



Environment & Wildlife Charities

Protecting nature, wildlife, and future generations

These charities support the conservation of wildlife, landscapes, and ecosystems, both locally and nationally. Families often choose an environmental or wildlife charity to reflect a loved one's connection to nature, animals, the outdoors, or their wish to protect the environment for future generations.

Local & Regional Charities

(Worthing, West Sussex & South Coast)

Wildlife Conservation & Nature Protection

- **Sussex Wildlife Trust**
Protects local wildlife and habitats across Sussex, managing nature reserves and running conservation, education, and community engagement programmes.
- **RSPB – Sussex & South Coast Reserves**
Manages coastal and inland reserves supporting bird conservation, habitat protection, and public education.
- **Worthing Conservation Volunteers**
Local volunteer-led group supporting conservation and environmental projects in parks, woodlands, and public green spaces.

Coastal & Marine Conservation

- **Marine Conservation Society (South East Projects)**
Protects UK seas and coastlines through research, beach clean programmes, and education initiatives.
- **Surfers Against Sewage (South Coast)**
Grassroots environmental charity campaigning to protect oceans, beaches, and waterways, with strong community involvement.

Local Green Spaces & Heritage Landscapes

- **National Trust – Sussex Properties & Coastline**
Protects historic landscapes, coastline, and green spaces across West Sussex and the South Downs.
- **South Downs National Park Trust**
Supports conservation, access, and education within the South Downs National Park.

National Environment & Wildlife Charities (UK-Wide)

Wildlife & Habitat Protection

- **RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds)**
UK's largest nature conservation charity, protecting birds, habitats, and biodiversity nationwide.
- **The Wildlife Trusts**
A network of local wildlife trusts working together to protect wildlife and wild places across the UK.
- **Bat Conservation Trust**
Dedicated to the conservation of bats and their habitats in the UK.

Trees, Woodlands & Landscapes

- **Woodland Trust**
Protects ancient woodlands, plants trees, and promotes woodland conservation and education.
- **Trees for Cities**
Supports tree planting and green spaces in urban areas to improve wellbeing and environmental resilience.

Marine & Coastal Conservation

- **Marine Conservation Society**
Protects seas, shores, and marine wildlife through research, advocacy, and community action.
- **Blue Marine Foundation**
Works to restore marine ecosystems and protect ocean biodiversity.

Climate, Sustainability & Environmental Education

- **Friends of the Earth**
Campaigns for environmental protection, climate justice, and sustainability.
- **Greenpeace UK**
Advocates for climate action, environmental protection, and biodiversity conservation.
- **Keep Britain Tidy**
Promotes environmental responsibility, waste reduction, and community pride.



Community, Education & Engagement

- **The Conservation Volunteers (TCV)**
Supports community-led conservation projects and volunteer opportunities across the UK.
- **Groundwork UK**
Delivers environmental regeneration, green space creation, and sustainability projects in local communities.
- **Field Studies Council**
Provides environmental education and outdoor learning opportunities for all ages.

How Families Often Use This Guide

Families may choose an environment or wildlife charity to:

- Reflect a lifelong love of nature, animals, or the outdoors
- Support local landscapes, coastlines, or wildlife reserves
- Protect future generations through conservation and sustainability work
- Give back to organisations that provided education, volunteering, or community connection

This guide includes **local charities with visible impact**, as well as **national organisations with long-term conservation programmes**, offering families a wide range of meaningful options.

Gentle Notes for Families

- You don't need to decide immediately — take your time
- Local charities often offer a personal connection and visible impact
- National charities provide scale, research, and long-term protection
- Every donation or legacy, large or small, helps protect the natural world