

WILD NORTH TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1197300

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-12-29

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN NORTHERN ENGLAND, INCLUDING BY PROMOTING BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

Activities: Raising funds for the purpose of buying or leasing land which is in poor condition, at risk of soil erosion, pollution or biodiversity, and letting nature take the lead by rewilding. In the process, raising awareness of biodiversity loss and climate change.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£632	£2,409	-	-
2024-12-31	£10,481	£1,318	-	-
2023-12-31	£1,787	£750	-	-
2022-12-31	£314	£0	-	-

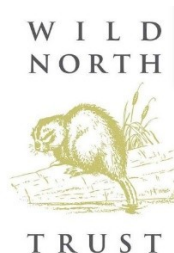
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
nicola gale blackburn	Chair	2021-12-21
Jessica Britch		2021-12-21
Joanne Coley		2021-12-21
Sarah Roe		2021-12-21

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Trustees Annual Report

From 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

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Achievements and Performance In 2025

Following from the success of the rewilding of St Mark's school, we conducted surveys of wildlife which has colonised the area created in winter / spring 2024, and shared results with the school which enables pupils to conduct their own research and surveying.

In addition to the 40 species of moth found last year, we have counted 31 species of bird, including summer migrant visitors such as garden and willow warbler and blackcap, and seen with the growth of bramble, an increase in nesting birds, such as blackbird, wren and longtailed tit, a species requiring a specific set of conditions to raise its young.

Young willow and bramble have increased the conditions for wildlife to use the rewilded area, as well as the wet meadow developing flowers and grasses. Hedgehogs have been spotted, a species in serious decline across the UK. The pond now supports breeding frogs and is full of tadpoles, insect larvae and marginal, emergent and oxygenating plants.

We continue to look out for opportunities to rewild other portions of land, through contacting landowners and councils' property managers, or liaise with other groups to advise on their own. With the advent of the Nature Towns and Cities project in Greater Manchester, we will link in to offer advice or make suggestions as to the best rewilding management.

Wild North Trust, in partnership with The Guide Over Sands Trust, ran the charity walk across Morecambe Bay Sands, which was attended by just under 40 people and raised the profile of the Trust further.

£2,000 of the £10,000 donation which Wild North Trust received last year, was donated in turn by us to Rewilding Britain, whilst it was running its match funding campaign in November 2025. This time and amount was chosen to make the best possible use of the donation, which would have given Rewilding Britain £4000 in total.

Review / Statement of Accounts 2025

Trading Activities include the income from the walks led by Guide Over Sands Trust.

Outgoing includes website hosting fees, outlay for Guide Over Sands walk.

Start of year: £ 10,514.00

Donations £0

Income from other trading activities: £632.00

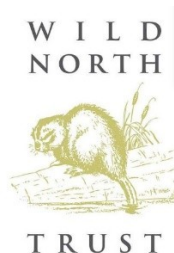
Outgoing: £2409.00

End of year: £8,737.00

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Achievements and Performance

From Jan to March 2024, the Trusts' volunteers established a rewilded area roughly the size of one third of an acre, in St Mark's RC Primary school grounds in Swinton, Greater Manchester.

We partitioned it from the mown areas by erecting a natural fence line, made of upright poles from willow, hazel and birch trees, and woven branches. We added log piles to the area, and habitat piles of brash, to attract invertebrates. We also planted some green willow twigs near the living fence, to allow them to take root and create a more natural barrier once the natural fence has decayed.

We dug a hole for a pond and added liner, approximately 6 x 2 metres, in one corner of the field, which is naturally wet in winter anyway. We built a fence using stock fencing to safely partition it from the rest of the field, and used the spoil from the diggings to create a habitat bank, covering with extra logs and brash, to have some safe space for amphibians. At a later date, wildlife plants were added to the pond, including hornwort, flote grass, marsh marigold and water soldier.

Advice was then given to the school on how to maintain the space for wildlife.

Once the area was free from mowing, a variety of grasses and flowers developed and animals began to use it. We have recorded about 40 species of moth, 8 of butterfly, grasshoppers, 12 species of bird, foxes, and deer. We have shared our results with the school, and pupils have been using the space as part of their education.

The top two pictures below show the volunteers at work on the project.

On the left the newly dug pond, on the right the willow fence partitioning the wildlife area from the playing field.

The bottom two pictures show the results three to six months later.



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Review / Statement of Accounts

A large donation came from Animal Friends Insurance.

Trading Activities include the income from the walks led by Guide Over Sands Trust

Outgoing included materials for rewilding project, outlay for Guide Over Sands walk, and donation to animal rescue charity.

Start of year: £1351

Donations £10,000

Income from other trading activities: £481

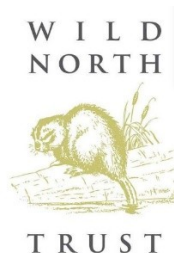
Outgoing: £1318

End of year: £10,514

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Achievements and Performance

The Trustees have been establishing the charity operations by developing its profile, publicising itself and developing links with other community organisations.

The Trust has partnered with another charity, Guide over Sands Trust, to involve participants in fundraising activities, namely two walks across Morecambe Bay Sands in which 84 people joined, in June and July. This raised the Trust £1,187 and was also influential in raising the profile of the Trust through social media posts and blogs.

The Trust has reached out to grant funding organisations with a view to developing future rewilding projects and developed links which can be useful for future planning or collaboration. Also the Trust has begun to reach out to landowners, including United Utilities, and local councils to identify possible potential pieces of land upon which rewilding operations may take place, and will continue to look for opportunities to find them.

Around 10 primary schools with land in the Swinton area of Salford, Greater

Manchester, were contacted to discuss how the Trust could assist with rewilding projects. Of the three that responded, we are working with two to set up areas within school grounds for wildlife. By liaising with school staff and the local council, Wild North Trust has created a plan for one school which involves rewilding 1/3 of an acre of school grounds. The Trust has also procured 200 free whip trees for planting in the other school's grounds.

Review / statement of accounts

All donations were from the charity's lead trustee, Gale Blackburn
Trading activities include the income from the walks led by Guide over Sands Trust
Outgoing was the contribution made to reserve places from Guide Over Sands Trust.

Start of year: £314

Donations £500

Income from other trading activities: £1187

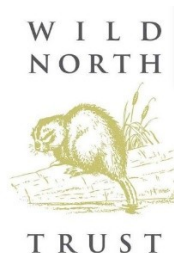
Outgoing: £750

End of year: £1351

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A wildlife pond was created by the charity on private land, as a pilot project and example to show how the Trust can enhance biodiversity.