

MIDDLE MARCHES

COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 4th October 2025 at Norbury Village Hall. We have invited two wonderful keynote speakers to the AGM: John Meadley who is a co-founder and Life President of Pasture for Life, and Clare Hill who is a regenerative farmer from Planton Farm near Ludlow.

Hobarris Wood in Spring (c) Sarah Jameson

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Lambs in the Redlake (c) Sarah Jameson

View from the Chair

At last the continuous cold grey days have come to an end, to be replaced by westerlies with strong warm winds once again. The first spring flowers are out in the garden but it is still early and there may be more harsh weather to come. It is the time of year when I am always rushing to try and get new trees and shrubs in the ground, before the planting season ends.

As I write I have just heard that a pond close to our Norbury Hill reserve has several hundreds of frogs in it, which is exciting news! Last year we saw a pond in Poles Coppice, near Minsterley with a similar number, which is something I do not remember seeing before!

We are busy working to get our plans in place to deliver the projects that will be funded by the National Heritage Lottery Fund at Minsterley Meadows and the generous donations of people who gave to the Appeal. We will shortly be able to announce the name of the person who will be the Project Co-ordinator for all the activities planned at the Meadows and we will be holding a celebration event at the site on the **Friday 25th April**, which we hope many of you will be able to attend.

You can find our events programme inside but our first major Conference of the year will focus on Woodlands and will be held at Norbury Village Hall on 28th March.

We have put considerable effort towards encouraging the elected members of County and Parish Councils to consider what they can do to develop proposals to take more action for nature in the areas they are responsible for. This may include taking direct steps to provide better habitats for nature on the land that they own. These ideas all feed into the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Shropshire, which has recently been holding consultation events. We wait to see how Defra will take forward these Strategies across England.

We look forward to meeting you at our Events during the year and perhaps volunteering or visiting our reserves.

We are still trying to fill our Post of Treasurer so if you can help please do get in touch.

Richard Keymer
Chair, Middle Marches Community Land Trust

Woodland Conference: Friday 28th March 2025

MMCLT are delighted to announce a conference on Woodlands taking place on Friday 28 March at Norbury Village Hall, south Shropshire.

The conference will feature talks on a diverse range of topics all related to woodland such as: hedgerows, woodland flora, agroforestry, woodland quillets, woodland restoration & biodiversity, micro nurseries, veteran trees and coppice management.

Speakers are a mix of national champions and local heroes promoting activities that can be adopted all across the county supporting nature's recovery and helping to lock up carbon.

Programme below or [click here](#).

Book your place via:

[**conference@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk**](mailto:conference@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk)



Photo: Long Coppice, Wenlock Edge, in Autumn (c) Sarah Jameson

PROGRAMME

9.15am - Arrival/tea/coffee/pastries

10.00am - Dr Richard Keymer – Middle Marches Community Land Trust: Welcome, introductions and launch of MMCLT Nature Recovery Fund/Artists for Nature

10.15am - Will Fitzpatrick – The Tree Council: Shropshire's hedgerow survey research

10.45am - Dr Keith Kirby, visiting researcher (Department of Biology), University of Oxford: Woodland flowers: ancient past, wild future?

11.30am - Peter Aspin, farmer: Shropshire Agroforestry Project

12 noon - Patrick Cosgrove & Anthony Morgan, Redlake Valley Community Benefit Society: Woodland Quillets

12.30pm - Lunch/networking/art exhibition

1.35pm - Richard Thomason, Woodland Manager, Wild about Westhope, introduces CPRE Shropshire's short film: Life in the Coppice

2.00pm - Dougal Purce, Shropshire Hills National Landscape: Ancient Woodland Restoration Project

2.30pm - David Reeve & Russell Critchley, Small Woods Association: Mercian Woodland Biodiversity Project

3.00pm - Nick Rowles, Trees outside Woodlands: Micro Nurseries

3.30pm - Tom Shuttleworth, National Trust Assistant Trees and Woodland Advisor, Midlands and East of England: Veteran Trees

4.00pm - Dr Richard Keymer, MMCLT: Discussion: Moving forwards

4.30pm - Close

ARTISTS FOR NATURE EXHIBITION

Kate Chitham: katechithamfineart.co.uk

Tom Davies: tomdavies.com

Lucy Gaze: wanderinggaze.co.uk

Sarah Jameson: sarahjameson.co.uk



**Shropshire
Hills
National
Landscape**



News from Minsterley Meadows

Following a ten month campaign by local people and nature conservationists, Middle Marches Community Land Trust and Marches Meadow Group were able to purchase Minsterley Meadows in November 2024.

