



Protecting the natural world with a gift in your will

The Field Studies Council is at the forefront of giving people – and especially young people – an understanding of the natural world, so they are better equipped to protect it.

As Sir David Attenborough has said “No one will protect what they don’t care about: and no one will care about what they have never experienced”. So we aim to provide encounters with nature that lead to a life-long engagement with it.

Today the Field Studies Council has exciting plans to reach more people with our courses and resources. There is a big opportunity to work with growing numbers across our study centres and via the internet.

To achieve this though, we need to invest in our resources and facilities, including:

- ✓ Modernising and improving our network of field study centres
- ✓ Updating and extending our range of popular field study guides
- ✓ Developing new fieldwork courses
- ✓ Reaching more young people and widening access to environmental education
- ✓ Providing kits and equipment for tutors to use

One way people can help us to achieve this is to remember our work with a gift in their will. This is a very practical form of support that can make a huge difference, helping us reach even more people with environmental education.

Supporters Cathy and Fraser from Hampshire recently told us “We have written legacies into our Wills to support the remarkable work the Field Studies Council does.”

Please will you join them, so that together we can inspire and teach new generations about nature?

We know you will want to provide for your loved ones but, if there is scope after that, please consider including a gift to the Field Studies Council in your will. We promise to use every penny wisely!

If this is of interest, the Field Studies Council has created some online resources to help you, which can be found on our website.

The impact of gifts in wills

Over many years, generous members and supporters have enabled the development of our work through gifts in their wills.

These legacies have enabled the Field Studies Council to bring a greater understanding of the natural world to many thousands of people across the UK and have been used for a wide range of purposes, including:

- ✓ The refurbishment of visitor accommodation at our residential centres
- ✓ Improvements to teaching and learning spaces, both indoor and outdoor
- ✓ To provide study subsidies for children and young people who are disadvantaged
- ✓ Support for staff to increase knowledge and share FSC's expertise
- ✓ Purchase of microscopes, fieldwork equipment, waterproofs and wellingtons for visitors, classroom projectors, etc.

So these past legacies have supported many aspects of our work and continue to be an important source of income for the charity today.

Whether they are received as shares of estates or as set amounts of cash, all legacies are of great benefit and help the Field Studies Council to achieve its charitable aims. Our trustees give careful consideration to how legacies are used and are conscious to use every penny wisely.

Most donors leave unrestricted gifts, which the Field Studies Council can then use where most needed. This is a really helpful form of support.

We are therefore asking our supporters and friends to consider joining the ranks of those who have left or pledged a legacy, so that together we can inspire and teach new generations about nature.

If you have reason to be grateful to the Field Studies Council for increasing your understanding of the natural world, or if you would like to help inspire new generations of naturalists, then please consider including or adding a legacy to the Field Studies Council in your will.



We know that everyone will want to provide for their loved ones first but, if there is scope after that, we are inviting people to consider supporting our vital work.

For those who may be interested in this form of support, the Field Studies Council has created some useful online resources, which can be found on our website.

Your legacy could enhance environmental understanding for generations to come.

www.field-studies-council.org/about-us/leave-a-legacy

My legacy to the Field Studies Council

Life member Alan Fordham's first encounter with the Field Studies Council was in the 1970s, when he was managing a fenland nature reserve in Suffolk.

Wanting to learn more about the fauna and flora of the fenlands he enrolled on a week's course at Malham on fens and bogs. Other courses followed, including one on lichens at Slapton Ley. Thus started a long association with the charity and today Alan volunteers at Bushy Park, as well as giving nature tours at Kew Gardens.

