We’re able to meet this challenge because of the community of support that exists around us. This Devon Wildlife Trust community includes:

- Our 35,000 members
- Our 300 volunteers
- Our county-wide network of volunteer-led Local Groups
- The charitable trusts, foundations, businesses and grant giving bodies who support us
- All those who donate to our fundraising appeals
- The people who choose to leave a gift to us in their Will

Your support is making a world of difference to Devon’s wildlife. Thank you to you all.

Matt Boydell
Nature Reserves Manager, Devon Wildlife Trust

We thought 2019 was a momentous year but 2020 has tested us even more and in very different ways. Covid-19 has cast a long shadow over the year, but it hasn’t stopped this being an amazing 12 months for Devon Wildlife Trust.

Supporting the Bill was the Government’s decision to allow the leaveers on the River Otter to remain and spread. This is a landmark in conservation history being the first reintroduction of an extinct native mammal in England.

Our Action for Insects campaign was another huge success, reaching millions of people in general and in pieces of media coverage. We continue to push for a 50% reduction in pesticide use.

After our successful acquisition of land to expand Lower East Lounston nature reserve in January, we welcomed our 35,000th member, Nadine Common, in early November. Extending our 46 hectares of the Tolman ridge, this is typically the driest part of Devon’s heathland. We have created a haven for the nightjar, adder and other rare species.

As our departure from the EU looms, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment Bills have all returned to parliament. We continue to lobby hard for improvements to these laws. The Environment White Paper proposes some alarming changes to the land use planning system, proposing an end to development volunteering. The Planning White Paper is proposing a limit on local authority to control. With your support we have lobbied hard to prevent these crucial environmental protections being undermined.

As you will know from a case we have been involved in is that of the proposed Inland Waterways charity is long-term strategy, and we will be putting the wording of the planning rule in the case. The local council argued against it, but public support for action to tackle these issues has never been higher. Thanks to you, our amazing members and supporters, we are well placed to meet them.

Thank you to Devon Wildlife Trust’s 38 nature reserves. It’s a huge challenge to sustain these places as havens for wildlife and people, and just one of the ways that we’re working for nature across the county.

Devon Wildlife Trust’s income and spend in 2019-20

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This is what your support has allowed us to achieve for local wildlife.

Our Northern Devon Nature Improvement Area project had nearly 20,000 members and volunteers. Thank you for your support – it is making a real difference to local wildlife.

North Devon has worked with nearly 5,000 farmers to restore or recreate wildlife-rich Culm grassland.

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The Trust saw its first residents occupying it within weeks of completion. The 200-acre site was made possible after a successful application for a Water Environment Grant through the Rural Development Programme for England and the Environment Agency.

Our Working Wellies project is a five-year Thinking amongst the project team has reduced nitrate losses by 80%.

Further north, the Ottery St Mary Natural Flood Management project was made possible after a successful application for a Water Environment Grant through the Rural Development Programme for England and the Environment Agency.

It was a stop-start year for our Education Team. But it was only during this time that had they been able to maintain their normal routine and be open to group numbers, the team were able to continue in their important task.

It has been a frustrating year for our volunteers to be in lockdown and a temporary halt to the activities of the 1,000 people who regularly dedicate their time to us. But between these periods some voluntary roles are carried out, particularly on our nature reserves where it was safe to observe small mammals such as bats.

However, our Education Team were able to welcome more than 500 children to Wembury’s marine education activities during the spring and summer seasons.

In April 2020, the Wembury Marine Centre’s Timber Bay project, supported by the Environment Agency, began its efforts to expand the size of North Devon’s beaver population.

The Covid-19 pandemic as it remained closed during the spring and summer seasons.

Devon Wildlife Trust continued to work with Wembury’s marine education activities. Some 2,000 children took part in our ‘Seed to Seedling’ Marine Education project, which is asking for 30% of the UK’s land and seas to be connected and protected for wildlife by the year 2030.

The creation of a new Nature for People website is one of the first steps in seeking the public’s views over the Teign Valley for England and the Environment Agency.

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