

Grants made for the year ended 31 March 2007

Organisation

Grant Amount (£)

Conservation of the Natural Environment

**The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire and Peterborough** 1,000,000

Towards the purchase of the Holmewood Estate as part of the Great Fen Project

Towards the purchase and restoration of 1,300 hectares of arable land to wet grassland which will in part develop into the more specialised UK BAP priority habitats of fen, wet woodland and reedbed. The purchase links two National Nature Reserves and forms a significant part of the Great Fen Partnership's 100 year vision.

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds 465,300

Towards the purchase of Sutton Fen

A rare opportunity to contribute towards the purchase of an exceptionally diverse, species-rich fen in the heart of the Norfolk Broads. As well as the UK BAP priority habitats of fen, wet woodland and reedbed, Sutton Fen holds the two largest colonies in Britain of the UK BAP priority species of the fen variety of fen orchid and greater water parsnip.

Trees for Life 365,000

Towards the purchase of the Dundreggan Estate, Glen Moriston

To contribute towards the purchase of land to create a forest nature reserve linking and expanding fragmented habitats to benefit the UK BAP priority habitat of native pine woodland as well as the 16 UK BAP priority species found on the Estate and surrounding land.

Dorset Wildlife Trust 352,161

Towards the "Pastures New" project

To support work with landowners to restore and link five UK BAP priority habitats with particular benefit for the UK BAP priority species dependent upon grassland habitats such as pink meadow-cap, early gentian, Adonis blue, marsh fritillary and skylark.

**The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and
North Merseyside** 350,000

Towards the purchase of land at Brockholes, Lancashire

To contribute towards the purchase of former gravel workings to create a wetland nature reserve of regional and national importance which will benefit the UK BAP priority habitats of coastal and floodplain grazing marsh, and wet woodland and such UK BAP priority species as water vole, otter, pipistrelle bat, great crested newt, skylark, reed bunting, bittern, tree sparrow, song thrush and a crane fly *Lipsothrix nigristigma*.

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<p>Somerset Wildlife Trust Towards the “Rebuilding Biodiversity in the Mendip Hills” project</p> <p>To support landowner advisory work to link and improve the quality of a mosaic of 11 UK BAP priority habitats including lowland neutral grassland and lowland calcareous grassland and to benefit numerous UK BAP priority species including the dormouse, pipistrelle bat, great crested newt, skylark and brown hare.</p>	310,230
<p>University of Aberdeen Towards the conservation of the water vole in the Cairngorms National Park</p> <p>To support work in a key defendable area for the water vole to make a significant contribution for this and other UK BAP priority species such as black grouse, corncrake, corn and reed bunting, freshwater pearl mussel, great crested newt and red squirrel.</p>	275,000
<p>Butterfly Conservation Towards the conservation of the woodland butterflies and moths of South East England</p> <p>To support the development and implementation of a programme of conservation management including training and advising woodland owners of best management practice to benefit UK BAP Priority species of Lepidoptera.</p>	200,000
<p>The John Muir Trust Towards the management of land for the benefit of UK BAP species and habitats</p> <p>To support management to benefit the 10 UK BAP priority habitats and 24 UK BAP priority species present on land owned and managed by the John Muir Trust.</p>	177,851
<p>Wye and Usk Foundation Towards environmental improvements to the Rivers Wye and Usk and their tributaries</p> <p>To restore the habitats of riverine species in key Wye and Usk catchments to benefit in particular, the UK BAP priority species of white-clawed crayfish, otter, freshwater pearl mussel and allis shad.</p>	120,000
<p>Staffordshire Wildlife Trust Towards the “Brankley Pastures – A unique opportunity to recreate Needwood Forest's ancient wood pasture” project</p> <p>To contribute towards the purchase of land and the re-creation of 25 hectares of UK BAP priority habitat of lowland wood pasture, benefit the UK BAP priority habitat of lowland dry acid grassland and develop and disseminate best practice on wood pasture re-creation.</p>	100,000