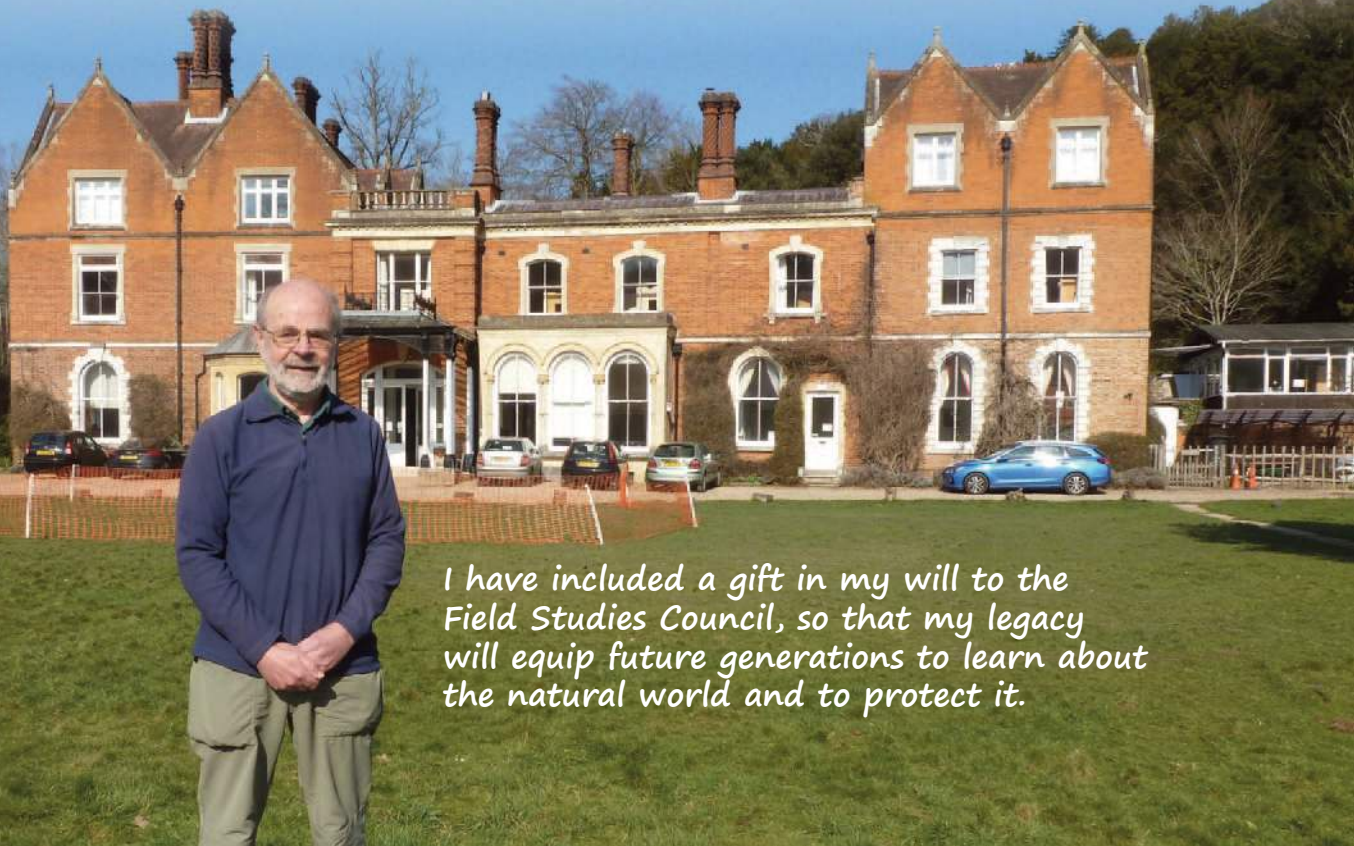
"My involvement with the Field Studies Council has really enriched my life" he says. "I am a keen walker and what I have learned there enables me to understand in more detail what I see in the countryside. The courses I attended have also greatly improved my understanding of the natural world and hence my quality of life. I have been able to put much of it into practice too when volunteering on conservation projects at local nature reserves.

"For me the Field Studies Council is the leading organisation for providing environmental and natural history education for children and young adults, with expert tutors in many fields. Today, there are insufficient numbers of young people who really understand the natural world. But this is where the Field Studies Council can make such a difference, especially helping disadvantaged young people to gain insights into the environment.

"That's why I have included a gift in my will to the Field Studies Council, so that my legacy will equip future generations to learn about the natural world and to protect it. I hope other people will want to join me in this. Then together we can pass on our love for nature to future generations."

For those interested in joining Alan by leaving a legacy, the Field Studies Council has created some useful online resources, which can be found on our website.

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