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Is your school ready to join Team Wilder and become a Wilder School?

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust is one of 46 Wildlife Trusts, all standing up for the natural world.

Our vision is for a Wilder Hampshire and Isle of Wight by 2030 - where nature is recovering, wildlife is returning, damaged ecosystems are being restored and everyone benefits from a healthier, more resilient, natural environment. Our mission is to get more people on nature's side and create more space for wildlife to thrive.

To achieve our vision and mission we have three strategic goals

- Nature in recovery- 30% of land & sea is protected and managed positively for wildlife by 2030.
- People taking action- 1 in 4 people are inspired and empowered to act in support of nature's recovery by 2030.
- Nature as a solution- restoring nature helps tackle issues like climate change, pollution and flooding.

We believe your school can be part of helping deliver these three goals and by becoming a Wilder School you are joining a network of schools all taking action to create a Wilder future for all generations to benefit from.

Wilder School Programme

We can expand a child's education experience so that they value wildlife today and protect it tomorrow.

Our Wilder Schools Programme aims to:

- Help children discover and connect with the amazing natural world around them.
- Support schools to provide children and young people with the chance to have unforgettable experiences exploring and discovering nature. A hands-on connection with nature gives a much better understanding of the environment, as well as being fun!
- Train and support school staff to be confident and competent in outdoor learning and embed this in school every day.
- Train and support school staff to be confident and competent in making space for nature in whatever outdoor space you have.
- Enhance, restore and create habitats for nature on your school grounds.
- Connect your actions with the wider community, every action big or small can make our communities wilder.
- Help the children and adults at your school to access the health and wellbeing benefits of a closer connection to nature.

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The Wilder School programme has been carefully designed to support and encourage an outdoor learning culture change and develop nature connection and wellbeing within the school community. The repeat engagement element is evidence-based as crucial to developing staff confidence in using school grounds, supporting greater biodiversity in school grounds, and supporting children's health, wellbeing, and connection to nature.

We aim to support the whole school community to make change happen through training, visits to reserves and repeat engagement to help your school be resilient for the future. Our package options below offer every school an option. We encourage all schools to book the Wild Learners package, this is a great opportunity to kickstart a project and get the enthusiasm pulsing within school. We recommend that schools invest in one of the other package offers to really help embed this wild learning approach.

Become a Wilder School

We are amidst a global climate, biodiversity and health crisis and we, as educators, need to do our best to equip the children we teach with the tools they need to live sustainably, be successful, happy and healthy in an unpredictable and rapidly changing world.

We all know that children and young people learn best when they are happy and healthy, therefore if learning in and through nature helps improve happiness and good health, improved attainment will follow. Our Wilder Schools programme is designed to help build outdoor learning into your school's ways of teaching that can enrich the delivery of your curriculum and lead to deepened understanding and mastery. Through learning about and in natural spaces local to them, children and young people will develop a stronger understanding of the world and their place in it.

Your Wilder School Programme journey is influenced by your staff and pupils. We will help start your journey and support you along the way but we will empower you to take the lead.

Take the plunge and be a Wilder School Leader

To launch your Wilder School journey we need a passionate, enthusiastic member of staff, governor, or school volunteer to sign up as a Wilder School Leader. The Wilder School Leader will be our point of contact and have access to resources, regular annual meetings, training, and opportunity to network with other schools.

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Want to take your journey further?

We offer our Wild Learners package at £180. This package is all about learning from each other, how can we act and make a difference in our own school spaces and connect with nature on our doorstep.

The package includes:

- School grounds advice- we visit your school grounds, have a walk around with either staff or your wilder committee/eco group and give advice on habitat enhancement, support outdoor learning and sustainability.
- Assembly- Be the voice for change! The assembly can be the launch of your school project, a platform for a pupil inspired campaign or how we can make our lives wilder!
- Committee group workshop- delivered up to 15 children on either making a space for nature activity, interactive debate & discussion on a chosen topic or launching a campaign.

It's time to show your wild side and celebrate your achievements!

Add an additional celebration assembly at £60 where our expert educators will celebrate with you and share your project success with a fun and interactive assembly. The school will be awarded with their wild plaque and certificates and prizes will be awarded to the best inventor, best campaigner and most passionate wild champion.

If your keen as a kingfisher to go fishing for new ways of engaging your learners, then you may wish to choose one of the packages on the following page.

All packages include the Wild Learners package above.

