



## Activist groups/individuals & Cheshire Wildlife Trust

### Our statement on Activism

Cheshire Wildlife Trust stands united with all those who share our belief that nature is valuable in its own right as well as being essential to our existence. Disruptive and illegal activity are not methods Cheshire Wildlife Trust chooses, but we understand why many feel the need to demonstrate for action on climate and nature and we fully support their right to do so peacefully and legally. As a charity we must comply with UK law and safeguard everyone who comes in to contact with the organisation.

### Further wording

The natural world is in a critical condition. Across the UK, precious remnants of wild natural space and vast numbers of insects and birds are being lost every day. Existing laws are too weak, and the climate and ecological crises are not being taken seriously. These are not isolated issues and their solutions mustn't be either. It is time to stop the damage and turn the situation around. The Wildlife Trusts continue to play our part to see change, raising the profile of the crises society is in and inspiring action for a healthy natural world.

### We believe that:

- Everyone must come together to help wildlife thrive at the scale and pace required;
- Action on the interlinked climate and nature crises must be accelerated;
- It is not acceptable to continue showing a lack of respect for the natural world, for example permitting damaging development in designated protected spaces;
- We need new laws that truly give nature and people alike a safe and healthy future.

Actions by other conservation charities, and activist groups such as Extinction Rebellion and Just Stop Oil and others, complement and add impact to our own activity. While we recognise that radical activism and planned disruption can have impact, we're aware that not everyone wants to or is in a position to take this route. We believe it's vital to offer a variety of options. Cheshire Wildlife Trust offers a host of positive, peaceful and practical opportunities designed to help everyone play their part at this crucial time.