richard for his support over the years.

Accommodation

We are currently exploring opportunities to build a new headquarters at a site owned by the University of Hertfordshire in Bayfordbury near Hertford. This project, which is a partnership between Groundwork Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire and Middlesex Wildlife Trust and the

University of Hertfordshire, hopes to create a state of the art, sustainably built centre for Hertfordshire and the Eastern Region.

The new building will allow us to grow our operations and expand our work to protect wildlife across the two counties. Both HMWT and Groundwork will be able to offer training, education and employment at a bespoke site, giving us the capacity to deliver our vision of a landscape rich in wildlife. During the year the design phase was completed and a planning application is due to be made in 2010/11.

Staffing

A review of the Income Generation Strategy led to a restructuring of the Fundraising and Marketing team, with a new post dedicated to membership development. In addition, Trustees agreed to support a new post of Head of Living Landscapes to increase managerial competencies within the Trust, to support the delivery of Living Landscapes and enable increased partnerships and funding activity to take place.

The key actions for 2010/11 are:

OBJECTIVE 1

TO STAND UP FOR WILDLIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Trust needs to secure support for wildlife throughout the two counties. It will contribute to strategic plans, both locally and regionally and review and comment on planning applications affecting Wildlife Sites. It also has the lead role in various Biodiversity Action Plans. The Trust leads the Wildlife Sites Partnership and wants to accelerate the survey and monitoring programme to inform advisory work and planning.

Key actions for 2010/11:

- Deliver 2010 General Election advocacy work
- Monitor and report on our development control work
- Deliver final year of Wetlands for Water Voles and People project

OBJECTIVE 2

TO CREATE AND ENHANCE WILDLIFE HAVENS

Our nature reserves provide opportunities for managing wildlife, securing the future for habitats and species and providing practical demonstrations of conservation management. They also benefit people, providing enjoyment, opportunities for learning and improving our health.

To achieve the best for wildlife and people we will need to improve, extend and develop our reserves and work on a larger landscape scale, beyond our reserves, with other partners and landowners.

Key actions for 2010/11:

- Lead South Herts Woods Living Landscape. Complete work for stage 1 and secure funding for the development
- Secure tenure and deliver phase 1 works at Thorley Flood Pound
- Secure WGS and HLS funds for all relevant reserves

OBJECTIVE 3

TO INSPIRE PEOPLE ABOUT THE NATURAL WORLD

People are integral to the future of wildlife! Winning hearts and minds, enabling the public to understand and enjoy wildlife and nurturing volunteering will contribute to the environment and people's quality of life.

Key actions for 2010/11:

- Deliver year two of 'Connecting People with the Stort Valley' project
- Complete signage of all our reserves – Barkway, Hexton, Hunsdon, Oughtonhead

OBJECTIVE 4

TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUAL ACTION FOR WILDLIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Trust is seeking to ensure it is operating sustainably, and looks to promote low impact living throughout Herts and Middlesex. In addition, through volunteering, membership and community work, the Trust is encouraging individuals to take action.

Key actions for 2010/11:

- Develop the Volunteer Forum and volunteering

These objectives are underpinned by our operational objectives, including:

OBJECTIVE 5

TO INCREASE OUR INFLUENCE

Key actions for 2010/11:

- To develop an advocacy plan
- To deliver the advocacy plan for the election

OBJECTIVE 6

TO RAISE OUR PROFILE

Key actions for 2010/11:

- Merge Wildlife Matters with Natural World and re-launch
- Achieve 125 media hits of Trust news

OBJECTIVE 7

TO GROW OUR RESOURCES FOR ACTION AND ADVOCACY

Gaining more influence requires greater resources! Developing a wider and larger funding base, increasing the role that grant aid can play, having more involvement with the business community, and increasing the volunteer contribution are all part of this objective.

Key actions for 2010/11:

- Increase membership to 12,310 and income to £915,920
- Undertake direct mail membership recruitment campaign
- Implement the Income Generation Strategy

OBJECTIVE 8

TO COOPERATE EFFECTIVELY WITHIN THE WILDLIFE TRUSTS (TWTs)

TWTs enable us to work for wildlife nationally and work to a plan supported by all the local Wildlife Trusts. It is incumbent upon us to cooperate to ensure the RSWT office can be effective on our behalves. We will continue to provide regular data on performance against targets and communicate regularly with RSWT on campaigning and media issues.

OBJECTIVE 9

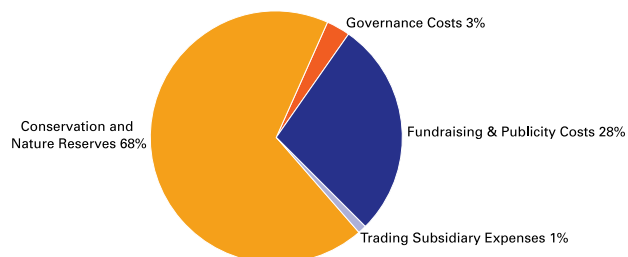
TO DEVELOP EXCELLENCE IN STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

- To recruit a Head of Living Landscapes
- Produce Business Recovery/Continuity plan
- Review and produce updated Staff Manual
- Produce Strategic Business Plan 2011/2016

