



NEWS DETECTIVES

TODAY'S NEWS STORY

Wildlife charity seeks help to buy mountain

KEYWORDS

- ☐ **Nature reserve:** An area where plants and animals are protected
- ☐ **Fertile:** Able to produce offspring or fruit/life
- ☐ **Species:** A group of plants or animals
- ☐ **Mountaineer:** Someone who climbs mountains as a sport



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BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

A wildlife trust is a charity that tries to protect nature. In September, one wildlife trust in England began asking people to donate money to help it buy part of a mountain so that it can protect the landscape there. It would cost £6 million — quite a steep price!

How much does it cost to buy a mountain?

The answer is £6 million, according to the Cumbria Wildlife Trust, which is asking for public donations to help it protect part of a mountain in England.

The cost of conservation

This is part of a plan to boost the amount of wildlife on the mountain. The trust would use the money to create a **nature reserve** on the side of the mountain. There would

be more woodland and new **fertile** soil.

Cumbria Wildlife boss Steve Trotter said: "It's a unique and exciting opportunity to put more wildlife back into a spectacular part of the Cumbrian landscape."

Flood risk

People who support the plan argue that it will reduce flooding in the local area. Under the plans, water would be stored further up the river in very wet areas known as peat bogs.

This could help to protect people who live near the River Caldew, which flows down the side of the mountain.

Return of the wild

Supporters of the project also hope that it will bring back **species** that don't live on the mountain anymore, such as black grouse. It could also encourage new animals to live there, like a species of bird called merlin.

The plans have been backed by **mountaineer** Sir Chris Bonington.





INVESTIGATION OF THE DAY

WOULD YOU GIVE MONEY TO PROTECT A MOUNTAIN?

WHAT
will the
donations be
used for?

WHO
is backing
the plans?

WHERE
is the
mountain?

WHEN
did the Cumbria
Wildlife Trust
begin asking for
donations?

WHY
could the plans
boost wildlife on
the mountain?

HOW
could the plans
protect local
communities?

1 TAKE ACTION

Want to help protect nature but can't afford to buy a mountain? Why not attract birds back to your garden or your school by leaving out some food? Birds especially like nuts and seeds — and don't forget to leave them some water too! Leaving out extra food can help our feathered friends survive over the cold winter.



2 SHARE YOUR IDEAS

What have you found out in your investigation? Write, present or even record a piece that describes the new types of bird that you see at your school or in your garden after you start leaving food for them. Share what you've learned with your family and friends. What do they think? We want to hear your ideas too! Your teacher can share your reports with us too by sending them to editorial@theday.co.uk.

3 Build THE Change



CREATE YOUR DESIGN

If you had £6 million to build a nature reserve, what would it look like? Can you design a beautiful nature reserve that protects plants and animals?

STEP 1:

Think about your design! What would make the nature reserve a good place to live for plants and animals? More trees and soil? Should people be able to enter?

STEP 2:

Build the change! Draw your beautiful nature reserve. If you have time, why not build a model of it using LEGO® bricks or craft materials — especially recycled ones!

Share your genius
Show your work
to your class!



Upload a photo of your work to the Build the Change gallery by scanning the QR code and have your work displayed to inspire real-world change.



4 BUILDER OF THE WEEK

Every week we handpick one of the most inspirational designs from our online photo gallery to be our BUILDER OF THE WEEK. To get your creation featured here, ask your grown up to take a photograph and upload it to our Build the Change gallery, using the QR code on this page.



This week we have
a bird garden in
the wild by Tom

"GREAT WORK!"



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