

Dorset Wildlife Trust

Highlights

2018/19



THANK YOU. Thanks for your support, through your subscription as a member, your work as a volunteer, your company supporting our work, your relative's legacy, letters you have written to decision-makers, the information you give us about changes in the county, your pictures and tweets about nature, your gifts to fund our work, or just supporting wildlife and our fabulous environment in Dorset.

Thanks to you, Dorset Wildlife Trust and our many partners across the county have achieved so much. Look on the map in the following pages to get a taste of what you have helped us to achieve. A real success story. Take pride in the fact that you helped us achieve these wonderful things and make Dorset a place that is thriving for wildlife, despite all the threats and challenges there are at the moment.

We have created beautiful wildflower rich meadows in the west, restored and protected internationally threatened heathland in the east, rewilded rivers and ponds in the south, started recreating historic woodland in the north and helped gain protection for large parts of our seas.

Across the county we work to minimise the impact of development on nature, advise farmers on nature-friendly farming, support sustainable fishing and marine protected areas, and work with businesses to ensure they support the environment from which they profit.

Read on to get a picture of just a few things we have achieved with your support.

Simon Cripps
Chief Executive

Full annual report and accounts can be found at:
www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/what-we-do/about-us/how-we-are-run



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Protecting **Wildlife** for the Future

1. Grazing for conservation



Most of our 40+ fabulous nature reserves need our 4 legged managers. At Kingcombe in West Dorset we own and run a farm with about 140 cattle and 20 sheep. In other areas such as our heathlands and at Powerstock, ponies help us keep the habitat open and prevent scrub invading. Where possible we work with native breeds and support local graziers.

2. Plastics



Plastic - the scourge of wildlife, especially at sea. We have been working to get Dorset to reduce its single use plastic usage. Come and join one of our many beach cleans that are so successful in removing hazardous plastics and rubbish.

3. Engaging children



Young people are our future and the hope for wildlife. It's important to start young and continue to engage them at all ages. We have schools programmes across the county including at the Fine Foundation Wild Seas Centre at Kimmeridge and at the Fine Foundation Chesil Beach Centre on Portland. They do everything from rock-pooling and pond dipping to science projects to bring their respect for, and love of, wildlife alive.

Just a few examples of the work we do around Dorset, thanks to you, our members & supporters



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 1. Pony grazing © Tony Harris,
 2. Plastics on beach © Julie Hatcher,
 3. Schools group © Barbara Thomas,
 4. The Kingcombe centre © James Burland,
 5. Daubenton's bat © Nick Tomlinson.

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 6. Spiny seahorse © Julie Hatcher,
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 8. Poole Bay oil rig © Simon Cripps,
 9. Emma Rance with Tommy Russell Chairman of Poole and District Fisherman's Association © Steve Simons,
 10. River Piddle © Sarah Williams,
 11. Barn owl chicks at Lorton © Paul Williams.

4. Climate change



There is a growing understanding that climate change will have severe impacts for humans and wildlife alike. We are seeing those changes in our seasons and wildlife already. DWT is leading from the front by installing renewable heating systems at all our main centres, greatly reducing our carbon footprint. Our establishment and sponsorship of the Dorset Environmental Business Award helps to encourage businesses to be more sustainable.

5. Bats



We manage many reserves to protect bats, many species of which are threatened. At DWT's Kilwood Coppice nature reserve alone on Purbeck seven species of bats were found in one night. At Powerstock we rebuilt a roost that was burnt down and destroyed by vandals.

6. Marine protection



DWT has been the main organisation in Dorset lobbying for protection for marine wildlife through creation of the government's new Marine Conservation Zone network. We provided evidence and lobbied locally and nationally to ensure they were designated and are now working with authorities and partners to make sure they are managed well, such as for seahorses at Studland Bay.

7. Brownsea birds



Brownsea is one of the jewels in our crown where we manage half the island including the internationally important lagoon. 150 sandwich tern and 115 common tern chicks fledged last year along with many other birds. It is known for its avocets and godwits in winter. We work hard to keep conditions just right for the birds throughout the year, including maintaining water levels and protecting them from predators: a 24/7 job.

11. Barn owls



Thanks to the support you gave to our barn owl appeal we have been able to offer landowners barn owl boxes and advice on habitat that will better support this iconic species of Dorset.

10. Dorset's wild rivers



On many of Dorset's rivers such as the Stour, Frome, Piddle and Allen we have been busy rewilding by putting bends back in, improving bankside vegetation and providing a range of habitats. This has been great for fish, crayfish and insects, as well as making them more beautiful and reducing the risks of serious flooding.

