



The Wildlife Trust for  
**Lancashire  
Manchester &  
North Merseyside**

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# Pond creation and restoration services in Lancashire

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## Would you like to have a pond created or restored on your land ?

In support of Natural England's District Level Licensing (DDL) we are offering to design and create or restore ponds, to provide habitat for great crested newts on your land, at no cost to you. With the option of us funding you as the landowner to create the pond(s).



District Level Licensing aims to mitigate against great crested newt habitat loss by creating a network of interconnected great crested newt habitat at a landscape scale.

**Help us to support this rare amphibian and other local wildlife, while also enjoying the benefits of a beautiful pond on your land.**

Female

Male

### Great Crested Newt

*Triturus cristatus*

Also known as "warty newt" and 'Northern crested newt'.

### Ponds created or restored for District Level Licensing must:

- Be between 150m (12.25mx12.25m) and 1000 m<sup>2</sup>
- Hold water for at least one summer in every three
- Eventually have good coverage of native pond plants
- Have areas of open water to encourage courtship behaviour
- Have good quality habitat around the pond
- Have grassland and maybe scrub for at least 3m around
- Have plenty of insect prey
- Be close to other ponds (within 250m generally)
- Not be shaded on the south side
- Not contain fish and have no or few waterfowl
- Have good water quality, with no run-off from agriculture and roads
- Be in a strategic opportunity area.

**Great crested newts have seen a dramatic decline in their populations over the last 60 years, despite being protected under UK and EU Law. Since 1900, an estimated 50% of the UK's ponds have been lost, reducing the availability of suitable newt habitat.**

### To be eligible for restoration your pond must:

- Be either overgrown with scrub and trees, or entirely covered by plants with no or minimal water
- Have a base of thick sediment with no or minimal water
- Be located close to existing suitable habitat, such as grassland
- NOT be fed by pipes and ditches that drain an arable fields
- NOT currently be suitable to support great crested newts
- NOT Support highly valuable trees or protected/priority habitat species
- NOT support invasive species, like New Zealand pigmyweed

"A pleasure to see the ponds created in conjunction with LWT showing an abundance of pond life enjoyed by all on the farm and school children visits"

- Heather, Landowner in Lancashire



# As part of this offer, we will:

1. Carry out a survey to confirm the location is suitable for a great crested newt pond.
2. Arrange and fund any required checks or consents
3. Design and create or restore ponds on your land
4. Provide and install fencing around the ponds, if needed.
5. Explore with you the option of the scheme funding landowners to create the ponds themselves and install fencing if required.

**To find out more, or to see if your pond or land are eligible for inclusion in this project, please contact Pam Derbyshire:**

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**We look forward to working with you.**



## About Us

The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside was founded in 1962 by people like you who knew they needed to take action.

Since then we have grown to be the largest nature conservation body in the area. We are uniquely positioned to lead change our region, working at a grass roots, local level whilst also being part of a strong cohesive movement. We have saved many special places, acquiring and managing many of them as nature reserves, we look after over 1,288 hectares of havens for rare and threatened species and habitats

## Our Mission

To enable wildlife's recovery in our area by working in partnership with others to conserve, restore, create and connect habitats and to increase species abundance; and to connect people with nature and help them to take action for wildlife, wherever they are.

## Our Vision

Nature is recovering on a grand scale across Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside, and in our sea, and that everyone is able to enjoy our increasingly abundant wildlife.

