



Action for Fife Water Vole Project

Do you want help preserve one of the UK's most endangered mammals?

Share in our vision to help protect and preserve the water vole in Fife. These species are considered to be the most rapidly declining mammal in the UK. Recent surveys have shown an 85% decrease in the estimated Scottish population alone over the last 7 years.

Identified as both a Fife Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) and UK Biodiversity Action Plan water voles are a conservation priority in Fife.

It is vital to protect water voles because they are an indigenous part of our native wildlife, important in their own right as a charismatic and fascinating species, but also for the role they play in food chains and the ecosystem services they provide within their preferred habitats.

Fife Coast & Countryside Trust has been progressing a suite of projects to protect, preserve and restore Fife's water vole population. This strategy is tackling the two main pressures affecting the species, namely habitat loss and predation by American feral mink.

Early indications are encouraging suggesting that in areas where both conservation measures and mink control are being implemented, water vole populations are beginning to recover. However, continued momentum is required to maintain these successes.

How you can help

Your kind donations, whether funding or volunteer time will help us to provide the following:

Protect and enhance the existing water vole habitat

Create new habitats and help to create habitat networks to aid the spread of water vole colonies



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