

NEWS RELEASE

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Wildlife Trust Urges Supporters to Consider the Future.

The County's leading wildlife conservation organisation is urging people to think about the future for wildlife this week. Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust has joined a nationwide initiative, launched by the Wildlife Trusts and working with solicitors throughout the UK, to protect wildlife for future generations.

'Will for Wildlife Week' (19th – 26th October) highlights the importance of making or updating a Will – not only to look after loved ones, but also to help protect the UK's natural heritage for future generations to enjoy. For the remainder of October, local solicitors working in partnership with the Trust, will be offering a discounted Will Writing Service to supporters of Hertfordshire and Middlesex Wildlife Trust (HMWT).

HMWT is particularly keen to encourage people to take part as the recent moves to increase housing and development in the County and South East of England make it even more vital to safeguard wildlife and wild places by adequately providing for its protection. By making it easier for wildlife supporters to make and update their Wills, it is hoped that more people will help the conservation organisation to fight for the protection of the countryside and wildlife of the two counties.

Judy Adams, Chief Executive of Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust explained "Legacies are absolutely vital to charities, and form an important part of our charitable income. Most people don't realise that for every £1 spent by a charity on services, approximately 40p comes from legacy gifts. Charities such as ours would struggle to continue to protect valued and threatened local wildlife - as well as the interests of our members - without this essential source of income."



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She continued “If you have gained pleasure from visiting any of our many beautiful nature reserves or you would simply like to ensure that future generations can enjoy the wildlife you have cherished, you may want to consider remembering us in your Will. Legacies have a significant impact on our work, and there are also benefits for you, as any legacy gift is exempt from Inheritance Tax.”

While HMWT cannot recommend a solicitor, anyone interested in leaving a legacy to the Wildlife Trust should contact the organisation for information about participating solicitors. Contact HMWT on 01727 858901 or visit www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk for full details.

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Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust is a registered charity dedicated to protecting wildlife for future generations. It safeguards and manages 43 Nature Reserves across the two counties, advises on wider countryside issues and is at the forefront of developing long-term nature conservation strategies. It has 21,000 members and is one of 47 local Wildlife Trusts across the UK.

The following solicitors have offered special or discounted services to members and supporters of HMWT. Anyone interested in making or updating a Will should contact them directly for more information.

Solicitors	Address	Discount	Contact Info
Bryan & Mercer Solicitors	59 London Road St Albans Herts AL1 1LJ	October: £70 Single Will £140 Joint Will	Annual: £100 Single Will £180 Joint Will Nina Gurra Tel: 01727 732 644 nina.gurra@bryanandmercer.co.uk www.bryanandmercer.co.uk
Curwens Solicitors	Estate House 19 High Street Hoddesdon EN11 8SX	October: £100 Single Will £200 Joint Will	Mr J A Dunne Tel: 01992 463 727 jeffrey.dunne@curwens.co.uk www.curwens.co.uk

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The gift of a legacy could mean a more secure future for wildlife havens like this ancient bluebell wood, or animals like the fascinating badger.