Thanks are due to The National Lottery Heritage Fund, 367 donors, Morris & Co, 100+ supporters and a hard-working group of volunteers on the Steering Group.

The Meadows are nationally important and are amongst the best flowery grasslands in Shropshire. They support over 5,000 Green-winged orchids - a species which has severely declined over the last 100 years. Over 90% of Shropshire's Green-winged orchids are in these two hay meadows.

Over £158,000 was raised by donations from local people and organisations and a £10,000 grant from Defra was facilitated by Shropshire Hills National Landscapes staff. Thanks to National Lottery players, The National Lottery Heritage Fund awarded a grant of £224,000 which covered a contribution to the purchase of the meadows, the ongoing work to manage them, and funds to support local people to care for them and engage with young people to learn about them. This includes a local art project, activities and events as well as working closely with local primary and secondary schools. More information about plans for Minsterley Meadows will be available soon!

We are delighted to announce the purchase of Minsterley Meadows and in being able to secure the future of such an important wildlife site well loved by local people. Our thanks to all the many people who have contributed to the Appeal in different ways and especially to The National Lottery Heritage Fund and National Lottery players, and to our dedicated group of local supporters

**Richard Keymer, Chair,
Middle Marches Community Land Trust**

This is a fantastic achievement to protect a rare example of an old hay meadow full of flowers and other important wildlife including fungi. Such places are arks of wildlife from where we hope to collect seed and material to spread into new meadows that our members are creating or restoring. Thanks to all the volunteers and donors and thanks to the Heritage Fund for supporting this appeal

Peter Carty, Chair, Marches Meadow Group

**[More on Minsterley
Meadows on the
MMCLT website here](#)**



Norbury Hill - Spring 2025

A six mile walk around the top of the valley near Linley Beeches keeps MMCLT's section of hillside in sight. It is a brilliant blue day after weeks of murk and the low sun picks out old field boundaries and last year's cut bracken exposes the mounds of the old rabbit warren quite clearly.

From here I can easily count the sheep which have just arrived. About 90 of them are grazing on the hill for a month or so. Apparently this farmer used to graze the hill 40 years ago and would walk his sheep the 4 miles down the lane to Heath Mynd.

Something in the air must change quite rapidly as at 11 I am sharp the raptors rise on the thermals. Eight kites, 2 buzzards and later a solitary kestrel keep us company.

I know it is still only February and a way to go but as that skylark leaps upwards and its song ignites, just for a few seconds, we too spring toward Spring

In 2024 as part of a Stepping Stones project and with the help of many volunteers we planted around 6000 Marsh violet plug plants in the wet flushes towards the bottom of our land to hopefully encourage the small pearl bordered fritillary butterfly.

These violets now have tiny leaf buds about 3mm long and hopefully as they establish they will thrive and be used as food plants by the Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary caterpillars.

In the middle of January a group of volunteers planted 100 trees on one of the steep densely bracken covered banks. Birch, rowan and hawthorn. In time hopefully this will give more cover and break up the bracken monoculture. The 50 hawthorn are in spiral guards but the taller birch and rowan are in 1.2 metre tall Tree hugger guards. These are biodegradable and made from woven cotton and pine resin.....I look forward to seeing how they perform

Rob Rowe



(Photos: Rob Rowe)

An update from Cudwell Meadow

Cudwell lake

As with last year, much of the meadow has been a lake this winter. The ducks have been happy and in recent months otter have been regularly seen on the trail camera along the brook. Egret and Buzzard make occasional visits. For a few days it froze over completely.

A detailed botany survey will be done in the summer months and it will be interesting to compare the flora with a baseline survey 5 years back. This inundation must be impacting on the wildlife. It also means it's unlikely that sheep can be brought in before May.

Prolonged inundation during the past two winters raise questions about the future management of the meadow and whether hay crops can be taken. Dock and rush continue to encroach. One new plant species was identified this year; Water Plantain, bringing the total to 167.