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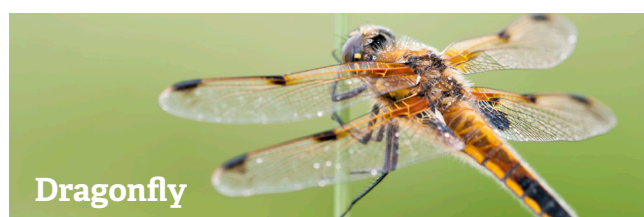


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Wilder Learner Packages

We offer five different packages, all helping your school become wilder! All packages will be discussed beforehand with an Education or Engagement Officer and an official booking agreement completed.

We will accommodate where we can and try to adapt the package to meet your school requirements and needs of the pupils.



Dragonfly

Cost £1,200

- 1 INSET training session (full day, or 2 half days or twilight sessions).
- 3 outreach or Education Centre sessions delivered by a member of Trust staff. The sessions could support a project that the school Wilder Committee or Eco group come up with. Curriculum links can be made throughout the sessions provided*.



Damselfly

Cost £500

- Outreach or Education Centre session delivered by a member of Trust staff. The session can be curriculum linked and will support a project that the school Wilder Committee or Eco group come up with. Curriculum links can be made throughout the sessions provided.*



Water vole

Cost £2,400

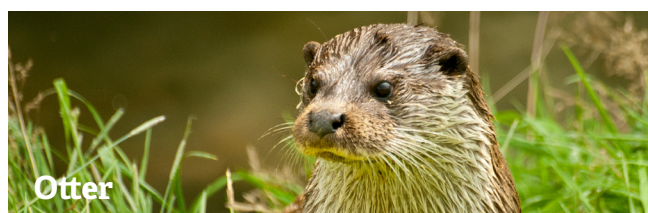
- 1 INSET training session (full day, or 2 half days or twilight sessions).
- 6 outreach or Education Centre sessions delivered by a member of Trust staff (choose from a range of topics that can be tailored to suit your needs)*.

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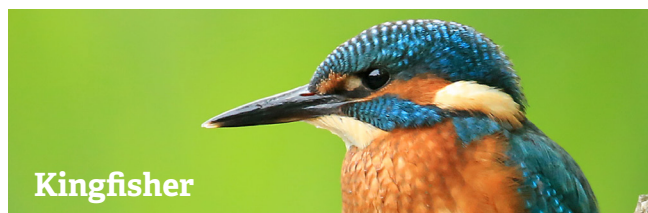
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Otter

Cost £4,100

- 1 INSET training session (full day, or 2 half days or twilight sessions).
- 12 outreach or Education Centre sessions delivered by a member of Trust staff (choose from a range of topics that can be tailored to suit your needs)*.



Kingfisher

Cost £6,400 (£2,400 Yr 1, £2,000 Yr 2, £2,000 Y3)

- 1 INSET training session (full day, or 2 half days or twilight sessions).
- 6 outreach or Education Centre sessions delivered by a member of Trust staff (choose from a range of topics that can be tailored to suit your needs) annually for 3 consecutive years*.
- Community celebration event at end of 3 years

*Outreach and Education Centre sessions must be delivered to the same group of children. The minimum number of repeat sessions with the same children is 3 sessions, therefore 6 sessions can only be split with two different groups of children eg. Year groups. The sessions are based on a full day with 35 children.

If you are interested in finding out more about the packages, what we can offer your school or you're interested in signing up as a Wilder School, please email Wilder.School@hiwwt.org.uk or call **07384 110319**. Alternatively, you can complete the I'm interested to become a Wilder School submission form online here: hiwwt.org.uk/wilder-schools.

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Becoming a Wilder School



1. Staff member signs up as a Wilder School Leader

Wilder School Leader will keep the school focussed and on track to successfully achieve your wilder goals.

3. Get your head on board

You'll need the support of your headteacher and your governing board to make your school journey a success.

5. Make Wilder School pledge

The Wilder Schools Pledge toolkit will help you to decide on goals to achieve the 1 in 4 people connected to nature, making more space for nature and reducing our impact on the wider environment.

2. Start a school committee

Get together with a small group of students to regularly discuss what changes you all would like to make to the school grounds.

4. Assess your school grounds

We will also help you enhance your school grounds for wildlife and outdoor learning. We'll come to your site to look around and provide you with a written report advising on your next steps.

6. Start transformation

With the passion of your school committee, approval from the headteacher, and an understanding of your space, you're ready to start taking action!



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