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<p>Hawk and Owl Trust <i>Towards the purchase and restoration of Shapwick Moor Nature Reserve</i></p> <p>To contribute towards the purchase and restoration of intensively farmed land in the Somerset Levels Prime Biodiversity Area to the UK BAP priority habitat of floodplain grazing marsh and benefit UK BAP priority species associated with wetland habitats.</p>	98,000
<p>Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust <i>Towards the purchase of Asheys Down, Isle of Wight</i></p> <p>To contribute towards the purchase of land containing important examples of lowland calcareous grassland, a UK BAP priority habitat, which will then be maintained and further restored.</p>	83,250
<p>Westcountry Rivers Trust <i>Towards the "Tamar Lakes Catchment" project</i></p> <p>To support work to reduce the toxic algal blooms affecting the catchment, link fragmented areas along the catchment corridor and liaise with landowners to achieve the maximum benefit for biodiversity including such UK BAP priority species as the otter, pipistrelle bat, freshwater pearl mussel and allis shad.</p>	79,500
<p>Royal Society for the Protection of Birds <i>Towards the purchase and restoration of land at Sleach</i></p> <p>To contribute towards the purchase and restoration of 148.6 hectares of Strathmore Forest, which was planted on one of the best examples of the UK BAP priority habitat of blanket bog, forming part of the RSPB's strategy to deliver landscape-scale habitat restoration in the Flow Country.</p>	75,000
<p>Hertfordshire and Middlesex Wildlife Trust <i>Towards the purchase of Amwell Quarry</i></p> <p>To contribute towards the purchase of land within the Ramsar site of the Lee Valley to create a nature reserve of international importance and benefit three UK BAP priority habitats and eight UK BAP priority species.</p>	75,000
<p>Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust <i>Towards the purchase of land to extend the Moor Copse Nature Reserve, Berkshire</i></p> <p>To contribute towards the purchase of land to double the size of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust's existing nature reserve to secure and restore the UK BAP priority habitat of wet woodland and benefit such UK BAP priority species as pipistrelle bat, song thrush, spotted flycatcher, bullfinch, stag beetle, water vole and square-spotted clay moth.</p>	70,683

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<p>Essex Wildlife Trust Towards the “Water for Wildlife” project</p> <p>To support work to benefit coastal and floodplain grazing marsh in an area of national significance for this UK BAP priority habitat and liaise with landowners in a key defendable area for the UK BAP priority species of the water vole.</p>	59,701
<p>Stroud Valleys Project Towards the “Severn Vale Biodiversity” project</p> <p>To support work advising landowners in an area of key importance for the UK BAP priority habitat of lowland meadows and benefit many other priority habitats including ancient and species-rich hedgerows, cereal field margins and eutrophic standing water. A wide range of UK BAP priority species will benefit.</p>	53,442
<p>Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Towards the “Enhancing Wetland Wildlife in the Vale of York” project</p> <p>To support a landscape-scale project including landowner liaison work to improve the UK BAP priority habitats of wet woodland, reedbed and floodplain grazing marsh with a focus on the UK BAP priority species of water vole, otter and great crested newt.</p>	50,000
<p>Solway Heritage Towards the “Actions for Wood Pasture in the Lower Dales of Dumfries and Galloway” project</p> <p>To support work to enhance, restore and expand lowland wood pasture in an area of national significance for this UK BAP priority habitat which will also benefit the UK BAP priority species of black grouse, pipistrelle bat and red squirrel.</p>	35,100
	4,395,218

Organisation**Grant Amount (£)**

Welfare of Farmed Animals

The University of Bristol

650,000

Towards the “Reducing lameness in dairy cattle by implementing existing knowledge” project

To support work with farmers, veterinary advisers and milk producers to apply scientific knowledge to current commercial systems to prevent and control the major welfare issue of lameness in dairy cattle.

Farm Animal Welfare Trust

75,000

Towards the development of the “Novel commercial broiler genetic selection techniques integrating welfare traits with production traits” project

To develop 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.

725,000

Special Initiatives

WWF-UK

170,000

Towards the “Marine Bill Campaign Fund” project

To contribute towards a central fund which will enable the four Environment Link groups working within the UK to undertake specific activities aimed at achieving significant biodiversity benefit through the Marine Bill.

Scottish Environment Link

93,000

Towards the “Campaign for a Marine Bill for Scotland” project

To support work to increase the capacity of Scottish Environment Link’s Marine Task Force to raise the profile of marine legislation in Scotland as the Marine Bill passes through the UK Parliament and to work towards achieving significant biodiversity benefit through associated legislation relevant to Scottish waters.

Ulster Wildlife Trust

91,904

Towards the “Campaign for a Marine Bill for Northern Ireland” project

To support work to increase the capacity of Northern Ireland Environment Link’s Marine Task Force to raise the profile of marine legislation in Northern Ireland as the Marine Bill passes through the UK Parliament and to work towards achieving significant biodiversity benefit through associated legislation relevant to Northern Irish waters.

Organisation**Grant Amount (£)****Wildlife and Countryside Link**

75,226

Towards the "Campaign for a Marine Bill" project

To support work to increase Wildlife and Countryside Link's capacity to manage its Marine Task Force to raise the profile of the Marine Bill as it passes through Parliament and to work towards achieving significant biodiversity benefit through a Marine Act.

The Wildlife Trusts Wales Limited

75,000

Towards the "Campaign for a Marine Bill for Wales" project

To support work to increase the capacity of Wales Environment Link's Marine Task Force to raise the profile of marine legislation in Wales as the Marine Bill passes through the UK Parliament and to work towards achieving significant biodiversity benefit through associated legislation relevant to Welsh waters.

Wildlife and Countryside Link

20,000

Towards the "Links Marine Campaign" project

To provide support to enable the Marine Task Forces of the four Environment Link groups working within the UK to work collaboratively to take full advantage of the opportunity afforded by the Marine Bill legislation passing through Parliament to ensure that the Bill achieves the maximum benefit for marine biodiversity and the marine environment.

525,130**Grand Total****5,645,348**