Cudwell Meadow management

Our amazing volunteers have been trying out a new technique of underwater scything! Apparently if the tips of soft rush are cut and remain underwater for a couple more weeks, they are not likely to recover. Since soft rush has been thriving in the wet conditions and threatening to take over completely, this seemed a good idea. The technique, we soon

discovered, is to scythe very gently to avoid getting soaked. We await developments but there does already seem a reduction in rush in the main part of the meadow.

Late in the year the meadow dried up somewhat and a late work party in November tackled the scrape which was very overgrown. Given its benefit for wildlife, we were pleased to get this work done before winter.

Damage from Storm Darragh

Storm Darragh brought considerable damage to this valley. Nearby Hopes Wood was devastated with over 20 large trees brought down, and a lot of damage was caused in the adjacent Brockhurst Wood along the Ludlow Road. We have lost a mature Hawthorn right next to our tool store. This is a sad loss given its size and maturity and there is no root stock left for it to rejuvenate. However, there are plenty of other Hawthorn around, including new ones that we have planted, so it could have been worse.

Work Parties

Work parties begin again on Thursday February 6th from 1.30 to 3.30 (usually ending with a sociable cuppa). The main work will be clearing away the Hawthorn and dealing with the brash so we can re-level our tool store. We also have some Viper's



An update from Cudwell Meadow (cont)

Bugloss plugs to plant out along the bank. As always all willing hands are most welcome.

Please email strettonwetlands@gmail.org with any queries.

Wildlife sightings

It's been pleasing to note some of the benefits to wildlife in the meadow after a pretty tough year for invertebrates. Six species of dragonflies and damselflies were seen this year around the scrape and stream - including two new species for the meadow - Broad Bodied Chaser and Golden Ringed dragonflies.

The monthly Bee Walk has continued and numbers were OK given the huge drops in Bumble bees in the UK. A Bilberry Bumble bee was recorded actually inside the meadow for the first time. Numbers of White-tailed Bumble bees, usually one of the most common in the meadow, were non-existent, coinciding with a UK wide drop of 70% in records for this species.

Butterfly Conservation's recent urgent appeal against the use of neonicotinoid pesticides to the Government has been successful. The need for urgent action to protect butterflies, bumble bees and other invertebrates is pressing - so this reprieve for 2025 is a welcome relief.

During the summer of 2024 the meadow was opened every weekend with a gentle flow of visitors. We held two open evenings in July; this time encouraging fauna ID as well as flora walks. This proved very popular with around 15-20 visitors each time, finding a good range of grasshoppers, beetles and birds. This will be repeated this year.

Citizen Science - the latest wildlife sightings in the Strettons?

The annual meeting of the Strettons Community Wildlife Group will be held at 7.15 pm on Tuesday 25th February 2025 in All Stretton Village Hall (SY6 6JR). This is always a great opportunity to hear about the findings of the various ongoing wildlife surveys around the Strettons. There will be an opportunity to chat informally with the various project leaders to find out what their surveying involves. All are most welcome.

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News from High Leasowes

The High Leasowes Trust manages High Leasowes in accordance with our management plan and our vision to create an area rich in wildlife and a place that people can enjoy.

The winter months are always a busy time for hedgerow management and this was certainly the case at High Leasowes this winter. The High Leasowes Trust (THLT) looks after 1.7km of hedgerows, many of which are hundreds of years old, and all need careful management to ensure they survive in good condition as dense, thick hedges for years to come.

Last year THLT renovated one stretch of hedgerow and their volunteers returned this winter to lay part of it after [Shropshire Wild Teams](#) had cleared away unwanted side growth and cut back emerging bramble. The newly-laid hedge is looking great and over the next couple of years should send up dense shoots from the base to form a thick, healthy hedge.

Thanks to a Farming in Protected Landscape grant (FiPL) THLT was able to restore a further 40 metres of another hedge where much of the hedgerow had died, its space filled with bracken. Hard-working volunteers from the community, [iDEA](#) and [Agilent](#) spent several sessions clearing out the brash, preparing the ground and finally replanting the gaps with hedgerow whips and two sessile oak hedgerow trees.

Further tree planting also took place, with a further 250 locally-grown saplings planted by 20 volunteers on a lovely winter's day. Again, this was thanks to a FiPL grant, which funded this activity.