9. Sustainable fisheries

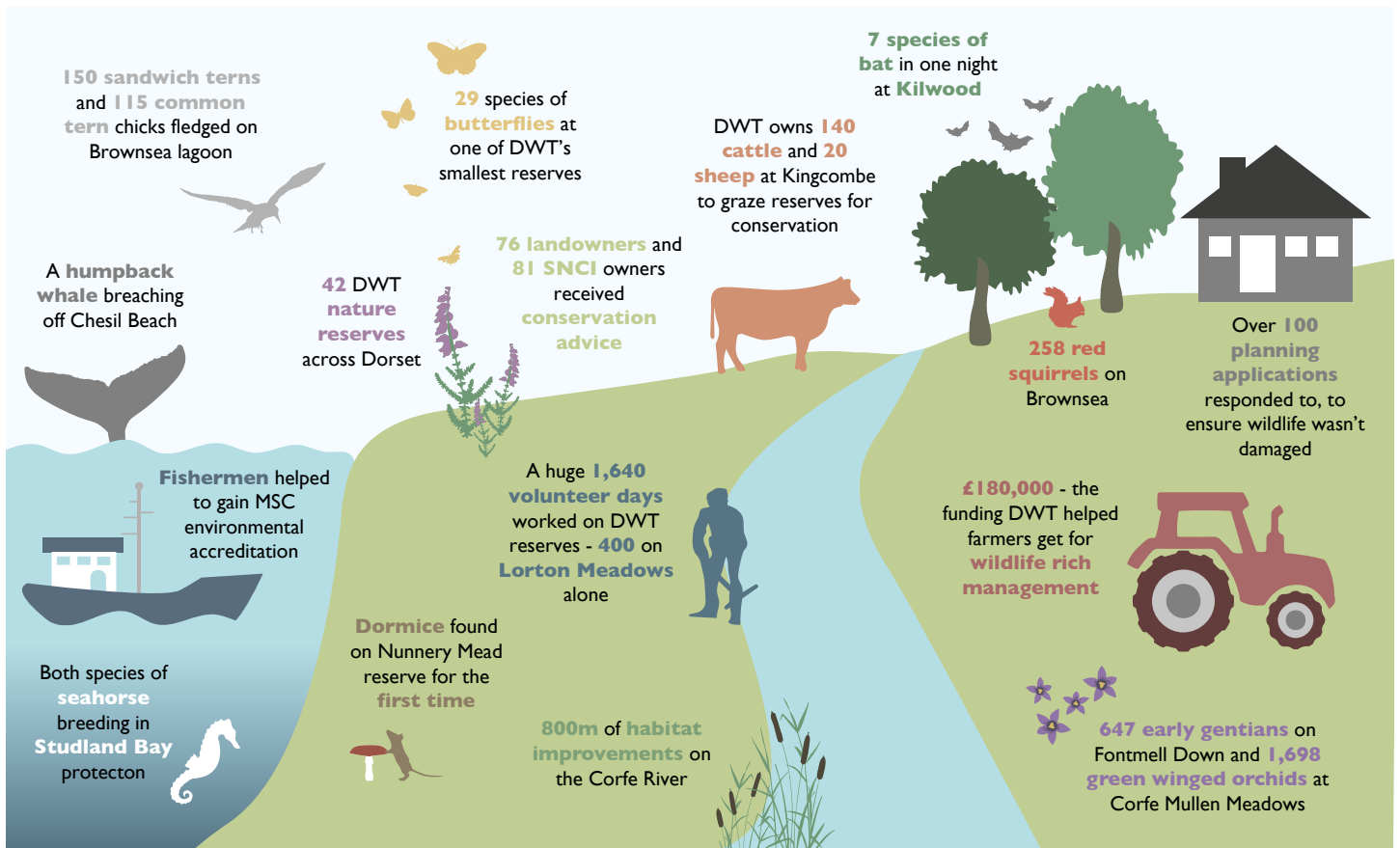


In some ground-breaking work with the fisheries authority (the SIFCA) we have been working with fishermen to help them to sign up to the recent environmental certification by the Marine Stewardship Council of the Poole Harbour clam and cockle fishery. We want those that protect the environment to benefit from it.

