



**Berkshire
Buckinghamshire
& Oxfordshire**
Wildlife Trust

Your wild promise
for today, tomorrow, forever



Tom Marshall

We believe in a wilder future

Can you help us achieve our dream and become part of our story?

Fuelled by the hopes and passions of our supporters, we dream of a return to flower-rich meadows buzzing with life; nightingales singing in ancient woodlands; and clean waterways teeming with life. We dream of a time where the call of curlew and clouds of humming insects are heard once again across our floodplain meadows.

With your help, we will see nature recover and be abundant once more in our three beautiful counties.

Leaving a gift in your will allows us to build on our achievements and to plan confidently for a future full of hope for the precious wildlife and landscapes under our care.



Amy Lewis



Penny Dixie

“Anyone who cares about wildlife has a marvellous opportunity to do something quite 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.”

Sir David Attenborough

President Emeritus of The Wildlife Trusts

**More
nature
everywhere**

A Wallington



We are: **Guided by science**

Chris Gomershall



**Protecting endangered
species and vulnerable
habitats**

Jess Gallagher



**Inspiring more
people to act**

Your gift can achieve so much

We are always honoured to receive a gift in a will, no matter how large or small. Over the years, these gifts have shaped our charity and today BBOWT's dedicated team of staff and amazing volunteers proudly care for more than 80 nature reserves.

Kate Tittford



Bob, a BBOWT volunteer, adored College Lake. His gift made lasting improvements to this flagship reserve, including planting a traditional orchard.

Steve Mendham



Dorothy's gift in her will helped to buy a meadow, now an important part of BBOWT's Upper Ray Meadows Nature Reserve and bringing huge benefits for wildlife.

Louise Print-Lyons



During her lifetime, Vera Paul worked tirelessly to help BBOWT buy Warburg Nature Reserve near Henley. A gift in her will now helps us care for this magnificent sanctuary for both common and rare species.

Long-term supporters Len and Marie Goodwin made a gift in their will to BBOWT. It helped save Shepperlands Farm, Berkshire, now a BBOWT nature reserve.

*“Your will is there
to protect those you love
for the future – and,
for me, that means
remembering wildlife too.”*

Val, BBOWT volunteer who
has pledged a gift in her will



Will you be part of our story?

A promise for a better tomorrow

Making a will is probably easier than you think and there are many ways you can write your will or review and update an existing one.



You may wish to use your own solicitor or take advantage of a free online will offer. More details can be found on our website: **bbowt.org.uk/gifts-in-wills**

If you would like to talk to us first, or have any questions, please contact us to arrange a discussion in total confidence.

Email: **philanthropy@bbowt.org.uk** or call: **01865 775 476** and ask to speak to our Legacy Officer.



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To include a gift in your will to BBOWT you will need to give your solicitor the following details:

Name and address of the charity: Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust, Compass House, 1 Farmoor Court, Farmoor, Oxford, OX2 9LU.

Registered Charity Number: 204330

Here are some common questions answered that you may find useful:

- **Why should you make a will?**

It is the only way to be absolutely certain that your money and your belongings go to the people and causes you care about. It is also important to review your will from time to time to make sure that it still reflects your wishes for the future.

- **I already have a will – what is involved in updating it?**

If you would like to update an existing will to include a gift to the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust you should speak to your solicitor to discuss your plans in detail. In some circumstances, your solicitor may be able to add your request to your existing will.

- **Can I restrict my gift?**

It is helpful for us to be able to use gifts in wills for general purposes, where they are most needed at the time. If you wish to leave a gift for a specific purpose, please speak to us before you finalise your will. By discussing your wishes, we can be certain your gift will provide a fitting and lasting testament to your love of our natural heritage.

- **Can you be my Executor?**

Unfortunately, we are not yet able to offer this service. Executors can be family members, friends or legal representatives. They will be responsible for administering your estate and ensuring that your wishes are carried out so it is important that your Executors know where your will is stored.

- **Should I use any specific wording in my will?**

Your solicitor will be able to advise you; however, please do contact us if you would like to check any specific wording.

- **What if I have assets outside the UK?**

Depending on the country there may be different requirements, so always take professional legal advice in these circumstances. If you have a complex estate, solicitors will be able to answer all your questions. They can also advise you on how to reduce your inheritance tax bills.

- **Do I need to be wealthy to leave a gift in my will to BBOWT?**

Every gift, no matter the size, makes a huge difference to our work. After providing for your loved ones, we would be honoured to be remembered in your will. For example, you could leave 99% of your estate to your loved ones and 1% to charity.

Terry Whittaker



**On Wednesday,
John helped protect
water voles.**

Lee Schofield



**On Thursday,
he helped sow a
wildflower meadow.**

Sue Croxford



**On Friday, he helped
change a law to protect
our environment.**

On Saturday, it was five years since John passed away.

Can we be part of your life story?

bbowt.org.uk

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