The High Leasowes Trust is saddened, however, to report that criminal damage has taken place at High Leasowes over the last year, with the loss of over 100 saplings across the site, due to someone pulling up saplings or cutting them off at the base with secateurs. The Rural Crime Officer, Graham Donaldson, is investigating and asks that any information be passed to him on 07971 395278. It is particularly sad that this should happen as most of our new trees have been funded by the community and all were planted by volunteers. It is very hard to look at this very deliberate damage without feeling great sympathy for all the High Leasowes supporters and volunteers.

The first of the High Leasowes ponds has been created through a [Shropshire Wildlife Trust](#) pond creation scheme. It has been fenced for public safety and to keep dogs out, so that water-dwelling invertebrates are not killed by commonly used flea

treatments. The pond looks a bit 'raw' at the moment but it is hoped that it will soon look more natural as the surrounding vegetation grows back and pond flora and fauna arrive naturally.

Finally, a number of High Leasowes work parties have taken place this winter to create 'dead-hedges' as the most environmentally friendly way of getting rid of the brash created by all our hedgerow work. This tidies away the brash to die back naturally, while providing a safe corridor for creatures to avoid predation, to nest or seek refuge. This is particularly important when a section of hedge has been replanted as it provides cover for creatures while the new hedge gets established.

More information about the work of The High Leasowes Trust and upcoming volunteer opportunities can be found by emailing info.highleasowes@gmail.com or by looking on our website: [highleasowes.com](http://www.highleasowes.com). We hope you will take a look!

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CPRE Shropshire's Hedgerow Heroes Phase 4

The Hedgerow Heroes project is nearing the end of Phase 4. Phases 5 and 6 have been applied for.

Around 24 km of new, mixed native hedgerow has now been planted over 4 years on around 100 sites in the county with the help of our fantastic volunteers.

In 2024/25, around 300 volunteers spent nearly 1800 volunteer hours planting hedgerows in over 30 planting days.

Three 2-day hedgelaying workshops and two 2-day coppice management workshops took place in the Autumn of 2024 and 4 arts workshops, led by Shrewsbury artist, Andrew Howe have celebrated hedgerows a different way.

Huge thanks to our hedgerow volunteer leads: Rob Rowe, Jon Kean, Lucy Grove, Jenny Spelling, Tom Hayek, Phil Bibby, Clive Dean and Gareth Egarr. And grateful thanks to Simon Jameson for all the on-the-ground logistics without which we could not do very much at all!

Sarah Jameson
CPRE Shropshire, **Hedgerow Heroes**

(Thanks to Lucy Grove for several of these photos!)



Coppice Management in the Onny Meadows

One of our annual tasks in the Onny Meadows is coppicing. Coppicing is an ancient way of managing woodland to produce useable sized timber and involves felling a selected area of trees at ground level on a cyclical basis.

Coppicing needs to be done in the wintertime when the trees are dormant and is an excellent way of managing woodland for wildlife. It is a task our ranger carries out each January with our amazing volunteer team.

Contrary to popular belief, it doesn't kill the trees but instead encourages regrowth as the trees respond to felling by producing new shoots from the stump, or stool, as it's known.

These new shoots provided early man with wood for fencing, weaving and tool handles but it also provides an unintended benefit for wildlife. The cleared areas allow more light to reach the woodland floor, promoting the growth of many

woodland plants such as Wood Sorrel, Bluebell, Celandine and Wood Anemone which in turn attract butterflies and other insects.

Grant Wilson
Centre Manager
Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
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Look out for "Life in the Coppice" a short film by CPRE Shropshire Hedgerow Heroes project to be launched soon.



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Lizard sightings

April 12th was the date when I saw the first sightings of Viviparous Lizard (*Zootoca vivipara*), more frequently called Common Lizard in the UK, in 2024. Will the first sighting this year be earlier or later?

I began looking out for lizards each summer since eye surgery to replace lenses with cataracts greatly improved my distance sight. Previously it was a childhood pursuit: I used to feel guilt at the number of lizards my cousin and I caught and tried to keep in captivity, usually unsuccessfully. The guilt was replaced with regret when a satellite image of our former hunting grounds in Somerset showed they had been built over. Perhaps the lizards hang on in residents' gardens.

In 2023 the count was just forty-five, but these totals are not based on 'constant effort' in the ecological jargon. Most of my sightings are during dog walks and this year my wife's knee replacement operation meant I did almost all the walks rather than alternate days. Perhaps I would see more if the dog was trained to walk at heel, rather than leading the way and possibly disturbing some lizards before I see them.

