



Annual Review 2016

The Invertebrate Conservation Trust
Saving the small things that run the planet



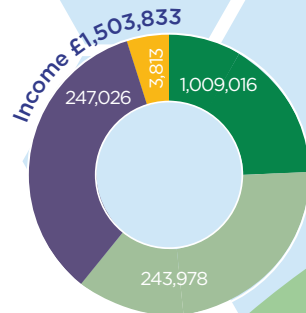
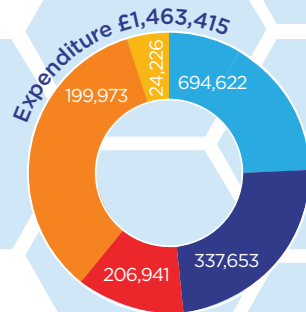
Buglife has had a great year, spending £1.5m on our bug conservation objectives – over £300K more than ever before. Our healthy finances owe much to our dedicated staff and our highly motivated supporters and funders.

Declines in bees, aquatic life and other wildlife must be reversed and Buglife is doing more than ever towards this end. This report highlights our key pollinator restoration initiatives - B-Lines and Urban Buzz, our restoration of hundreds of hectares of peat bog; and cherishing endangered brownfield wildlife.

But we have been active on many fronts: Rescuing endangered species, saving key sites, mapping Important Invertebrate Areas, engaging and educating the public and ensuring that invertebrates are considered at the highest levels - all key parts of this charity's vital role.



Matt Shardlow, CEO



- Practical Conservation
- Education & Advocacy
- Policy & Campaigning
- Research, Survey & Advice
- Fundraising

- Restricted Grants
- Donations & Legacies
- Bank Interest
- Contracts & Contributions

President, Germaine Greer; Chairman, Mark Felton; CEO, Matt Shardlow. Funders list: www.buglife.org.uk/sites/default/files/Buglife%202016%20Funders.pdf

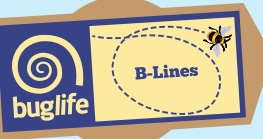


PROVIDING ADVICE TO FARMERS



300 Schools have been given guidance

...1000s of people across the UK are helping with B-Lines...



HELPING OUR POLLINATORS

WORKING WITH FARMERS

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

CREATING WILDFLOWER MEADOWS

ACROSS THE UK

200 ha. wildflower meadow restored by Partners

WORKING WITH:

Government Departments

Businesses

Communities

ENGAGING WITH

90

LOCAL COUNCILS

7

NATIONAL PARKS

See our B-Lines at: www.buglife.org.uk

Buglife has **250** ha. of wildflower habitat restored & created

AN INNOVATIVE PROJECT
WORKING WITH LOCAL
COMMUNITIES



PLYMOUTH

YORK

CARDIFF

BIRMINGHAM

111
VOLUNTEER
HOURS

4
ORNAMENTAL
MEADOWS

15.5
ha OF
HABITAT
ENHANCED

31
SITES
CREATED

19
NATIVE
MEADOWS

37.7
ha OF HABITAT
CREATED

1736
VOLUNTEERS
RECRUITED

18.75
KG OF SEED
SOWN

132
BUZZING
HOTSPOTS

22
SCYTHE
TRAINED

1246
PLUG
PLANTS

37
SITES
COMPLETED

452
ATTENDEES
CREATING
HABITATS

14
ha OF
POTENTIAL
IMPACT

40
BUG
HOTELS
BUILT

40
BUZZING
HOTSPOTS

440
VOLUNTEERS
CREATING
HABITATS

760
VOUNTEER
HOURS

18
ha OF
HABITAT
CREATED

Slamannan Bog Restoration Project

restoring bogs, blocking old ditches,
removing trees to encourage
peat-forming Sphagnum moss
to recolonise the site

ha of scrub
and non-native
conifers cleared

FRESH
WATER

dams installed
creating 27 ha
of bog pools

ha of cell bunds
created & 550m of
ditches reprofiled

species
recorded
on the site

million litres of water
captured by 110 ha
of restored bog...

80%
of the rainfall
that fell on
that area in
3 months

metres depth shows
bog dates from over
9000 years ago!

volunteer hours
on habitat creation
and restoration

BUGS ON THE BRINK

1 of the UK's most spectacular spiders

BUT

1 of our most endangered + over 12 months...
2 new populations will be established on RSPB Arne nature reserve, Dorset



Ladybird Spider

(Eresus sandellatus)

TANSY BEETLE

42 Champions: growing, improving, educating and fundraising for habitats
2422 people learning about the Tansy Beetle with talks
1500+ tansy plants planted
331 school children growing and planting tansy



ROOT TO SHOOTS

Public Engagement Project

- Workshops
- Talks
- Bug Walks
- Citizen Science
- Training
- School Visits



1720 opportunities for children to learn about invertebrates
41 training sessions
Establishing invertebrate conservation on the island of St Helena

Scottish Parliament

Political Parties

Wildlife

15 organisations

MSPs

50

Species Champions

Brownfields:

Protecting and restoring important invertebrate habitat

40 different people involved on this brownfield site

Bridgeness Biodiversity = 105 volunteer days!

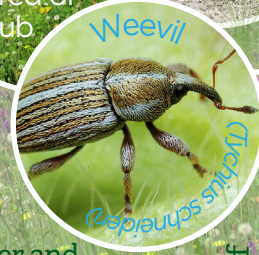
200m² of green roof being created within Inner Forth area

6 species of wildflower and grasses planted as plugs

Glorious Green Roofs

143m² of green roof already installed in Grangemouth

Thurrock Stepping Stones 3 ha of Grays Gorge SSSI cleared of scrub
2 south-facing sand cliffs cleared of scrub



Weevil

(Tychius schneideri)

1000 volunteer hours on habitat work



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