

Thank you for applying to take part in the Wilder Kent Awards 2025. By entering, you will be showing your ambition to connect people with nature and protect wildlife for the future. Any achievement is a helping hand for wildlife and the scheme allows you to increase your award level year on year so you can help wildlife for as long as possible.

This form will be your submission document. You can use it to track your progress across the year and then submit this form, along with supporting evidence, by **31st January 2026** to the following website:[**kwtg.uk/upload-evidence**](https://eu.jotform.com/243253832151349)

We **strongly encourage the use of photographs and videos** to evidence and support your submission. Throughout the year, it may be a good idea to create three folders on your computer to store supporting evidence for each of the three categories listed below. These folders can then be uploaded along with this submission form to the above website in January 2026. Please **do not insert photos into this form** – only use this form to describe the ways you feel you have met the criteria.

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| Name of group: |  |

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| Have you applied for the Wilder Kent Awards before? | No – this is our first time! | Yes – please state the year you applied and level of award achieved |
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We have broken the awards down into three categories: **1.** Protecting Wildlife, **2.** Sustainability and Carbon Reduction and **3.** Engage with Nature. Use the below table to detail and record your work towards each of the criteria. You do not have to have completed everything in each category, but the more you do the more you will be helping to protect nature and create a wilder Kent. For some criteria, we have also provided some links to **Tips** which could help you on your journey. Best of luck!

1. Protect and Restore Nature

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| Criteria | Please identify which criteria you have met and describe how you have met them: |
| Have a wildlife garden / space supporting a range of wildlife. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/how-start-wildlife-garden-scratch) |  |
| Ensure areas of long grass are left to provide wildlife habitat on site. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/how-grow-wild-patch-or-mini-meadow) |  |
| Install and maintain bird boxes where appropriate. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/how-build-bird-box) |  |
| Install and maintain hedgehog boxes where appropriate. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/how-build-hedgehog-home) |  |
| Install and maintain bat boxes where appropriate. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/how-build-bat-box) |  |
| Install and maintain minibeast homes at all suitable places. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/how-build-bug-mansion) |  |
| Leave food for wildlife during winter months. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/how-feed-birds-your-garden) |  |
| Ensure that no chemicals are used on the gardens or wild areas. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/chemical-free-organic-gardening) |  |
| Introduce a pond that will sustain a variety of wildlife. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/how-create-mini-pond) |  |
| Install simple water sources for wildlife and keep them clean. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/how-provide-water-wildlife) |  |
| Influence others to maximise impact and available space for wildlife. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/climate-friendly-gardening) |  |
| Have a Wilder Kent committee that meets regularly and monitors actions. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/how-help-wildlife-school) |  |
| Carry out litter picks both on your school site and in the local community. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/do-litter-pick-or-beach-clean) |  |
| Write to your MP about a local wildlife or climate issue. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/contact-your-mp) |  |
| Conduct surveys - such as a BioBlitz - to identify wildlife on site and monitor it. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/sites/default/files/2018-06/KWT%20Land%20Mgt%20Advice_Sheet%2011%20-%20Recording%20wildlife%20-%20getting%20started.pdf) |  |

1. Sustainability and Carbon Reduction

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| Criteria | Please identify which criteria you have met and describe how you have met them: |
| Promote recycling within your group. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/recycle-and-reuse) |  |
| Promote walking, as opposed to cars, within your group. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/change-how-you-travel) |  |
| Promote energy saving solutions within your group. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/change-your-energy-use) |  |
| Reuse and re-purpose old materials to help wildlife. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/recycle-and-reuse) |  |
| Where possible, recycle and reuse organic matter to create habitats on site (e.g dead hedges, leaf piles). [Learn more](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/how-compost-your-waste) |  |
| Encourage people to turn off their car engine whilst sat waiting in traffic [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/change-how-you-travel) |  |
| Use water saving devices in any older toilets and washrooms [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/how-conserve-water) |  |
| Monitor and improve your group’s energy consumption. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/change-your-energy-use) |  |
| Ensure that energy from renewable sources is used on the group’s site. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/change-your-energy-use) |  |
| Create a policy to eliminate single use plastic within the group. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/how-use-less-plastic) |  |
| Encourage your community to purchase locally sourced food. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/change-what-you-eat) |  |
| Advocate for a meat free day a week and share information on why it helps. [**Learn more**](https://meatfreemondays.com/get-involved/educators/) |  |
| Monitor and improve your group’s water consumption. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/how-conserve-water) |  |
| Use butts to capture rain water for use in gardens and community areas. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/how-install-water-butt) |  |
| Encourage water and paper saving devices in toilets and washrooms. |  |

1. Inspire and Collaborate

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| Criteria | Please identify which criteria you have met and describe how you have met them: |
| Have a ‘Wilder Kent Champion’ promoting the awards and your actions to the college. |  |
| Ensure that members have a chance to learn about Kent’s wildlife whilst at college. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlife-explorer) |  |
| Encourage people to grow nectar rich plants at home and consider providing free seeds. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/how-attract-bumblebees-your-garden) |  |
| Engage with the wider community in creating wild areas locally for all. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/blog/inspire-collaborate) |  |
| Engage with campaigns and projects like our ‘Action for Insects’ initiative or ‘Wilder Blean’ project. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/our-work/our-projects) |  |
| Organise group visits to local nature reserves and sites. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/learn/education) |  |
| Plant native trees, hedgerows and shrubs. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/how-plant-tree) |  |
| Run regular outdoor learning sessions often and encourage working outside |  |
| Work with a local business or group to improve multiple areas for wildlife. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/blog/inspire-collaborate) |  |
| Carry out a fundraising day to help out a wildlife or conservation charity of your choice. [**Learn more**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/blog/get-wild-fundraising) |  |

Other:

Check out our [**Actions page**](https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions) for more ideas on how you can help wildlife or come up with your own ideas and involve as many people as you can. Once your school is achieving gains for wildlife, why not involve other nearby schools and begin to create a network of **Wilder Schools** across your local area?

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| Please use this box to detail any additional steps (not mentioned above) which you have taken towards helping make a Wilder Kent: |
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