Neither should the sightings be equated to the number of lizards, as many may be of the same individuals. One female was first seen on 18th May basking on a log. She had recently lost her tail and had just the stump remaining, presumably after a close encounter with a predator. Over the course of the summer I saw her (I believe) on the same log a further four times and, when I last saw her, her tail had regrown to about 3 cm.

The rather dull conditions in 2024 may have made sightings easier, as the lizards spent more time basking to raise their body temperature. Certainly there were fewer sightings during periods of hot weather when the lizards could be active without basking.



*The female lizard with the lost tail (see text) basking on a log beside a track in the conifer woods at The Bog.
Photo: Richard Small*

The last sighting was on 31st October. This year's young lizards (identifiable both by size and darker colouration) appeared in early July and by the end there had been 58 sightings of 2024-born lizards. This, and the overall number of sightings, suggests that Viviparous Lizards are flourishing in this part of the Shropshire Hills – the sightings are based on perhaps a metre wide strip alongside tracks, footpaths and road verges while all around is a large area of suitable habitat of heathland, bogs, field banks, clear-felled conifer woodlands and wide woodland rides. Long may the lizards flourish!

Richard Small



Rea Valley Community Wildlife Groups's iRecord report

The goal of iRecord is to make it easier for wildlife sightings to be collated, checked by experts and made available to support research and decision-making at local and national levels.

Join iRecord now to share your sightings with the recording community, explore dynamic maps and graphs of your data and make a real contribution to science and conservation.

Rea Valley Community Wildlife Groups's iRecord report for Q4 2024

<https://www.shropscwgs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/report-q4.pdf>

Despite the colder weather and a tendency towards hibernation, both for our wildlife and our wildlife recorders, the final months of 2024 saw a healthy variety of plants, animals, and fungi submitted to the Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group's iRecord activity.

39 different species of colourful fungi emerged across our various woodlands. Notable finds included King Alfred's Cakes, Lilac Fibrecap and Collared Earthstar, along with numerous waxcap and spindle-type fungi in grassland areas.

Other wildlife included 31 species of moth; some that had not been seen in more than 20 years.

Plus sixteen different mosses and liverworts, various bees, bugs, beetles, and even butterflies! Possible first records for the area included *Hartigiola annulipes* a type of beech gall, *Cladius brullei* a species of sawfly, a *Coelichneumon desinatorius* wasp, and a Woodland Dor Beetle.

A big thank you to everyone who iRecorded the wildlife they encountered.

Julian Livsay
RVCWG

<https://irecord.org.uk>

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© Julian Bromhead
Collared Earthstar
Geastrum triplex



© Katherine Edwards-White Laura Edwards-White
Figure of Eight
Diloba caeruleocephala

A mini 'Nature Recovery Plan'

We feel very lucky to live in South Shropshire - when we bought our house it had a couple of acres of land with it and this felt like heaven - it was quite a wild and untamed garden opening on to lovely views across a valley.

A few years ago we were lucky enough to be able to buy the seven acre field adjoining the garden and this gave us about eight and a half acres in all.

We wanted to be able to keep horses on it - but the land itself had been very open sheep pasture for decades and had very little in the way of trees and hedges or variety of habitats, even though we were right in the heart of the Shropshire Hills National Landscape.

We felt it was a great opportunity to try and improve the land for nature while still making it suitable for horses. But how to start? Even though we wanted to treat it as a big garden, it needed a bit of thought! The ideas started to build while I was volunteering with the National Trust Stepping Stones project, CPRE Shropshire's Hedgerow Heroes project, and Middle Marches Community Land Trust and local residents. From the conversations we had while planting trees and hedges we started to plan how we could make the best environments for the wildlife we love and still keep our beloved horses fed and happy! To us this meant no pesticides and use local species.

Over the next couple of years we have been scribbling down ideas and have dug, planted, pruned and cut our way towards our goal.

We wanted to record this in an easy way for our family to look back on and realised that the "nature recovery plans" might provide the right vehicle. So I bought a sketch book and got out the colouring pencils. It may seem a bit over the top to have called it a nature recovery plan, but somehow it helps us show how our little bit fits in with the bigger picture and helps nature beyond our own hedges.

