

# Grants made in the year ended 31 March 2006

**Organisation** **Grant Amount (£)**

## Conservation of the Natural Environment

**The Woodland Trust** 700,000

*Towards the purchase and initial restoration of Wentwood Forest, the largest ancient woodland in Wales*

A contribution towards the purchase of 353 hectares of the Forest. Initial restoration will contribute to UKBAP targets for lowland beech and yew woodland, wet woodland and lowland heathland priority habitats.

**Assynt Foundation** 550,000

*Towards the purchase of the Glencanisp and Drumrunie Estates*

A contribution towards the purchase of 17,600 hectares of land, under the Community Right to Buy section of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2006. Future management of the estates will benefit four UKBAP priority habitats and at least twenty UKBAP priority species.

**Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** 355,339

*Towards the "Rebuilding Biodiversity in North Wiltshire" project*

To support work with landowners in North Wiltshire to achieve better management for biodiversity, working towards the vision of larger areas of wildlife set within the farmed landscape.

**Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust** 300,000

*Towards the purchase and restoration of Winnall Moors*

To enable effective management of both the land purchased and the neighbouring nature reserve so as to contribute to UKBAP targets for chalk river priority habitat and up to nine priority species.

**The National Trust** 250,000

*Towards the purchase of Shelford's Turf Farm as part of the "Wicken Fen Vision" project*

The newly-acquired land will be restored to a landscape-scale mosaic of the UKBAP priority habitats of fen, reedbed and lowland meadows as part of The National Trust's 100-year vision for the ten-fold increase in the land at Wicken Fen in Cambridgeshire under conservation management.

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<p><b>Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust</b> Towards the “Pennine Dales Meadow Heritage Initiative” project</p> <p>To support landowner liaison work to promote the conservation of upland meadows in an area containing nearly 70% of the UK resource of this UKBAP priority habitat.</p>	174,581
<p><b>High Weald Landscape Trust</b> Towards the “Weald Meadows Initiative (Phase III)” project</p> <p>To support work on lowland meadows and acid grasslands in an area of national importance for these UK BAP priority habitats.</p>	121,380
<p><b>The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales</b> Towards the purchase of Skokholm Island</p> <p>The island is of international importance for its breeding birds and supports two UKBAP priority habitats and up to twelve priority species.</p>	100,000
<p><b>The National Trust</b> Towards the costs of a Project Manager for the “Wicken Fen Vision” project</p> <p>The Project Manager will oversee and implement the “Wicken Fen Vision” for the ten-fold increase in the land at Wicken Fen in Cambridgeshire under conservation management.</p>	96,600
<p><b>The Gwent Wildlife Trust</b> Towards the “Gwent Grassland Initiative” project</p> <p>To support delivery of targets for lowland meadows in an area of national importance for this UKBAP priority habitat through advice and support for landowners and managers.</p>	78,537
<p><b>The Devon Wildlife Trust</b> Towards “The River Dart Catchment” project</p> <p>To support work providing advice and support to small landowners to create direct biodiversity benefits alongside measures to improve water quality in the catchment. The catchment includes a mosaic of UKBAP priority habitats including upland oak and mixed ash woodland, wet woodland, purple moor-grass pasture, heathland, blanket bog, meadows and dry acid grassland.</p>	75,514
<p><b>Shropshire Wildlife Trust</b> Towards the purchase of land and restoration of heathland at Nipstones Rock</p> <p>A strategic purchase as part of a landscape-scale lowland heathland restoration project in the Shropshire Hills.</p>	53,352

**Holton Lee** 39,991  
*Towards the "Holton's Heathland Heritage" project*

To support a two-year programme of management to bring heathland areas back into favourable condition. This work will benefit already present UKBAP priority species such as woodlark, nightjar and sand lizard.

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**2,895,294**

## Welfare of Farmed Animals

**Farm Animal Welfare Trust** 14,829  
*Towards the creation of a business plan for a project to develop commercial broiler genetic selection techniques integrating welfare traits with production traits*

The business plan is for a project which will develop commercial broiler genetic selection techniques integrating welfare traits with production traits in order to improve the welfare of broiler chickens

**14,829**

## Education

**Comic Relief UK** 1,000,000  
*Towards a strategic grant for education in Africa*

As part of a joint initiative with Comic Relief UK to fund a UK-based registered charity, yet to be selected, to deliver a strategic education project in Africa.

**Lynemouth Community Trust** (25,000)  
Reversal of part of a grant made in a previous period.

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**975,000**

## Special Initiatives

**King's College London** 500,000  
*Towards the future funding of the Laughton Naval History Unit*

Following on from the grant made towards the establishment of the Unit in 2001, this additional funding will support the work of the Unit for a further five years in its aim to further naval history through academic leadership, teaching, research, publication and administrative activities.

**University of Oxford** 82,494  
*Towards refurbishment costs for Tubney House*

The former home of Miles and Briony Blackwell, Tubney House was endowed to the University in 2003 for use by its Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (WildCRU).

**Community Foundation for Merseyside** 55,000  
*Towards community environmental projects*

To support the development of a new grant scheme aimed at helping, inspiring and encouraging local communities to take action to deliver sustainable environmental projects in their local area.

**Scottish Community Foundation** 55,000  
*Towards community environmental projects*

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**Fauna & Flora International** 50,000  
*Post-tsunami mangrove forest restoration in Aceh, Indonesia*

Supporting work in Indonesia to restore mangrove forest damaged or destroyed by the tsunami of 26 December 2004 as part of a wider project working with local communities.

**New Philanthropy Capital** 10,000  
*Towards the "Funders and the environment: philanthropic challenges and opportunities" research project*

In support of an investigation of the information and advisory needs of funders who are supporting efforts to combat environmental problems in the UK and globally.

**London Bombings Relief Charitable Fund** 10,000  
*Towards the appeal for funds to provide support and help for victims of the London bombings of 7 July 2005*

**University of Oxford** 1,000  
*Towards the costs of the official opening of the Wildlife Conservation Research Unit's new centre at Tubney House*

**763,494**

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**Total: 4,648,617**