

DONATION REMINDER:

Help create a Wilder Blean now

Dear reader,

Firstly, we would like to thank you for your continuous support of Kent Wildlife Trust. You are helping us protect so many important species and spaces across Kent. Sadly, due to the increasingly disruptive climate and nature crises, many species in the UK are continuing to decline at the fastest rate for thousands of years.

Evidence gathered from across the world promotes 'wilding' as the most efficient conservation solution to these crises. That is why Kent Wildlife Trust and Wildwood Trust are working together to coordinate Wilder Blean, a flagship wilding project right here in Kent.

The Wilder Blean project is the first of its kind in the UK and marks the beginning of a new era of conservation. Ecological function will be restored in West Blean and Thornden Woods, just outside of Canterbury, by introducing ecosystem heroes: European bison alongside Longhorn cattle, Exmoor ponies and Iron-Age pigs.

The behaviours of bison (including grazing, dust bathing and eating tree bark) will restore natural processes to this ancient woodland, increasing biodiversity and supporting species already living here. This will minimise the need for human intensive methods of conservation which will not only cut our carbon footprint as an organisation and reduce the costs of managing large scale sites, it will, most importantly, breathe life and light back into this precious habitat.

Our next step is to ensure the bison can roam all areas of the Blean, utilising their natural behaviours and promoting landscape connectivity, whilst keeping this woodland open for the public to enjoy.

To do this, we need your support. By donating to this ground-breaking project, you can help us increase the area the bison have to roam and restore large regions of our ancient woodland. By supporting us, you will be part of this new era of conservation and play a vital part in tackling the climate and nature crises.

We are handing the reins back to nature, and we can't wait to see what our ecosystem heroes achieve. We are no longer looking back at what we've lost, but looking forward to a wilder future.

Your support can help us fight for larger, naturally managed habitats and the wildlife that rely upon them. Thank you to everyone that donates, engages, and supports this groundbreaking project.

Yours sincerely,

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The bigger picture

By supporting this project, you'll be helping create the perfect habitat for many endangered species, including:

- Heath fritillary butterflies
- Lesser spotted woodpeckers
- Nightingales
- Crab Spiders

If working apart we are a force powerful enough to destabilise our planet, surely working together we are powerful enough to save it"

David Attenborough, COP26, Glasgow 2021



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