(Anonymous contribution)

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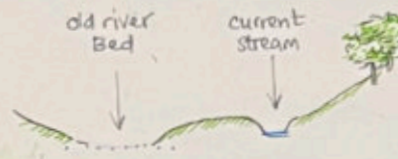
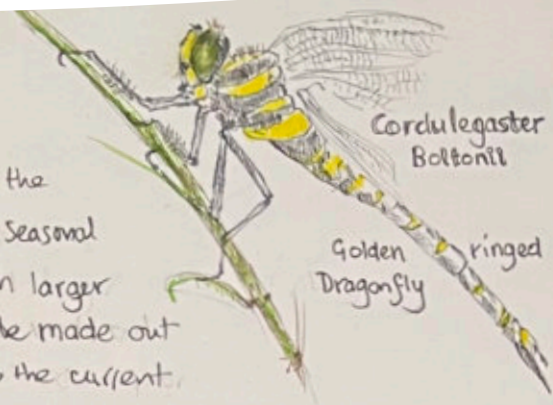


Ponds & Streams

Vital habitat for so much wildlife. The heavy clay soils in the valley floor hold a lot of water all year round. There is a seasonal stream that flows along the valley floor. It was much larger in the past on a wider, slightly meandering route can be made out the stream appears to have been straightened to the current course prior to the 1800's.

Ephemeral Ponds

A pond that will only fill in wet weather and may dry out. Becoming scarce as farmers filled them in. We created one in the bed of the old stream. It is approximately 5m x 4m and 0.5m deep. IT HAS FRUGS + NEWTS; RUSHES GROW AT THE MARGINS AND DRAGON FLIES + DAMSEL FLIES ARE REGULAR VISITS.



Musing on Meanders....

The old watercourse is lower than current stream, it does NOT drain off. We are considering options of:
A; Planting Wetland trees to slow the flow
B; Digging out sections to make Ponds or 'Wallows'
C, Diverting the stream back to its course.

WHATEVER WE DECIDE THERE WILL BE WETLAND TREES AND CONDITIONS TO 'SLOW THE FLOW'

OLD RIVER BED

What a Wonderful World! MMCLT wins Award!

In November 2024, MMCLT won an award from the National Community Land Trust network.

The Community Land Trust (CLT) Awards are our annual awards that celebrate the amazing things happening in CLTs across England and Wales, as well as the leaders that drive this change.

The 6th annual Awards ceremony took place at the CLT AGM on Saturday 23rd November 2024.

You can read about the winners [here](#).

This award celebrates a CLT that recognises the importance of sustainability. The CLT movement can – and is – delivering projects of huge importance and together we can set the standard for a future way of living in a time of climate crisis.

The CLT movement has changed a lot over the past 15 years, and while housing is the predominant

motivator for groups this isn't always the case and more CLTs are now taking on the community ownership of land and buildings for other reasons.

This is how Middle Marches Community Land Trust was described by the CLT Awards: *“Since its formation in 2019, MMCLT has managed to buy three pieces of land making it – in size of the area – the largest landowner CLT in England (note: at the time of the awards, we were hoping to soon complete on a fourth parcel of land - Minsterley Meadows). The winner of this award is showcasing how CLTs can protect and manage land for nature and local community wellbeing.”*

Watch the Awards here (MMCLT at 53:53 mins)

Screenshot below shows Jonathan Brown, virtually accepting the award on behalf of MMLCT.

What a Wonderful World Winner - Middle Marches CLT



And it will hopefully be completing soon on a fourth parcel of land, a site that is home to rare orchids.

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Leaving money or land in your Will?

Many of us would like to be certain that after our death, some or all of our money and property can be given to the causes we wish to help. See and download our brand-new [Wills leaflet here](#) and let us know if you have any questions.

About the Middle Marches Community Land Trust (MMCLT)

The Middle Marches Community Land Trust was formed in 2019. We are a community-led Trust based in the Middle Marches committed to the promotion and development of sustainable and environmentally responsible agriculture that supports a thriving natural world.

Our Vision is to help create an ecologically healthy and sustainable countryside in the hills of the Middle Marches. To do this, the Trust acquires and manages land with current or potential high wildlife value for conservation purposes.

We also work with landowners, support local food production, collaborate with other organisations and act as an 'advice hub'.

MMCLT is a Society for the benefit of the community, which you can join by becoming a member from as little as £50. Go to the [Membership page](#) of our website for more information and to join, or contact us.

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