

Month by month – what you helped us to achieve

**April**  
Launch of 'Lost in the Willows', an innovative educational maze at Sudeley Castle and Gardens which raised £14,000 for the Trust through a Visitor Giving Scheme.

**May**  
Work started on 'Rescuing Ratty' on the River Coln, improving water quality and habitat on one of the largest tributaries of the Thames for the benefit of water voles and other species.

**June**  
The 30 Days Wild campaign encouraged everyone to do something wild each day throughout the month.

What wild things can you do this June?

**JUNE**

**Tuesday 14**

Garden for Wildlife.

Planting some flowers

**July**  
We ran a bioblitz at our newest nature reserves in the Forest of Dean, The Park and Poor's Allotment, and found 677 species.

**August**  
Over 800 people attended The Big Bourton Picnic at Greystones Farm in Bourton-on-the-Water.

**September**  
Our pioneering Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) work in the Stroud Valleys, holding water upstream to slow the flow, featured on the BBC Breakfast programme.

**October**  
We celebrated the opening of the Cirencester Hare Festival Way, a new trail designed by GWT to get people closer to nature, funded by the Cirencester March Hare Festival in 2015.

**November**  
We reviewed our pioneering five-year vaccination programme in the Stroud Valleys and the Cotswolds and concluded badger vaccination is 'viable and underused'.

**December**  
We promoted My Wild Christmas in the run-up to the festive season to encourage people to enjoy a wildlife-friendly holiday.

**January**  
We secured the future of Daneway Banks nature reserve in the Stroud Valleys following one of our most successful appeals.

**February**  
Our Board of Trustees approved a two-year feasibility study into the reintroduction of pine marten in the Forest of Dean.

**March**  
Wild daffodils bloomed in our reserves near Dymock, filmed for BBC Countryfile over the Easter weekend.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activity for year ended 31st March 2016

In our annual review we provide a short interpretation of the figures contained in our Trustees Annual Report and Accounts. A full set of accounts is available on request or can be accessed on our website.

At the end of March 2016, 27,198 people were members of Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. As well as giving us a powerful mandate the support of members is crucial in enabling us to deliver our objectives with 40% of our income donated through our membership scheme.

We are making our resources work hard for the wildlife and wild places of Gloucestershire. For every £1 we spent this year, 75p went to delivering our charitable activities. Around 15p went to generating the next £1. The remaining 10p in the pound was spent on our ecological and land management consultancy and the café operated through our trading subsidiaries which resulted in gift aided profit of almost £8,000 being returned back to support the charitable activities of the Trust. This demonstrates our commitment to developing new sustainable income strands to make the organisation more resilient.

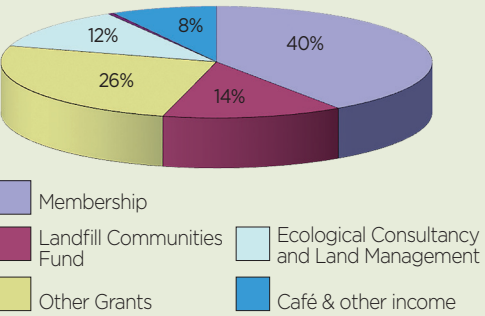
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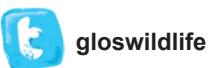
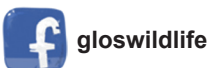
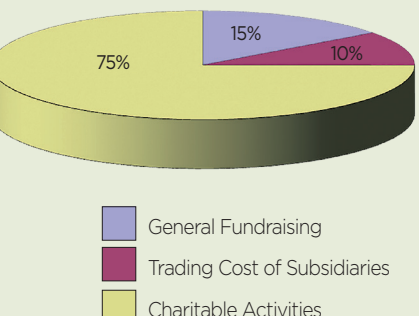
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	Endowment Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2016 Total	2015 Total
<b>Incoming and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	—	40,614	1,023,072	1,063,686	1,183,514
Charitable activities	—	772,685	124,903	897,588	696,426
Other trading activities:					
- Events and sales	—	—	90,899	90,899	62,314
- Turnover of trading subsidiaries	—	—	228,629	228,629	82,952
Investments	—	127	11,226	11,353	12,475
<b>Total Income and Endowments</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>813,426</b>	<b>1,478,729</b>	<b>2,292,155</b>	<b>2,037,681</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds:					
- General fundraising	1,182	6,551	332,812	340,545	428,413
- Trading cost of subsidiaries	—	—	232,773	232,773	101,535
Charitable activities	11,006	761,797	944,703	1,717,506	1,505,350
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>12,188</b>	<b>768,348</b>	<b>1,510,288</b>	<b>2,290,824</b>	<b>2,035,298</b>
<b>Other Gains &amp; Losses</b>					
Net gains / (losses) on investments					
- realised	—	—	264	264	1,665
- unrealised	—	—	(8,304)	(8,304)	24,181
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>(12,188)</b>	<b>45,078</b>	<b>(39,599)</b>	<b>(6,709)</b>	<b>28,229</b>
Total funds brought forward	1,245,471	768,853	1,250,175	3,264,499	3,236,270
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>1,233,283</b>	<b>813,931</b>	<b>1,210,576</b>	<b>3,257,790</b>	<b>3,264,499</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) attributable to</b>					
Parent Charity	(12,188)	45,078	(47,247)	(14,357)	28,229
Non-controlling interest in GWM Ltd	—	—	7,648	7,648	—
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>(12,188)</b>	<b>45,078</b>	<b>(39,599)</b>	<b>(6,709)</b>	<b>28,229</b>