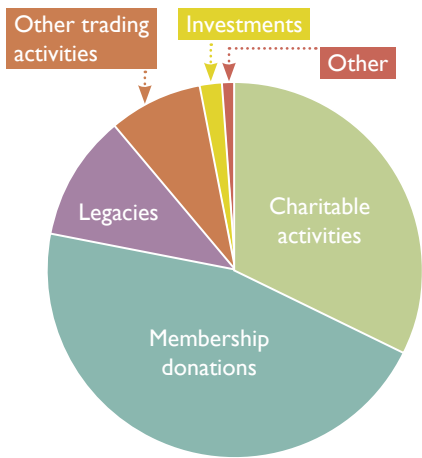
8. Planning for wildlife



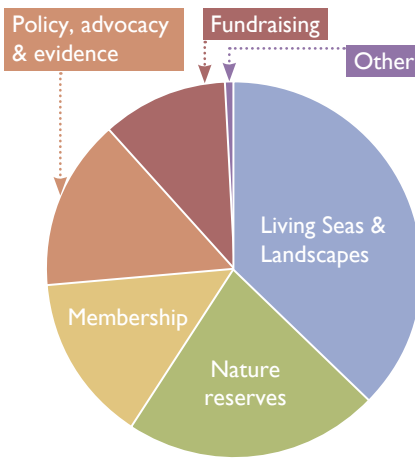
This may not be our highest profile work but it's one our members tell us is of highest importance. We monitor planning applications in the county and comment on, or object to, the few which threaten wildlife. We also work closely with businesses, councils and development agencies as the voice of wildlife. The oil rig in Poole Bay was a high profile case we've worked on to protect nature.



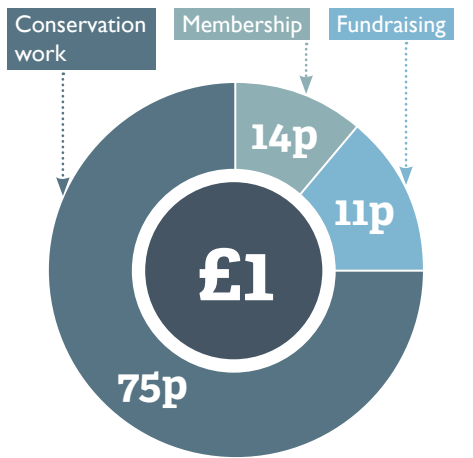
Income - £3,342,000



Expenditure - £3,615,000



For every £1 spent...



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- Badger Beers (Hall & Woodhouse)
- Battens Solicitors Limited
- Castle Cameras
- Conker Spirit
- Create Gift love
- Domvs
- Dorset Golf & Country Club resort
- Dorset Tea (Keith Spicer)
- Earth Storm media
- Eco Sustainable Solutions Limited
- Ellis Jones
- Ferndown Town Council
- Goulds (Dorchester) Limited
- Greenwood Grange
- Harbour View Woodland Burial
- Hoburne
- Holme for Gardens
- Humphries Kirk Solicitors
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- J P Morgan
- Kingston Maurward College
- Knoll House Hotel
- Mill Farm
- Moore International
- Neal's Yard Remedies
- Perenco
- Plankbridge
- Poole Harbour Commissioners
- Preston Redman
- Quay Holidays
- Rockley park
- RPM Digital Print Limited
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- The Gardens Group
- The Minster Partnership Llp
- The Southern Cooperative
- Vitacress Salads Limited
- W&S Recycling Services
- Wessex Grounds Services Ltd
- Wessex Water PLC

Corporate donations & sponsorship

- Animal
- Battens Foundation
- Betterment Properties
- Carnival UK
- Castle Cameras
- Conker Spirit
- DWT Bournemouth & Christchurch
- Members Group
- DWT Wimborne Members Group
- Dorset Tea
- Greenwood Grange
- Hall & Woodhouse (Badger Beers)
- Haskins
- John Lewis Partnership
- JP Morgan
- Neal's Yard Remedies
- Southern Co-operative
- Tesco
- The Gardens Group
- Wessex Water
- Weymouth Sea Life

Grants received

- Alan Miller Trust Fund
- Borough of Poole
- Bournemouth Borough Council
- Coastal Communities Fund
- Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Dorset County Council
- Dorset FLAG
- Edgar Lee Foundation
- Ernest Cook Trust
- European Maritime & Fisheries Fund
- Fine Family Foundation
- Henry Hoare Charitable Trust
- Heritage Lottery Fund
- National Grid
- National Trust
- Natural England
- Public Health Dorset
- RSPB
- Southern Co-operative
- Southern Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority
- South West Environment Network
- Wessex Water
- Weymouth & Portland Borough Council

Volunteering & gifts in kind

- Badger Beers (Hall & Woodhouse)
- Barclays
- Barclaycard
- Battens
- Chelonia Limited
- Castle Cameras
- Composite Solutions
- Dorset County Council
- Dorset Tea
- Ellis Jones
- Girl Guides
- Hoburne
- JP Morgan
- Knoll Gardens Foundation
- Knoll House Hotel
- LV
- Magnox Sites
- Neal's Yard Remedies
- Rainbow Trugs
- Siemens
- Smart Home Rentals
- Sonardyne
- Southern Coop
- Wessex Grounds Services
- Wessex Water
- West Dorset Borough Council
- Woodland Trust



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