



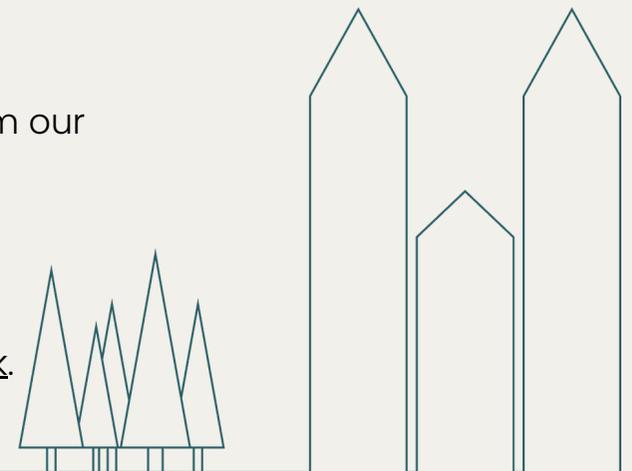
Annual Summary 2025

This report gives some examples of what we did in 2025. We awarded more than £4.7m to 12 charities.

This year we have been pleased to renew our support for organisations we have previously funded, but also to build new funding relationships with organisations such as the Women's Environmental Network and the Beaver Trust. The following provides more information about some of our new grants and updates from our ongoing grants, including our support for youth leadership in the UK environmental sector.

Our thanks to Lund Trust's founder, Lisbet Rausing, who stepped down from our Donor Board at the end of 2025.

If you are a donor or funder that would like to find out more about the organisations we support, we would be happy to speak with you. Contact Andrew.Wright@lundtrust.org.uk or Olivia.Dryden@lundtrust.org.uk.



Our vision is a UK where everyone benefits from and enjoys thriving nature.

We aim to fund transformative work that greens people's lives.

Grants awarded in 2025

| <u>Grant recipient</u> | <u>Project</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Duration</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------|----------------------|
| Total | | £4.7m | |
| <u>National Trust</u> | Towards the restoration of the historic parkland at Tatton Park. | £1.3m | One year |
| <u>Women's Environmental Network</u> | Towards Wen's core costs, to support its work on UK chemical policy. | £500k | Five years |
| <u>Pesticide Action Network UK</u> | To support a project addressing the gap between investigative journalism and advocacy on chemicals. | £500k | Two and a half years |
| <u>Kent Wildlife Trust</u> | Towards Hoathly Farm. | £500k | One year |
| <u>Beaver Trust</u> | Core funding to support landscape restoration through beaver reintroduction. | £400k | Four years |
| <u>Open Seas</u> | Towards core costs, to protect the UK's marine environment. | £400k | Four years |

| Grant recipient | Project | Amount | Duration |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------|-----------------|
| <u>Green Alliance</u> | To enable environmental NGOs to work together to build political support for nature. | £271k | Two years |
| <u>High Weald National Landscape</u> | Towards the High Weald Nature and Community Fund. | £270k | One year |
| <u>Soil Association</u> | Towards core costs, to support work to improve chemical policy in the UK. | £250k | Five years |
| <u>Ashden</u> | Towards the 'Resilient Roots' programme. | £200k | Three years |
| <u>Youth Environmental Service</u> | Towards core costs, to help young people get jobs in green organisations. | £150k | Three years |
| <u>Environmental Funders Network</u> | Membership contribution. | £20k | One year |

We also made gifts to a range of other causes our donors especially care about. You can find information on all our grants on our [website](#) and [360 Giving](#).

New Grants in 2025

This year, we awarded a core grant of £400,000 over four years to the **Beaver Trust**. Though a relatively young organisation, the Beaver Trust has established itself as an important source of expertise for practitioners across the UK and as a dedicated voice for the value of beavers in landscape regeneration.

We continue to develop our work on chemical pollution. This year we made a grant to the **Women's Environmental Network (Wen)** of £500,000 over five years towards its work on 'feminist toxic free futures'. In October, Wen convened a roundtable at the House of Lords to discuss toxic chemicals in menstrual products. Wen also organised a petition signed by over 70,000 people calling for stronger policies to protect health and delivered it to Downing Street.

In 2025, we also made two one-off grants to help secure land for restoration - to the **National Trust** for its work at Tatton Park and to **Kent Wildlife Trust** for Hoathly Farm.



Wen staff and supporters outside Defra. Photo credit: Wen.

Coming soon...

This year we have been working with **Wates Family Enterprise Trust** on a new programme to help communities to connect to nature by greening their neighbourhoods. The programme will launch in 2026.

We also awarded £500,000 to **PAN UK** for a pilot project that aims to address the gap between investigative journalism on chemicals and advocacy. The pilot will take place over two-and-a-half years from 2026.