Income



Expenditure



Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Annual Review 2015/2016

2015/2016 was an eventful year with plenty of highlights and there are lots more to come

Welcome to GWT's review of the year - a brief summary of what we have achieved thanks to the generosity of our members and supporters. It's been an eventful year which included the transfer of the County Council Countryside Service and a successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to create a Discovery Centre at our Greystones Farm nature reserve. Not forgetting the purchase of Daneway Banks nature reserve following one of the most successful appeals in our history. Yet this year has not been without its challenges. External funding is increasingly hard to

secure and the support of our members and closest supporters is more vital than ever. Alongside our members, special thanks are due once again to Grundon Waste Management who have supported so much of our work through the Landfill Communities Fund.

We hope this snapshot gives you a flavour of what you have helped us to achieve. Many thanks for your continuing support for our work protecting Gloucestershire's wildlife and wild places.

Francis Rundall,  
Chair

Roger Mortlock,  
Chief Executive



## How we've done against our plans

GWT's plans are split between four areas of work: Managing and enhancing our nature reserves; Creating Living Landscapes; Inspiring people and communities; Championing the value of nature. Here's a sample of the progress we've made this year.

### Managing and enhancing our nature reserves

GWT manages over 60 nature reserves, from wetlands in the Severn Vale and heathland in the Forest of Dean, to limestone grassland in the Cotswolds and a large ancient woodland in South Gloucestershire. Highlights in 2015/16 include:

- Creation of a new wetland complex at Coombe Hill to complement existing scrapes and improve the habitat for breeding wading birds
- Completion of the transfer of the County Council sites which adds 110 hectares to our portfolio including 78 hectares of SSSI land
- Acquisition of an extension to Snows Farm together with the implementation of a grazing project using rare breeds

- A new grazing regime to improve the habitats at Woorgreens and Edgehills Bog nature reserves in the Forest of Dean



finished scrape at Coombe Hill

### Championing the value of nature

We have continued to champion the value of nature. Working as part of the Gloucestershire Local Nature Partnership we have influenced economic and public health decision makers, establishing the natural environment as a key component of a healthy and prosperous Gloucestershire. Highlights for 2015/16 include:

- Detailed habitat monitoring at our limestone grassland nature reserves so we can accurately track the outcomes of our management
- Consolidation of our database of Key Wildlife Sites with over 100 sites surveyed and advice given to landowners
- Launch of our Knowledge Transfer Partnership with the University of the West of England looking at Green Infrastructure
- Nearly 2,000,000 records at the Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records and the development of online recording commencing with a public campaign collecting 1,000 hedgehog records



Members can now record hedgehog sightings online

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### Creating living landscapes

Gloucestershire is one of the most diverse counties in the country covering the iconic landscapes of the Severn Vale, Cotswolds and Forest of Dean. We have worked across these landscapes to bring together partners, landowners, communities and funders to preserve, recreate and reconnect them for wildlife and for the people of Gloucestershire. Here's how:

