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Information Sheet



Kites Hill Woodland Project, UK

In brief - The World Land Trust, an international conservation charity, has a flagship site in the UK, Kites Hill Reserve. The Trust is seeking to enhance the biodiversity of the site and increase the educational value of the nature reserve, improving interaction with volunteers, community members and schools through a biodiversity monitoring project.

Project – The World Land Trust's flagship site in the UK is the Kites Hill Reserve. The beech woodland area is designated as a Site of Special Scientific interest and has also been included on English Nature's "Natura 2000" site list, as part of a "network of the most important nature conservation sites in Europe". The management of the site consists of three distinct phases. Phase 1 has been completed and the trust has been awarded funding for Phase 2 and 3, which will include enhancing the biodiversity of the site through the creation of a pond; enhancing the educational value of the nature reserve by extending a number of trails with educational boards to explain the species diversity and involving volunteers, community members and schools in a bio diversity monitoring project. This transformation will involve the extension of the beech woodland, the conversion of currently grazed fields to organic status, and encouraging the rehabilitation of butterflies, bats and owls and other species lost to the area, by providing suitable breeding and feeding sites.

Organisation - The World Land Trust is an international conservation charity based in Halesworth, a rural town in Suffolk, UK, its patron is the famous Naturalist, Sir David Attenborough. Since its foundation in 1989 as the World Wide Land Conservation Trust, the World Land Trust has been working to preserve the world's most biologically important and threatened lands, and has helped purchase and protect over 350,000 acres of habitats rich in wildlife, in Asia, Central and South America and the UK. The Trust's key objectives are to protect and sustainably manage natural eco-systems; to conserve their biodiversity, with an emphasis on threatened habitats and endangered species; to develop partnerships with local individuals, communities and organisations; to engage support and commitment among people who live in the protected areas and to raise awareness, both in the UK and elsewhere, of the need for conservation.

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