Case Study

Grants to support youth leadership in the UK environmental sector

Youngwilders

Youngwilders is a youth-led land consultancy run by people aged 18–30. It works with landowners to design, deliver and manage small-scale nature recovery projects, including tree planting, wildflower seeding, pond restoration and habitat creation. To date, it has supported 12 nature recovery projects across nine counties. Last year, it worked with 937 young people and delivered 15 volunteering events. As part of its new three-year strategy, Youngwilders aims to ensure that all young people in England and Wales live within one hour of a youth-led nature recovery project.

Alongside delivering environmental projects, Youngwilders supports young people to build skills, confidence, and experience that strengthen their employability and leadership potential. It offers paid opportunities for young people to be 'Wild Stewards', taking a leading role in monitoring and decision-making at a site close to their homes. Each Wild Steward receives mentoring from the Youngwilders team, alongside seminars, training and peer support from a network of stewards around the UK.

Youngwilders also runs training in surveying and ecological fieldwork, with practical classes covering birds, bats, invertebrates, badgers and woodland habitats, to help young people build knowledge of nature-related careers and skills that can help them in future volunteering and employment.



Youngwilders at Overgrowth North

UK Youth for Nature

UK Youth 4 Nature (UKY4N) is a youth-led environmental campaigning movement for 16-35 year olds. It makes campaigning for nature accessible, allowing people to participate in person or online and use creative skills like writing, art, and music. It provides training in advocacy, public speaking, and lobbying to ensure that young people feel confident when engaging in or leading campaigns.

UKY4N has two campaigns on chemical pollution. The 'Not So Freshwater' campaign focuses on agricultural pollution in Wales and its impact on rivers. In 2025, UKY4N brought young people and members of the Senedd together to discuss the issue. It launched the campaign in its trademark creative style with a choral event in Cardiff Bay. Since then, it has supported young people with formal letter writing and facilitated a meeting with the Deputy First Minister, Huw Irranca-Davies. In December, UKY4N hosted a roundtable at the Senedd involving young people from across Wales and Members of the Senedd. Participants used hand-crocheted teabags, labelled with pollutants linked to declining water quality, to illustrate what is 'brewing' in Welsh rivers. In 2026, UKY4N will publish its own Senedd manifesto.

The 'Your Wild Streets' campaign calls for a ban on pesticide use in urban spaces. Last year, UKY4N, alongside local drag artist, 'Pollinator Patti', went onto the streets of Newcastle to speak with members of the public about pesticide use.

In 2026, it will host an Urban Nature Day to support young people and local groups to call on councillors in Newcastle to stop using pesticides. UKY4N will also support young people in other parts of the UK to become 'National Nature Champions' and to take coordinated action at both local and national levels.



Young people and Members of the Senedd

High Weald Nature and Community Fund

The High Weald Nature and Community Fund supports work that benefits people and the environment across the High Weald, in parts of Surrey, East Sussex, West Sussex and Kent. Since 2018, it has awarded 317 grants totalling £1.83m.

2025 was the tenth year of the High Weald Nature and Community Fund. The programme received 39 applications. The panel awarded £282,421 to 33 projects run by landowners and managers, community groups, parish and town councils, local authorities and schools.



Volunteers at BlackShed CIC building a new pond as part of the 'Watershed' project.

Case Study

Wild Soul Woods

Wild Soul Woods helps isolated young people to connect with nature. The sessions cater to different sensory needs and are supported by trained therapeutic practitioners. Connection can involve lying in a hammock beneath trees, planting in a shared area, exploring hedgerows and meadows, and observing wildlife.

Following the sessions, families reported calmer moods, with most participants going on to take part in other programmes - a significant step towards wider social participation.

One parent noted: "They were quite socially isolated when we started and were only attending one-to-one tutor sessions. They now have the confidence to regularly see two old school friends and also made a new friend through the group, who they have seen socially outside of the group as well."



Crafting sessions at Wild Soul Woods

Internships

Our interns research issues we are interested in and help inform our future grant-making.

In 2025, we had two interns, Jiayu Pang and Hugo Perrot-Barnaby.

Jiayu looked at the environmental and public health impacts of pet ownership in the UK, focusing on how these issues can be better communicated to pet owners. Using premium pet food production and pet parasiticide use as case studies, Jiayu identified the major actors involved in communicating these issues and assessed how different messages are being used to drive behaviour change among pet owners.

Hugo's research explored the role of religion, specifically the Church of England, in supporting greening efforts in the UK. Hugo found that motivation and potential for greening relate to both faith and the church as an institution, including its wealth and land ownership.

You can read reports by our past interns on our [website](#).



Find out more on our website.

