

## NATURE RECOVERY

Sir David Attenborough, Honorary Fellow and a Vice President of BNA, has made a short film with The Wildlife Trusts' charity to provide answers to the State of Nature partnership's latest warnings of continued, devastating wildlife declines in the UK.

In the film, which was created in partnership with Campaign Film, Sir David calls for powerful new laws to ensure the UK's wild places can thrive once more and for a Nature Recovery Network. Sir David Attenborough says in the film: "A wildlife-rich natural world is vital for our wellbeing and survival. We need wild places to thrive. Yet many of our systems and laws have failed the natural world. We now live in one of the most nature depleted places on the planet. Nature urgently needs our help to recover – and it can be done. By joining up wild places and creating more across the UK we would improve our lives and help nature to flourish - because everything works better when it's connected.

"Now is the time to tell our politicians that we need a Nature Recovery Network set in law. A legally binding network for nature would mean that wildlife is prioritised when managing our land and planning our towns. Powerful new environmental laws can ensure habitats are expanded and reconnected meaning all life will thrive once more.

"It's time to turn things around. Nature is capable of extraordinary recovery but we must act now! Tell your politicians now is the time to put nature into recovery. Everything works better when it's connected."

The film urges people to take action for a wilder future. It follows on from an earlier film created by The Wildlife Trusts, also narrated by Sir David Attenborough, which retold the children's tale *The Wind in the Willows* to highlight the problems faced by UK wildlife. This new film goes one step further by providing a tangible solution. Nikki Williams, Director of Campaigns and Policy at The Wildlife Trusts, says: "Nature is in big trouble but we know how to bring it back. Local action is already making a real difference and now the government needs to play its part. We need a Nature Recovery Network established in law – one that is locally developed and nationally connected – this would help join up our last remaining wild places by creating vital new habitats. It's time to make nature a normal part of childhood again and restore wildlife so it can recover and thrive across urban jungles and the countryside once more – where it can be part of people's daily lives."