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£120

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1. PAY ONLINE

By making a donation to our Save our Woodlands Appeal, you can help us to safeguard our woodlands at risk of devastation, and stand tall for our trees.



2. TALK TO US

Call our friendly team during office hours, Monday to Friday, on **01622 357800**. When calling please quote your membership number found below.



3. SEND YOUR CHEQUE

Please detach and return this form with your cheque in the prepaid envelope to **Kent Wildlife Trust, Tyland Barn, Chatham Road, Sandling, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 3BD**.



YOUR DETAILS

Membership ID

Full name

Address Postcode

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YES, I want Kent Wildlife Trust to claim Gift Aid on donations I make now, in the future and for the past 4 years.

Gift Aid is reclaimed by Kent Wildlife Trust from the tax that I pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current tax payer. If I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference. The Wildlife Trusts will reclaim 25p in tax back for every £1 I donate.

Please notify Kent Wildlife Trust if you want to cancel this declaration; change your name or home address; or if you no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

*All donations made to the Save our Woodlands Appeal will be used to support the Wilder Kent 2030 Strategy by helping wildlife, creating wild spaces and providing opportunities for children to explore nature in Kent. Please ask if you have any questions by emailing: membership@kentwildlife.org.uk

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If you go down
to the woods today

...will they
still be there?

Dear

Can you imagine a world without woodlands? Development, disease, pollution, and climate change are pushing UK woodlands to crisis point, **with only 7% in good condition** according to The Woodland Trust. Our woodland wildlife is in trouble too, with birds, butterflies, and plants all declining as their habitats become fragmented.

We must act quickly to safeguard our woodlands. Thanks to your generosity, we have already protected Covert Wood. But the threat is not over.

Will you help us?

Urgent Appeal

Nestled throughout Kent, there are woodlands in danger right now.

The trees in these woodlands are the lungs of our county, bringing us life, sustaining us and providing a home for wildlife. Ancient giants and new saplings alike need our protection.

We need to raise £475,000 by 18 November 2024. Will you join our biggest appeal yet to save woodlands near you?



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Why our woods matter

Our trees are a vital life source, the lungs of our landscape. They provide us with the oxygen we breathe and protect us against pollutants in the atmosphere. Trees and forests shelter us and provide homes for thousands of precious wildlife species, whether in the heat of summer or the winter frost.

Research shows that woodlands are key to our health, wellbeing and even survival: they are our most important allies in the fight against the climate crisis.

These green lungs are at greater risk than ever from their biggest threat: us. **But together, we can defend them.**

By purchasing land that is at risk and investing in climate and nature positive management, we can breathe new life into our precious woodlands. You're already helping us stand tall for our trees – but we can't stop now.

Thanks to you, our incredible supporters, we are already safeguarding **3,964 acres of precious woodland across Kent**. **Woods make up 44% of our nature reserves** and we have been managing these irreplaceable habitats for more than 60 years. With your help, we have stood united for precious woodland habitats for decades, whether saving them, restoring them or campaigning for them.

Can you help us create Legacy Landscapes?

Our beautiful Kent landscapes are in trouble. From wilting woodlands, mistreated meadows to crumbling coastlines, we're seeing more destruction of the Garden of England through pollution, development and climate change than ever before. We need funds to help us save these invaluable habitats and provide an ongoing wildlife legacy for future generations.

If you would like to help us to create Legacy Landscapes, sponsored by our local communities, business owners and generous donors, please get in touch by emailing fundraising@kentwildlife.org.uk with the subject heading 'Legacy Landscapes' and you'll be the first to hear when our new habitat protection programme goes live. Thank you.

From housing and road projects to new shops and commercial construction, unsympathetic development is threatening to devastate our magnificent woodlands and suffocate our landscape.

213 million tonnes

of carbon is stored by UK trees; they also prevent flooding and help to keep our urban areas cool.

2.5%

Ancient woodland habitat now covers just 2.5% of the UK.

70%

of our ancient woodlands have already been lost.

OPPORTUNITY SPOTLIGHT:

Saving a woodland near you

We have the opportunity to safeguard our future, and protect rich and abundant woodlands full of life.

Precious mixed woodlands feature some of our most iconic tree species - from oak and beech - known as the King and Queen of British trees - to yew, hornbeam, hawthorn, holly and our elegant, but at risk, ash. These special sites are teeming with colour and life, but will only continue that way if we invest in our future by saving them today.

Species recorded across our woodlands include endangered and threatened invertebrates like the fiery clearwing moth - which can now only be found in Kent - and the elusive oak mining bee - a species that has been recorded at just a handful of sites in the South East and which feeds almost entirely on the pollen of oak flowers.

A kaleidoscope of butterflies, from the vibrant and beautiful peacock and red admiral - favourites of Sir David Attenborough - to striking and iridescent green and purple hairstreaks, enliven the woods each spring. While bluebells, wood anemones and bee orchids blossom in the shade of the woodland canopy, chaffinches and long-tailed tits chime and chatter in the branches above. Woodland trees provide shelter for many bats, from the tiny pipistrelle to the scarce Natterer's bat, and cover for small mammals, like hazel dormice, to hide away from the magnificent array of birds of prey that can be seen soaring overhead.

These magical ancient woodlands are alive with the sounds of nature and promise of future life. As saplings break through the undergrowth they offer a chance for new life to thrive for years to come. But these lush mosaic habitats are at risk, and if destroyed would take decades to recover...if they were ever to emerge again.



Funds raised will go towards:

- The purchase of at-risk woodlands
- Surveying woodlands to identify risks, such as Ash Dieback
- Perimeter checks and fencing where needed to keep woodlands secure
- Monitoring activities to identify key species and track increases in bio-abundance
- Ongoing management of sites, including supporting our reserve wardens and the apprentices they are training for the future.

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