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We believe everyone deserves to live in a healthy, wildlife-rich natural world and that they should have the opportunity to experience the joy of wildlife in their daily lives.

**Everyone needs a future where wildlife and people thrive, together.**

Yet our natural world is in deep trouble. We're facing a climate and ecological emergency. Wildlife is in serious decline, constrained to shrinking, isolated pockets, and the UK has become one of the most nature depleted nations in the world.

It doesn't have to be this way.

By protecting and restoring our natural world we can allow wildlife populations to recover; we can help soak up carbon to tackle future climate change; we can enable our landscapes, cities and towns to cope with the changing climate that is already with us, by holding water, providing shade and absorbing pollution; and we can increase everyone's access to nature helping to improve our mental and physical wellbeing.

That's why The Wildlife Trusts are calling on all political parties to pledge to:

## **BACK AN AMBITIOUS ENVIRONMENT ACT**

with legally binding targets to restore nature, a powerful, independent environmental watchdog, and a Nature Recovery Network to protect and join-up important places for wildlife.

## **INTRODUCE AN AGRICULTURE BILL**

that pays farmers for helping wildlife and for restoring our natural countryside, so that public money is used for the good of everyone and farmers help to create a connected landscape.

## **REVIVE OUR MARINE ENVIRONMENT**

through a network of Highly Protected Marine Areas and a new Marine Strategy to guide how we develop at sea, how we fish within environmental limits and how we restore our marine ecosystems to support plentiful fish and wildlife.

The need to reverse nature's decline is more urgent than ever. The public is crying out for decisive action. We simply cannot succeed in tackling climate change without nature and nature cannot recover without urgent action.

Now is the moment to turn things around, to start nature's recovery on land and at sea; to start to build a greener, healthier, wilder future.

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