- Enhancement of in-stream habitat on the headwaters of the River Frome for the benefit of white-clawed crayfish, contributing to flood relief for homes in the Stroud Valleys at the same time
- Habitat works on the River Coln to assist the recovery of water vole populations as part of our Cotswold Rivers Living Landscape
- Seven new ponds created and three ponds restored in the Severn Vale
- A new programme with farmers on the River Leaden around Newent including removal of over-shading and creation of fish passages



### Inspiring people and communities

If we want more people to value nature, then we must work with a broader range of Gloucestershire's communities and become more accessible to those people who have traditionally not been involved in our work. In 2015/16 we have achieved:

- Completion of the first phase of the All Paths Lead to the Hill project at Robinswood Hill in Gloucester with over

- 10,000 people engaged in two years
- Successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to create a Discovery Centre at Greystones Farm nature reserve
- 4,600 children enjoyed outdoor education sessions
- 237 people attended courses on wildlife identification



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## Looking ahead and our plans for 2016/17

### Highlights for the next year include:

- We start work building our Discovery Centre to deepen the experience of visitors at Greystones Farm and act as an education resource for young people in the county and beyond;
- We launch our Green Infrastructure benchmark, raising the environmental quality of built development sites in the county;
- We begin a series of projects aimed at improving the conservation of specific species, including the Duke of Burgundy butterfly, pine martens, white-clawed crayfish and barn owls;
- We start work on our first urban Living Landscape project in Cheltenham;
- We improve visitor facilities at Crickley Hill and run a consultation with current and potential users of the five sites which transferred from the County Council on 1st April 2016;
- We celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Schools' Quiz and the 20th anniversary of the acquisition of Lower Woods.



aerial view of Greystones Farm nature reserve

### Species highlights



The winter record for **goldeneye** was broken at Whelford Pools nature reserve



There was confirmation that **woodlark** bred at a nature reserve in the Forest of Dean



**Water vole** signs were observed on the River Leach in areas where they hadn't been seen for years.



**Peregrines** nested again at Lancaut nature reserve

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## Thank You

We would like to thank all our members, individual supporters, corporate and institutional partners, trusts and foundations who have supported Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust in 2015-16. Without your support our work would not be possible. Your ongoing support means we can continue to connect and improve Gloucestershire's wild places for wildlife and people.

### Corporate Membership

Alderley PLC  
All Cooper  
Aspey Lawrence & Co Ltd  
Avon Metals  
Chessman Hotels  
Creed Food Services  
Euro Diesel (UK) Ltd  
Forest Holidays  
Horse and Groom  
JPR Environmental

### Other corporate support

AB. Sustain  
Bottlegreen  
Cirencester College  
Cotswold Outdoor  
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EDF Energy  
Forest Green Rovers  
Horizon Nuclear Power  
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Rural Payments Agency  
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Severn Vale Housing  
South Gloucestershire Council  
Stroud District Council  
Tewkesbury Borough Council  
The Conservation Foundation  
Wetlands West  
Wessex Water

### Charitable Trusts

Baily Thomas Charitable Fund  
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Blatchington Court Trust  
Dent Brocklehurst Family Trust  
Four Winds Trust  
Geologists' Association  
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Montague Pantan Animal Welfare Trust  
MV Hillhouse Trust  
Naturesave Trust  
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Poor's Allotment Trust  
Rowlands Trust  
Sue Rouse Charitable Trust  
Summerfield Charitable Trust  
David Solomon's Charitable Trust  
Verdon-Smith Family Charitable Trust  
Wild Trout Trust  
Woodchester Trust

### Landfill Communities Fund

Grundon  
Biffa Award  
SITA Trust

### Grants

Big Lottery Fund  
Cheltenham Borough Council  
Cotswolds AONB  
Cotswold District Council  
English Heritage  
Environment Agency  
Forest of Dean District Council  
Forestry Commission  
GFirst - Local Enterprise Partnership

### Additional thanks

Severn Hams Patrons  
Cotswold Rivers Patrons  
Lower Woods Patrons  
Forest of Dean Area Group

All 27,198 Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust members