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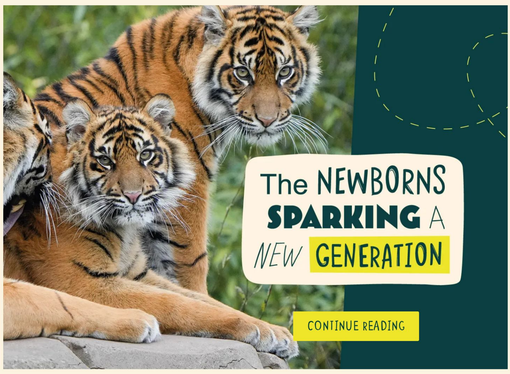
The festive season has officially arrived and we're looking back at **another fantastic year of new arrivals and conservation** success stories. Come with us as we reflect on 2023 and **explore what 2024** has in store.



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In our winter issue we're delighted to reflect on another amazing year for animal conservation...

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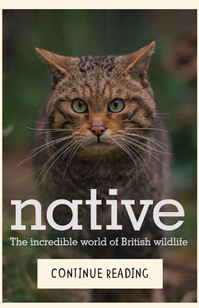
















Welcome to WINTER here at CHESTER ZOO and a chance to reflect on another AMAZING YEAR for ANIMAL CONSERVATION.

Just like the festive season ahead, this issue is filled with good news and gifts, like the leaps our conservation work is making and all of the new animal arrivals and births in 2023. But we're excited to look forward to 2024's exciting plans too, sharing what's next for our zoo with you.

FOREFRONT of GLOBAL CONSERVATION

As a conservation charity, the work we do to protect species and prevent extinction happens both here at our zoo and out in the wild. Starting with our efforts close to home, we've welcomed a whole host of new animals to the zoo since last winter. Some have joined us from partner zoos, like **Obe the Andean bear from Port Lympne Wildlife Park in Kent**. With the help of our team's expertise, we've also been lucky enough to witness a **new generation of species come into the world**, who we're excited to tell you more about.

You can also learn about our efforts further afield, as we dive into our conservation activities, like partnering with Saving Wildcats to see **Britain's last native cat species** return to their wild habitat. And our **big plant plan** is a must-read for anyone who's visited our extensive gardens, as we run through some of the endangered native plant species we're currently nurturing right here.





EXCLUSIVE STORIES

From the science and stories behind biodiversity conservation in episode three of our **Zoo Tales podcast** to understanding the findings of this year's **State of Nature Report**, our winter issue is jam packed with fascinating facts to fuel your knowledge and inspire your next visit.

And as we look forward to 2024, there are more exciting plans on the horizon with the arrival of brand new species like the snow leopard, who'll move into an incredible new habitat, more significant births on the horizon, and a vibrant new programme of events for you to enjoy.

"As we look back on another amazing year it's a great time to reflect on some of the significant events from 2023. We've had some fantastic animal births, animal arrivals and conservation successes. I'm proud that our charity has achieved so much in the last 12 months. Here's to much more to come."

Jamie Christon DL, CEO

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The NEWBORNS SPARKING A NEW GENERATION

We're proud to be part of so many international breeding programmes, all doing vital conservation work to help the most endangered species across the globe.

This year, we've welcomed a new generation of animals who are all vital pieces of the conservation jigsaw. As a conservation zoo, we're dedicated to giving you the experience our new animals as they learn and grow. What better way to celebrate a year of successful births than to take a look back at some of our newcomers and check in on how they're doing as we come to the end of 2023?

7 JANUARY 2023
Sumatran tiger cubs

1 & 2 APRIL 2023
Komodo dragon hatchlings

11 MAY 2023
Giant anteater pup

4 DECEMBER 2022
Baby western chimpanzee

28 JULY 2022
Goodfellow's tree kangaroo joey



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SUMATRAN TIGER CUBS

ALIF AND RAYA

Birthday: 7 January 2023
Birth weight: 700-800g
Weight now: 40kg

Born to resident tigers, Kasarna and Dash, our new female tiger duo, Alif and Raya came into the world in the first week of the new year. We always take a hands-off approach with tiger cubs, leaving mum Kasarna to use her instincts, so we built a special cubbing box with 24hr CCTV to keep a close watch on their development.

Now they're older, our carnivore team are beginning to see more of their individual behaviours and characteristics. Of the two, Alif is the more confident cub, following and interacting with keepers, not phased by their presence, whereas Raya is more on the shy side. We think Alif is a mini Dash, enjoying dipping her toes in water and engaging with the public like her dad. Raya is more like a mini Kasarna, preferring private time and the hot rocks in their habitat.

The cubs are now fully weaned, with healthy appetites that have seen their weight reach over half as much as their mums, and about a third of their dads. We're thrilled with their growth and development, and love hearing them roar just like fully grown tigers now too!

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KOMODO DRAGON HATCHLINGS

Birthday: 1 & 2 April 2023
Birth weight: Hatchling A - 74g Hatchling B - 127g
Weight now: Both around 500g

Although we haven't officially named these newbies yet, our keepers do have their own nicknames for them. But there's another thing we don't know yet either, and that's their gender. This is because the species doesn't show any physical characteristics of their sex for several years. By sending blood and saliva samples to our lab, science can save us the wait, so we'll soon have an answer as to their gender and genetics.

Our new hatchlings certainly have a dragon appetite, eating as much as they can, of whatever they can! There's lots of different insects, quail eggs, fish and meat on the menu, paired with plenty of exercise to make sure they're growing and getting fit at the same time. Most of this activity happens up in the trees, where our new Komodos love to hang out, just as they would in the wild.

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BABY GIANT ANTEATER

TIKOA

Birthday: 11 March 2023
Birth weight: 1kg (estimated)
Weight now: 13kg

With the giant anteater being an iconic species in South America, newborn pup Tikoa's name was chosen 6,000 miles away from the zoo, by schoolchildren in the Aquidauana region of Brazil. Meaning 'giant anteater' in the region's indigenous Terena language, Tikoa was their clear winner.

Out in the field, we're working closely with our partners Instituto de Conservação de Animais Silvestres (ICAS) to educate local children on how we can protect the future of this incredible species and to support local ferry drivers to become citizen scientists by recording giant anteater sightings.

After spending the first few months of her life clinging to mum Bilo's back, Tikoa is now growing in confidence, exploring the habitat herself (though she can still be spotted taking the occasional piggy back ride).

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BABY WESTERN CHIMPANZEE

JEFF

Birthday: 9 December 2022
Birth weight: 1.9kg
Weight now: 8kg

Our primates team has lots of little traditions. When it comes to the zoo's group of Western chimpanzees, one of those customs is to name new arrivals after rockstars, just like Jeff (after the legendary guitarist, Jeff Beck).

Jeff will turn one on 9 December, and he's been on a big journey since he was born. Initially staying close to mum ZeeZee, we've seen him become more independent over the last few months, venturing further on his own and playing with the other youngsters. He's a really popular member of the group, even spending time with our grown-up Western chimpanzee Sally, Pattie, Steve and Carlos. Can you guess who they're named after?

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GOODFELLOW'S TREE KANGAROO JOEY

MORESBY

Birthday: 28 July 2022
Birth weight: We don't know for sure, but roughly the size of a jelly bean!
Weight now: 9kg

The Goodfellow's tree kangaroo is a lot smaller than the famous Australian kangaroo, and unlike their leggy relatives, the tree kangaroo species is now endangered.

Our new joey, Moresby, isn't just rare because of his breed, but because he's the first ever Goodfellow's tree kangaroo to be born here at Chester Zoo. You might have spotted he was actually born in 2022, but as he spent the first six months of his life hidden in mum Kiawa's pouch, we only got to meet him earlier this year.

Making the transition from living in his mum's pouch to venturing out on his own didn't happen overnight. It took Moresby a few months (watching between being in and out of the pouch to build up his confidence. Now permanently out, he's loving life among the trees in his environment, and he's proving a firm favourite with visitors.

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WHO WILL YOU MEET NEXT?

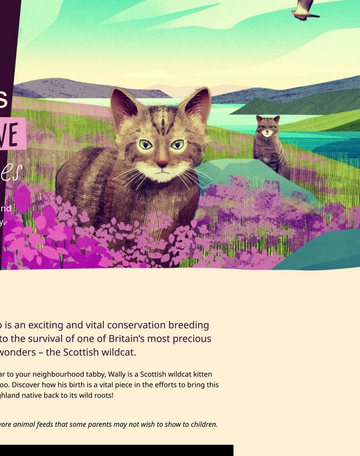
This month we welcomed a our new eastern black rhino calf, born to mum Zuri. With fewer than 600 remaining in the wild this new addition is of particular importance to the conservation of this incredible species. Go and see how she's settling in on your next visit in her new home just behind Bonnie Kitchen at the entrance of the zoo!

Don't miss a thing with Chester Zoo membership. Share your love of the zoo with friends and family this Christmas, gift unlimited FREE entry and experiences that last a lifetime. Plus the arrival of snow leopards this spring!

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Introducing Britain's LAST NATIVE CAT *species*

Come behind the scenes and meet wildcat kitten, Wally.

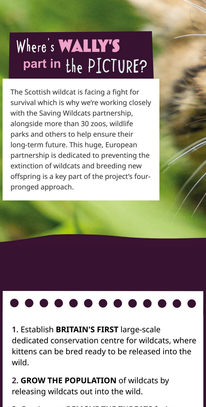


Hidden away at the zoo is an exciting and vital conservation breeding programme that is key to the survival of one of Britain's most precious native wonders – the Scottish wildcat.

Although he may look very similar to your neighbourhood tabby, Wally is a Scottish wildcat kitten born this spring right here at the zoo. Discover how his birth is a vital piece in the efforts to bring this Highland native back to its wild roots!

This video contains footage of carnivore animal feeds that some parents may not wish to show to children.





Why's the SCOTTISH WILDCAT *IN DANGER?*

Now rarer than tigers, back in their heyday majestic wildcats roamed across Britain, enjoying life hunting near wooded areas, and roaming across moorlands. Over time, with deforestation snatching up their habitat, they started to disappear from England, Wales, and even lower Scotland.

In recent years, human homes, traps and traffic have threatened their survival and they are now sadly listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. And there's something else seriously threatening the species' survival – one that could be purring on your lap right now!

Our much-loved domestic cats cause all kinds of havoc for Scottish wildcat numbers. As the two are genetically similar, house cats and strays have been able to breed with the wildcat species for centuries. This has created lots of hybrids cats, making it really difficult to identify a true wildcat, threatening the true Scottish wildcat population's future.

The **Scottish wildcat** is listed as **Critically Endangered** on the IUCN Red List.



Gaining the nickname the '**Highland tiger**', these cats carry a signature **stripy coat.**



You can **spot a true** Scottish wildcat by their **distinctive thick, blunt tail** with a **black tip.**

Experts think there are **fewer than 100 wildcats** now left in the **UK.**



Where's WALLY'S part in the PICTURE?

The Scottish wildcat is facing a fight for survival which is why we're working closely with the Saving Wildcats partnership, alongside more than 30 zoos, wildlife parks and others to help ensure their long-term future. This huge, European partnership is dedicated to preventing the extinction of wildcats and breeding new offspring is a key part of the project's four-pronged approach.

1. Establish **BRITAIN'S FIRST** large-scale dedicated conservation centre for wildcats, where kittens can be bred ready to be released into the wild.

2. **GROW THE POPULATION** of wildcats by releasing wildcats out into the wild.

3. Continue to **REMOVE THE THREATS** facing wildcats in the Highlands to create other safe areas for wildcats to be reintroduced to their native home.

4. **WORK WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES** to understand how people can benefit from the presence of wildcats.

THE SAVING WILDCAT PARTNERSHIP

Experts took on the role of matchmaker for the mating season, picking Clair and Cromarty who originate from the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS) as a compatible pair for breeding season.

Unlike domestic cats who have larger litters, wildcats usually only have between one and four kittens at a time, making pregnancies all the more significant, and all the more tricky to confirm!

Even though the couple hit it off, we couldn't be sure Clair was going to have a kitten until a new addition was found in a nest box. Wally, the precious kitten, was named after 'Where's Wally?' because of his elusive nature. Our keepers would rarely see him, and when they did he was usually gone in a flash!

A HIGHLAND RETURN

As well as breeding, we're supporting the Saving Wildcats programme by helping them prepare young wildcats for life in their natural habitat, building large natural fenced habitats in Scotland and releasing the wildcats when they're ready. This year, 22 wildcats entered the Cairngorms National Park, all fitted with GPS-radio collars to carefully monitor their movements, and help us learn as much as we can about their behaviour to best protect them in future. The release marked the first-ever cross-location conservation of wildcats in Britain!



"It's **FANTASTIC** *that our efforts with* SCOTTISH WILDCATS here at the zoo and our support for this AMBITIOUS PROJECT up in Scotland can help to give the wild population a NEW LEASE OF LIFE. We're proud to have been part of these critical efforts to save **SCOTTISH WILDCATS** from EXTINCTION, and it's really **heartening to witness** such *collective action to* RESTORE THEIR POPULATION."

Mark Brayshaw -
Head of Mammals at Chester Zoo



A **BIG** WORLD awaits **WALLY**

Wally is growing up fast and making his mark here at the zoo, already practising how to hunt his prey like his wild ancestors. One day, if his genetics are suitable, he'll be prepared for a new life in the Scottish Highlands at Cairngorms National Park. Wally would be joining a new generation of Scottish wildcats, thanks to the work here in Chester and the strong partnerships forged with other zoos and wildlife centres that have united in support of the return of wildcats to their homeland!

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Discover the science and the stories behind the scenes and meet the incredible people that make Chester Zoo the leading conservation and wildlife charity it is today.



EPISODE 3

Our UK Field Programme Manager, Helen Bradshaw, joins us for the third episode of our Zoo Tales podcast. Helen oversees our zoo estate biodiversity delivery as well as our native species projects with partner organisations.

Combining her experience as a local authority planning ecologist and conservation volunteering work with bats and badgers Helen has been working in the Cheshire region for 20 years. She's a champion for biological recording and showing how monitoring data informs habitat management.

Read more about HELEN ›

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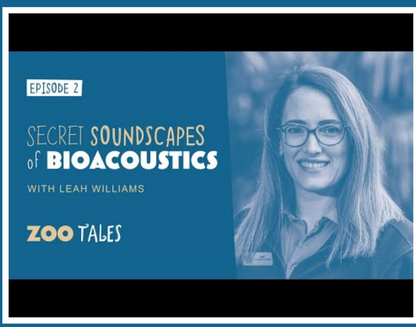
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JANE

Jane is a Community Engagement Officer for our Networks for Nature project.

"I'm out chatting to the local community about how to make our outdoor spaces better for wildlife. Prior to this role, I was a Zoo Ranger delivering informal education out in the zoo. I have a MSc Animal Behaviour and a BSc Psychology, so working within zoo education suits all my interests, chatting to people about animals!"



EPISODE 2

Lead Conservation Scientist, Dr Leah Willams, joins us for the second episode of the Zoo Tales podcast. We dive behind the scenes at the zoo as we discover all about the fascinating world of **population biology** and the secret soundscapes of bioacoustics.

Leah shares just how closely linked the work of zoos is to wild populations around the world, which we are working to protect for the future. So grab a brew and brush up your knowledge before your next trip to the zoo!

Read more about LEAH ›

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ASH

Ashleigh Marshall is our Assistant Team Manager for Visitor Engagement, managing the Zoo Ranger team and ensuring there is a range of talks, activities and games for our visitors to get involved in. Ashleigh was previously a Zoo Ranger herself and has worked in conservation education in different UK zoos since 2014. She is passionate about science conservation and loves sharing the zoos amazing science stories with the world.



EMMA

Emma Myers is one of our Zoo Rangers, engaging our visitors with the zoo's animal and plant collection through a range of talks and activities. Emma previously worked as a lecturer in animal management at Reaseheath College and also worked in Blackpool Zoo's education department before this. She has recently completed her MSc in Conservation Biology, and particularly enjoys talking to visitors about Chester Zoo's science and conservation work around the world.



EPISODE 1

Regional Field Programme Manager, Paul Bamford, will be taking us across the world to Latin America and introducing us to the incredible wildlife that calls this region home for our first episode! At just seven years old, Paul's family relocated to Chile and his fascination with wildlife and the impact we have on the natural world was sparked.

Out in the field, our conservation work is a huge part of the work we do and Paul shares with us some of the incredible projects we've been working on to protect the Andean bears and shines a spotlight on our amazing partner organisations that help to make it all happen on the ground.

Read more about PAUL ›

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CHRIS

Chris Deputy is the Internal Communications Manager here at Chester Zoo, ensuring staff around the zoo are informed, engaged, and entertained. He was previously a science communicator and lecturer at the University of Liverpool, a stand-up comedian, an events co-ordinator and PR officer at the BBC, and now a podcast host! He loves everything about the natural world and is the biggest supporter of Chester Zoo's mission of preventing extinction.

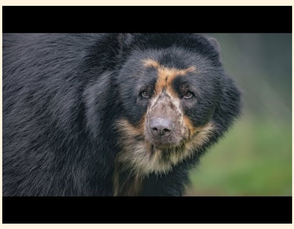
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There's a NEW BEAR on THE BLOCK

We're excited to introduce a new Andean bear – 10-year-old Oberon. Obe is a towering Andean bear, who moved to us from Port Lympne Wildlife Park in Kent. He's already settling in a treat, making a big impression on our resident female bear, Pacha, and visitors alike.

His arrival is all part of the work we do for the conservation of Andean bears, safeguarding the future of this iconic species as part of the European-wide conservation breeding programme.





OBE is a towering ANDEAN BEAR

THE PADDINGTON CONNECTION

Did you know, Paddington Bear is an Andean bear, just like Obe? They are the only species of bear native to South America, but are now sadly vulnerable to extinction in the wild, with an estimated population of just 7,000 – 10,000 due to deforestation, climate change and conflict with humans.

Out in the field, we WORK CLOSELY with the ANDEAN CARNIVORE Conservation Programme in **BOLIVIA** to help PROTECT their numbers in their NATIVE HOME.

Obe's arrival is a key part of the conservation of Andean bears as we hope he'll be the perfect partner for our female bear, Pacha. If they can have cubs, it will create a new generation for the Andean bear programme, helping to protect their future.

"OBE is an ambassador for his SPECIES, inspiring education and research into **ANDEAN BEARS** - everyone from SCHOOLCHILDREN to SCIENTISTS! Andean bears are what's known as an UMBRELLA SPECIES umbrella species in their natural habitat, so the **CONSERVATION** of the Andean bear also conserves the **ECOSYSTEM** the species comes from."

Tom Wright, Carnivores Keeper

Get to know OBE...

Weighing in at nearly 150kg, Obe is a very big bear, who loves swimming in his specially created habitat. Andean bears are known for their distinctive facial markings, and Obe has his own unique T-shape on his face, making him all the more unforgettable.

Unlike Paddington and his marmalade sandwiches, Andean bears are omnivores, foraging for an array of foods from tree bark and leaves to snails and berries. Out in the wild, Andean bears are known to climb trees and forage for vegetation and Obe mimics this behavior here at the zoo with his love for solving feeder puzzles – his favourites are bugs and peanuts!





BEAR SWAP

When Obe came to us, another of our bears found a new home in his former one, Port Lympne Wildlife Park. Mateo, who is actually Pacha's twin brother, will be paired up with a female there. This swap means that together we're actually creating two new pairs, doubling our efforts for the conservation programme to protect this iconic species.

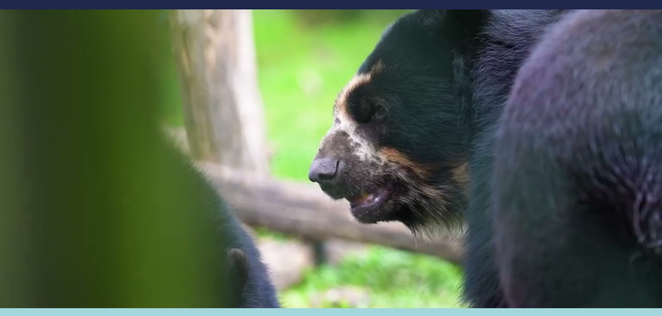
Obe and Mateo needed to move on exactly the same day, and even at the same time. This was no small task, and getting everything ready took plenty of planning, like training both bears to use crates that would get them from A to B. Bears are really smart, fast learners (especially when honey's involved) so they got the hang of it in no time, and after all the preparation, arrived at their new homes right on time. They're now well on their way to being fully settled and hopefully breeding in the not-too-distant future.



HOW DOES OBE like his new abode?

Like a lot of newcomers, Obe was a little shy to start with, but he soon came out of his shell. For his first month, we gave him his very own habitat while he got used to his new surroundings, and so he could be quarantined from other animals, just in case he brought anything unexpected along with him. We watched his confidence grow and when we saw him showing positive behaviour like trilling, which is totally unique to Andean bears, we knew he was ready to meet his new partner. But, as the female needs her say, we had to make sure Pacha was open to the idea too! Luckily, her behaviour also assured us it was time the pair met properly, and they hit it off immediately.

Now part of the Chester Zoo family, Obe is a real ambassador for his species, inspiring everyone to learn more about these intriguing bears. We hope to be back with positive news of a key new bloodline for their future when breeding season comes around!



CAUGHT ON CAMERA



Take a sneak peek at some incredible native wildlife spotted by our camera traps right here on the Chester Zoo estate. Set-up by our UK conservation team, this unique footage offers a glimpse into the wild, including two adorable badgers and a thrilling first-time sighting of an otter!



Badgers

A bit of self care in the animal kingdom! These two adorable badgers were caught belly grooming by our secret cameras. Badgers are known for their meticulous grooming habits, which not only helps to keep their fur clean but also to maintain social bonds within the close-knit groups of the badger world.



Fox

In a woodland rendezvous caught on camera, two curious foxes engage in a lively exploration as they sniff around a badger sett. Their twitching noses and animated interactions provide a glimpse into the inquisitive nature of these crafty woodland inhabitants. Foxes have an extraordinary sense of smell which allows them to detect and interpret a complex tapestry of scents, offering a fascinating glimpse into their sensory-rich world.



Squirrel

In a heartwarming scene, a nimble grey squirrel is spotted carrying its precious cargo, a baby squirrel, in its mouth. Squirrels are known for their adaptability, and this maternal moment sheds light on the resourcefulness and nurturing instincts that make them so resilient in lots of different habitats.



Mice

In a miniature spectacle captured on camera, three lively mice transform the quiet corners of this 'mostela' into a playground of joy and mischief. Mice are not only expert foragers but also highly social, and playful interactions like these offer a glimpse of their enchanting world that we rarely witness.



Otter

In a thrilling first-time sighting on the Chester Zoo estate, an otter gracefully makes its debut on camera. This moment marks a milestone for the reserve and highlights just how successful our UK conservation team has been in restoring and maintaining key habitats throughout the estate.



Rat

A curious little brown rat captured on camera! Although seen as vermin by many, rats are highly intelligent and adaptable animals. They have incredible problem-solving skills and an amazing capacity for learning — this is why they're so successful in a variety of environments, from woodlands like this to thriving urban areas.



Bird compilation

Bird bonanza! Our estate is absolutely thriving with bird life — from the ghostly elegance of a barn owl to the melodic tunes of a blackbird and robin, and the statuesque presence of a heron, this compilation celebrates the diverse species that call our reserve home, with each of them playing a key part in maintaining a healthy ecosystem.

Camera trap fact

Despite the name, there's no trapping involved! The cameras are simply left in a secret spot and sense when there's some movement or animal action in the surrounding area, helping us capture magic little moments like these.



The STATE of NATURE REPORT 2023

A brand new report has revealed just how dire the situation is for wildlife here in the UK. But, as our conservation efforts to protect and restore biodiversity to our little part of Cheshire shows, there is still hope for a revival.

Put together by expert government agencies and academics, the 'State of Nature report' gives us vital insights into how native species and habitats across the UK are doing and where actions are needed to protect them.

"We've **NEVER** had a better understanding of the **STATE OF NATURE** and what's needed to **FIX IT.**"





Nearly 1/4 **SPECIES** are at **RISK** of **EXTINCTION** in Great Britain.

Since **1970**, the **POPULATIONS** of species **STUDIED** across the **UK** have declined by an **AVERAGE OF 19%**.

Following centuries of habitat loss, intensive farming and pollution, the UK is officially one of the most nature-depleted countries on Earth. And, sadly, this new report shows that we're still losing much of our wildlife.

So, which **SPECIES** are experiencing the **BIGGEST CHANGES** and drops in **NUMBERS?**

Key declines in wildlife and plants:

- Invertebrates like insects, spiders and millipedes are found in 13% fewer places than in 1970, on average.
- Predatory insects like the 2-spot ladybird have dropped in numbers by 34%.
- Key pollinators like bees, hoverflies and moths have declined by 18%.
- Since 1970, more than half of flowering plants, mosses and their relatives have been lost from areas where they used to thrive.

Key changes to marine and coastal life:

- The seafloor fish followed actually saw their numbers rise during the 90s and early 2000s, but have since dropped again.
- Grey seal numbers have increased (which is good news!), but harbour seals are on the decline in some regions.
- Since 1986, the number of seabirds has fallen by an average of 24%.



If **GLOBAL WARMING** isn't properly addressed, the UK's **PUFFIN POPULATION** could plunge as much as **90% BY 2050**, according to a study from the British Trust for Ornithology.



What's **CAUSING** these **DRAMATIC** declines?

This war on wildlife is being caused by a whole host of factors, including unsustainable fishing, how we're using land, marine developments and, of course, global warming.

But REMEMBER, there's still HOPE!

Despite these worrying figures, conservationists are armed with the solutions. We know how to bring wildlife back from the brink and there's lots of amazing examples to prove it.

Good-news facts:

- Lyme Bay, a protected area off the southern coast of England, has seen a big boom in its natural life.
- In some areas, the population of the endangered natterjack toad (now a protected species) has grown.
- Large-scale restoration projects are seeing results, and could really become fundamental to the future of our natural world.

CONSERVATION **WORKS!**

Here at Chester Zoo, we have a dedicated team of people working hard on conservation efforts around the world, including in the UK. Our Biodiversity Plan Coordinator, Andy Jennings-Giles, is helping to increase biodiversity and planning projects that make a real difference on the ground. Here, he gives plenty of reasons why we can feel optimistic about bringing our biodiversity back into balance.



What's your expert opinion on this year's report?

The report tells us that, despite the best efforts of the conservation sector over many years, we've still not been able to halt the overall decline in UK wildlife on land or in our seas. There have been some notable wins, where targeted action has made a lasting difference, but negative pressures, such as intensive agriculture and fishing, climate change and pollution, are pushing UK wildlife to the brink. Despite this, we know we can still turn things around by restoring, recreating and reconnecting habitats, and by reintroducing species where appropriate.

How did you feel reading the report?

We had mixed emotions when reading the report. It's hugely encouraging that much of the data is from amateur recorders as this allows for a wide sample of data collected from across the UK. This data helps us identify the main drivers of decline, so from this we can tailor new conservation measures and policies.

"The report includes **MILLIONS OF RECORDS** collected by 'citizen scientists' – **EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE** like you doing **THEIR BIT TO HELP.**"

Seeing the decline in pollinators and predatory insects, what role does Chester Zoo play in supporting and promoting the health of such key populations?

In our own Nature Reserve we've planted wildflower meadows, hedgerows and trees, with food-plants targeted to the caterpillars of butterflies and moths. Out on our farmland, we've left field-margins that fill with colour in the summer and provide nectar and pollen for a huge range of pollinators, such as bees, beetles, hoverflies and butterflies. Pesticides are known to have caused declines in wildlife on farmland and in gardens, so we're making sure that none are used on our native biodiversity areas.

The report emphasises the importance of everyone doing their bit, so how can our visitors get involved?

It's clear from the report that we still need greater information for many species, so wildlife recording is vitally important. It's very rewarding to use a recording app (like iNaturalist or iRecord) or simply to send in your sightings to your Local Environmental Records Centre. If you live locally in Chester, we run a campaign called Hedgehog Watch where we can loan cameras to study this declining species around where you live.

Here're just a few ideas to add to your list:

- Leave long grass in your garden
- Plant more native trees and shrubs
- Dig a wildlife pond
- Go pesticide free
- Put up bird and bat boxes
- Leave piles of leaves in the garden

"Every small **ACTION** repeated by **MILLIONS** of **PEOPLE** will make a **HUGE DIFFERENCE** and could turn things around **LONGER-TERM.**"



JOIN THE COMMUNITY

If you're keen to make an impact, you can also check out our Community Hub – which is packed with ideas and projects that you can get involved with!

Together, we can help reverse this biodiversity crisis, and the next generation could experience a very different country than the one we have today: a country where nature thrives.

CHESTER ZOO



If you enjoyed the quizzes and games in our previous issues, we're sure you'll love the new ones we've created for the kids among you and the big kids too!

Start by testing your skills with our Native Swimmers game, then download one of the wallpapers for your desktop or mobile to enjoy our animals wherever you go. We also have some fantastic colouring sheets to enjoy.

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THE **BIG** PLANT PLAN

Discover how we're protecting our precious plants across the UK

We're known for saving animals from extinction worldwide, and our team is equally passionate about the protection of our endangered plant species. Led by our resident expert and Head of Plants, Phil Esseen, our team are working hard on home soil to safeguard the UK's most endangered species.

Here we catch up with Phil to learn about the projects we're involved with, discover more about the plants we're currently caring for, and hear about how we're countering the challenges our native plant populations are facing out in the wild.





A HEART-SHAPED CHESHIRE **HERO**

With its softly scented leaves in heart formations, it's hard not to fall in love with the black poplar, but sadly, this is one of the most threatened native trees in the UK.

Luckily, we found we were uniquely placed to revive the poplar's numbers, as there are around 380 still standing in Cheshire. Choosing a cross-section with the strongest genetics for the job, we took cuttings to grow black poplar saplings and help bolster the population.

In the last ten years, we've nurtured 1,000 sturdy new trees from those branches, which have been replanted to save the species disappearing from our county. But we want everyone to fall in love with black poplars, so we've also started to work with partners, like Kew Gardens, to continue the breed's rescue further afield in the south.

"A gardener's **BEST** *tool is* PATIENCE!"

– Phil Esseen

WELSH **ROOTS**

There are about 40 different species of whitebeam trees in the UK, but one of the rarest is the Llangollen whitebeam, found growing in the limestone cliffs of the Welsh town it's named after. Because they like putting their roots down in such rocky terrain, it can be very tricky getting close enough to count them. We worked with partners in the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley to get a better idea of how many might be left, and when the survey only estimated 300, we knew we wanted to step in.

Whitebeams grow quite slowly, taking four or five years until they're ready to be replanted. We started the project with seeds and lots and lots of patience. Our whitebeams were worth the wait, and have now made their way to botanic gardens around the country, as well as returning to Llangollen, where they're strengthening their home population.



Our GREEN-FINGERED **GURU**

We asked Phil some quick-fire questions to help you discover the plants here at Chester Zoo next time you visit, and maybe even start growing a few of your own...



What's your favourite UK plant?

I'd have to say the English oak. It's such a wonderful part of our landscape and we've got a lot of them around the zoo. It supports a massive variety of species, many of which are completely dependent on oaks.

Do you have a favourite garden in the zoo at this time of year?

The bumblebee garden is fantastic to visit in winter. It's full of plants that bees love, and has plenty of places for them to nest and hibernate. Bees are active throughout the year if the weather is right, so we designed this garden to contain plants that flower all year round. You can find it just opposite June's Food Court.

What advice would you give someone who wants to grow their own plants?

Get out there and experiment. Pick some species you like the look of and start planting. Don't be too constrained by tradition - try growing different things, and don't get discouraged if it doesn't work straight away. A gardener's best tool is patience!

BRINGING BACK THE **BUTTERFLIES**

Plants are such an important part of our ecosystem, they offer food and shelter for animals and even make the air we breathe safe. When a specific plant's population is at risk, it can create a ripple effect for everything that relies on it. That's what's been happening with sea holly, and the grayling butterflies who use it as a nectar source. Usually thriving on the coast at Red Rock, Wirral, butterfly conservators have seen a worrying decline in their numbers, directly linked to sea holly being wiped out by the 2021 heatwave. We want both species to thrive again, so we're currently partnering with the Cheshire Wildlife Trust to grow and replant 250 sea holly plants back where they belong.





DOING WHAT WE CAN FOR **CANAL PLANTS**

It's not all dig dig dig – we work closely with the Canal and River Trust to protect aquatic plants too! Together, we spot species that could be in danger of disappearing, then go about growing them to give more back to the watery habitats where they're needed. As a rare native plant found in shallow waters, the floating water-plantain had sadly gone missing from Rochdale Canal over the years. As part of our partnership, we're securing its comeback, so it can play a key role in reducing the impact of climate change on the local ecosystem it once called home.

Find your own **GREEN** FINGERS *AT THE* **ZOO...**

We have a host of plant highlights to experience at the zoo, like The Plant Project, our huge collection of cacti and a whole garden just for bees. We do a lot of work on our rarest species behind the scenes in our arboretum, a botanical garden dedicated to trees which at some point we hope to open up for everyone to enjoy over the next few years!

CHESTER ZOO



Our much-loved Lanterns event is back for its twelfth year and is bigger, better and brighter than ever before. This time with a new name, Lanterns and Light!



BOOK YOUR TICKETS

"It was a MAGICAL
EVENING for us **ALL**"





This winter, you'll discover brand new light and sound installations that'll immerse you in festive magic. Wander through a towering Winter Cathedral – the perfect photo opportunity. Experience flickering fire gardens and larger than life animal statues of light.



We haven't forgotten about your familiar favourites either. Enjoy interactive experiences with our stunning puppets including lions, elephants and zebra. Plus, you might even get to say hello to Father Christmas outside his workshop.



You'll also enjoy a delicious range of festive food and drinks, from hot chocolate and mulled wine to Yorkshire pudding wraps and Bratwurst sausages. And no trip to Lanterns and Light is complete without some mouth-watering marshmallow toasting! **PLUS** book on the 6, 7, 12, 13 or 14 December and get a free hot chocolate or mulled wine!

This year's event is well under way, and we've been delighted to read all of the amazing feedback from visitors!

"We went last night and it was **MAGICAL**. It will definitely be an annual thing now. GREAT for all ages and your staff were so GOOD. They interacted with us, the DANCING ZEBRAS and FATHER CHRISTMAS were our **FAVOURITES**."

BOOK YOUR TICKETS

Lanterns and Light is produced and managed by **Sony Music/RGL and Culture Creative**, in partnership with **Chester Zoo.**



CHESTER ZOO



MEMBERS hidden gems

We know that, as members, you all have traditions, must-sees and special memories. In this feature, we follow members as they explore the zoo and let us in on their hidden gems and recommendations. We caught up with Vicky to see how her and her partner, Matt, make the most of their membership. From their first day out together as a couple to their monthly visits and rituals, discover how the zoo has become a much-loved part of their story together!



How long have you been visiting the zoo?

I've been visiting the zoo since I was really small. My parents would bring me here in the summer holidays and I would come on school trips. In recent years, I would come to the zoo for some down time with my camera as it's one of my favourite places to photograph. Matt and I met at the start of 2022 and this was our first day out together. I'd gone on about how much I enjoyed coming to the zoo, and then he booked tickets for the next available date we were both free. Since then, we've been coming together pretty much every month and we became members at the start of the year which has been worth its weight in gold - it's such a special place for us.

We became **MEMBERS** at the START OF THE YEAR which has been *WORTH* its WEIGHT IN GOLD



We're so *EXCITED* to see the new AFRICAN SAVANNAH and **SNOW LEOPARD** HABITATS when they're complete and other **NEW** and *EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS* as the YEARS GO ON!





How has the zoo changed since you first visited?

We think the best part of the zoo is Islands, which has also been a big change from when I would visit as a child – it really allows you to feel like you're exploring other parts of the world, and it's one of those places where you're always excitedly looking to see what's around the next corner. Matt has seen smaller changes as he's only been coming for over a year, but the addition of the new black jaguar and the start of some new developments are the more notable things. We're so excited to see the new African savannah and snow leopard habitats when they're complete and other new and exciting developments as the years go on! We'll be members for life.

What are your first memories of the zoo?

Our first memories of the zoo together are really special to us. We came here when we first started dating – Matt had never been before so for me it was like seeing the zoo for the first time all over again. I was showing him around all the different places and it felt like the zoo was gaining a whole other layer of meaning for me. A memory we will always remember from that day is when we went into the butterfly house and a blue morpho butterfly landed on Matt's head – I think the butterflies are a good judge of character! We came here on our first day out together when we first met and we're now members and have since got engaged. The zoo has played an important role in our story!

Hidden Gems

"A **MEMORY** we will always *REMEMBER* is when we went into the BUTTERFLY HOUSE and a **BLUE MORPHO** butterfly LANDED on Matt's head."



What does your typical day at the zoo look like?

We have a little routine when we come to the zoo. We come for opening time and head straight for House of Sumatra in Islands - we have a coffee and a cake to start the day off then we dive in and explore Islands. After that we head to Fruit Bat Forest and stand in the little cave in there and watch all of the fruit and pipistrelle bats zoom around our heads.

After that, we tend to freestyle it and go wherever we feel like – we never do the same route twice when we come to the zoo! The great thing about being members is that we can come whenever we like, so we really value and appreciate the fact we can take our time exploring and watching the incredible animals. If we're feeling fancy, we'll call into The Oakfield for some nice food and take in the history of the house. After we've had a great day walking around the grounds we'll head home, but not before having one last look at the elephants (arguably the animal that comes to mind when you mention Chester Zoo as they're the first thing you see!).



We *NEVER* do the same route TWICE when we come to THE ZOO!



The BAT HOUSE





Sumatran orangutans!

We have an AFFINITY for them with us **BOTH** being RED HEADS!





Which is your favourite animal at the zoo?

We would both have to say the Sumatran orangutans. We probably spend most of our time watching these incredible animals. They are extraordinarily emotive and clever, funny and compassionate. These are also one of my favourite animals to photograph. It's special to see how the young interact with the old and to see the community they build with each other. We probably have an affinity for them with us both being red heads!

If you would like to take part *in the next* **HIDDEN GEMS** *feature* CLICK HERE >

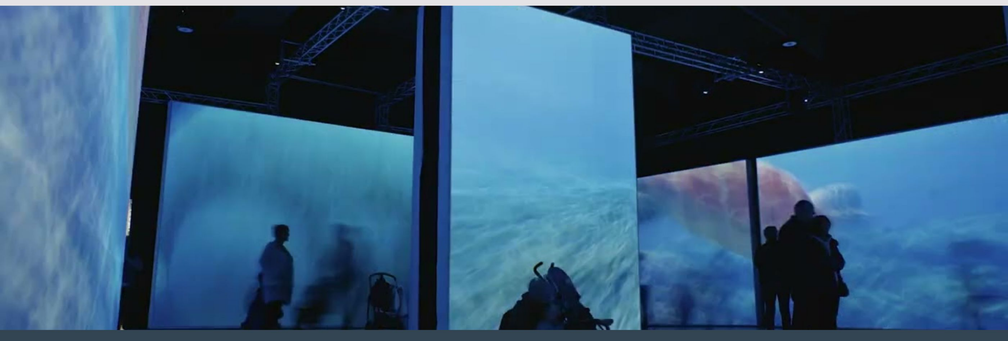
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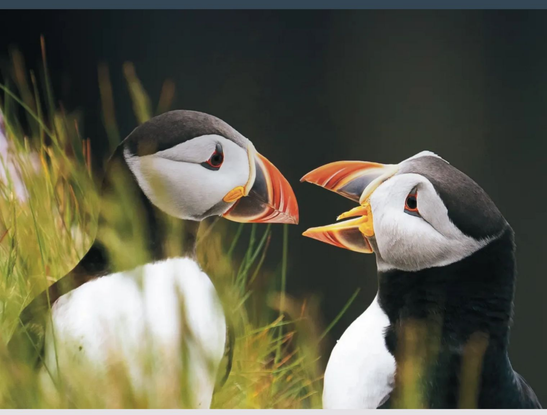
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Don't miss this member first



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No need to book, simply show your membership card on entry.