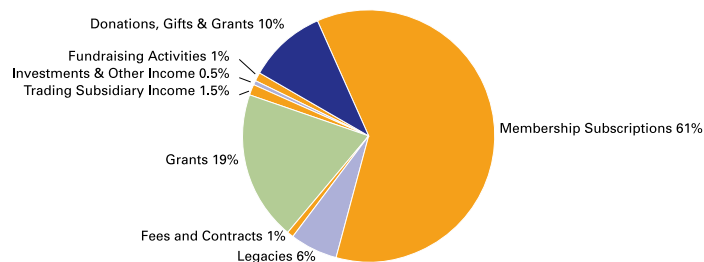
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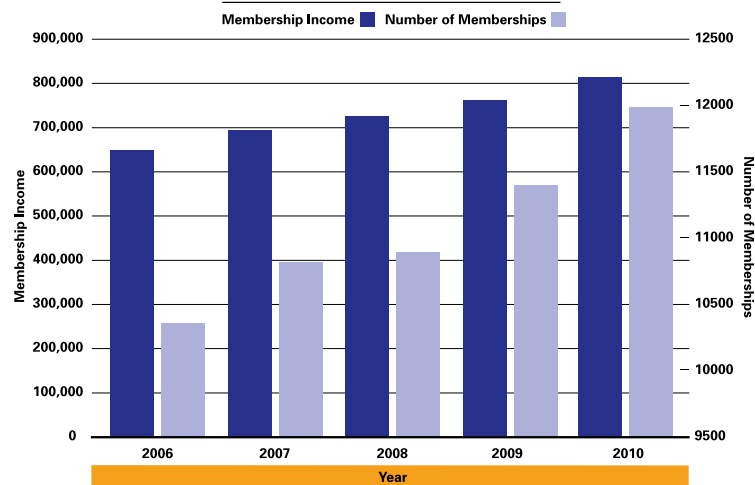
HMWWT EXPENDITURE 2009/10



HMWWT INCOME 2009/10



MEMBERSHIP GROWTH & INCOME



Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust Limited Consolidated statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)

For the year ended 31st March 2010 (all figures in £'s)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total for year ended 31.3.10 £	Total for year ended 31.3.09 £
Incoming resources				
Generated funds:				
- Voluntary				
Donations, gifts and grants	69,244	54,920	124,164	425,849
Membership subscriptions	810,621	-	810,621	758,301
Legacies	53,220	1,000	54,220	145,396
- Activities to generate funds				
Fundraising activities	21,588	175	21,763	20,306
Trading subsidiary income	27,281	-	27,281	20,327
Investment and other income	7,502	-	7,502	29,682
Charitable activities:				
Grants	-	258,196	258,196	590,972
Fees and contracts	23,237	1,500	24,737	21,910
Total incoming resources	1,012,693	315,791	1,328,484	2,012,743
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds:				
Fundraising and publicity costs	350,203	1,877	352,080	353,664
Trading subsidiary expenses	10,355	-	10,355	7,412
	360,558	1,877	362,435	361,076
Charitable activities:				
Conservation and nature reserves	553,125	280,708	833,833	667,303
Governance costs				
	42,440	918	43,358	44,817
Total resources expended	956,123	283,503	1,239,626	1,073,196
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	56,570	32,288	88,858	939,547
Gains/(losses) on investments	14,638	-	14,638	(15,373)
Net movement in funds for the year	71,208	32,288	103,496	924,174
Funds brought forward at 1st April 2009	1,065,011	1,478,878	2,543,889	1,619,715
Funds carried forward at 31 March 2010	1,136,219	1,511,166	2,647,385	2,543,889

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.
There are no recognised gains and losses in the year other than those recorded above.

Balance Sheet

Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust Limited Consolidated Balance Sheet

For the year ended 31st March 2010 (all figures in £'s)

	31.03.10 £	31.03.10 £	31.03.09 £	31.03.09 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible fixed assets		126,854		135,859
Nature Reserves		1,295,682		1,295,682
Investments		100,182		85,544
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		1,522,718		1,517,085
Current Assets				
Debtors	152,923		167,318	
Cash at bank and in hand	1,138,326		1,034,201	
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	1,291,249		1,201,519	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(166,582)		(174,715)	
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Net Current Assets		1,124,667		1,026,804
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Net Assets		2,647,385		2,543,889
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Funds				
Restricted Funds		1,511,166		1,478,878
Unrestricted Funds:				
General Funds		641,365		619,755
Designated Funds		494,854		445,256
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Total Funds		2,647,385		2,543,889
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These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Council of Management on 22 July 2010 and signed on its behalf by:

M. Master (Chairman)

J. Bristow (Treasurer)

This is a summary of information extracted from the audited annual accounts. The full report and accounts were approved by the Trustees on 22nd July 2010 and have been submitted to the Charity Commission and the Registrar of Companies. For the full version contact HMWT, Grebe House, St Michael's Street, St Albans, Herts AL3 4SN.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:
John Bristow
22nd July 2010

Independent Auditor's Statement to the Trustees of Hertfordshire and Middlesex Wildlife Trust

We have examined the summarised financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2010.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Auditors

The trustees are responsible for preparing the summarised financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law. Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summarised financial statements with the full financial statements and Trustees' Annual Report and its compliance with the relevant requirements of section 427 of the Companies Act 2006 and the regulations made thereafter.

Basis of opinions

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/03. Our report on the company's full annual financial statements describes the basis of our opinion on those financial statements and the Trustees' Report.

Opinion

In our opinion the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements and the Trustees' Annual Report of Hertfordshire and Middlesex Wildlife Trust for the year ended 31 March 2010 and the statements comply with the applicable requirements of section 427 of the Companies Act 2006, and the regulations made thereafter.

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Trustees' Statement

The auditor has issued unqualified reports on the full annual financial statements and on the consistency of the Trustees' report with those financial statements. Their report on the full annual financial statements contained no statement under sections 498(2), 498(2)(b) or 498(3) of the Companies Act 2006.

With thanks to our supporters

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Templewood School
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