As well as the huge immersive screen gallery, you can marvel at awe-inspiring woodland scenes and see first-hand what native species get up to when we're not looking in our nature reserve media wall. As well as an interactive urban park scene and bussard wing photo opportunity.

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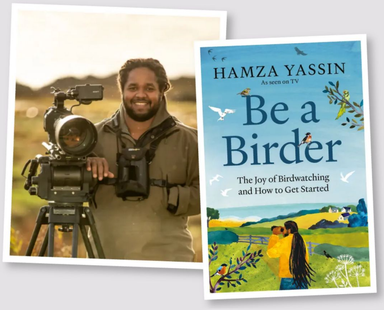
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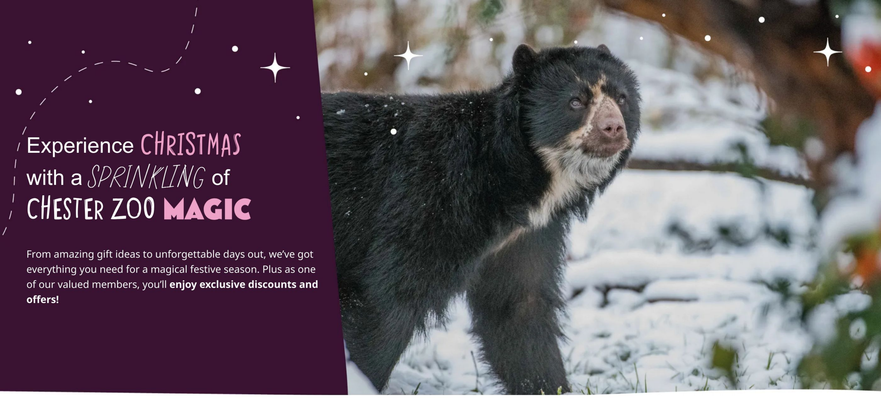
Let your wild side loose this **FEBRUARY HALF TERM**, unleash your inner explorer and immerse yourself in our incredible new 360 degree wildlife experience.

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From amazing gift ideas to unforgettable days out, we've got everything you need for a magical festive season. Plus as one of our valued members, you'll **enjoy exclusive discounts and offers!**

Shop our CHRISTMAS range ONLINE

Unwrap zoo magic and discover our range of zoo inspired gifts and decorations to spoil your loved ones, or yourself! Every purchase contributes to our mission of preventing extinction. Your support is SO important to us – each bauble, Christmas card or cuddly toy you buy is helping to fund our vital conservation work. Thank you!

We've handpicked some of our favourites from this year's Christmas collection.
Take a look below, or check out our full range here.



Chester Zoo calendar 2024



Humboldt penguin Chester Zoo exclusive bauble



The Oakfield Christmas greeting card 10Pck



Snow leopard Chester Zoo exclusive bauble



Tiger plush

Online orders can either be delivered straight to your door, or you can click and collect from the zoo for FREE on your next visit!

Don't forget, as a loyal member you get 10% off in our gift shop at the zoo and online!

DINE WITH SANTA

Join Santa and his elves for a magical Christmas meal at The Oakfield.

Enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Santa's helpers, a personal meet and greet with Santa, plus a special gift all the way from the North Pole.

BOOK NOW





ADOPT AN ANIMAL

Give the gift that gives back by adopting an animal for the wildlife lover in your life.

Each adoption includes exciting benefits, and we'll display the recipient's name on a 'Thank you' plaque near the habitat of your chosen animal. Plus, each adoption helps to fund conservation work around the world!

FIND OUT MORE

EXPERIENCES AT THE ZOO

Get even closer to the wonder of Chester Zoo!
'Dive' into our newest Experience: the Penguin Cove Experience, and encounter something remarkable as our Humboldt penguins dart and dive through stunning blue waters in search of the fish you throw them.

Plus, as a member you get 15% off all Experiences!

EXPERIENCES





GIFT A MEMBERSHIP

Don't miss a thing with Chester Zoo membership. Give your loved one a whole year of UNLIMITED FREE ENTRY plus LOADS of other great benefits including exclusive discounts and a magical programme of seasonal events, Members Days and Our Zoo delivered straight to your inbox!

There's nothing better than spending a year watching our newest arrivals grow!

MEMBERSHIPS

CHESTER ZOO



Junior Programme

Discover, explore, share and learn

We've got a huge programme of events for 2024. With activities for ages 0-17, there's something for every future conservationist.

BOOK YOUR PLACE >

Places are limited and often get snapped up fast, so make sure you book soon to avoid disappointment!

2023 PROGRAMME

CONSERVATION TOTS under 5's

MINI RANGERS school years 1-3

JUNIOR RANGERS school years 4-6

JUNIOR CONSERVATIONISTS school years 1-9



Conservation Tots

Conservation Tots Mornings – under 5's

Calling mums, dads, grannies, grandads, families and little tot minders – bring your little tot to the zoo to play games, explore and have messy fun! Join us for our conservation tots sessions for lots of EXCITING activities on Wednesday mornings.

Tiny Tots (up to 1 year old) >

Toddler Tots (1-5 years old) >



Mini Rangers – school years 1-3

Do you know a trainee conservationist in primary school years 1-3? Join in with our Mini Rangers as we explore and learn at the zoo! We have lots of exciting activities planned for mini rangers throughout the year.

Mini Ranger Weekend Club

We're launching our brand new activity club at weekends, perfect for any animal lover! Join our Zoo Rangers for a jam packed 90 minutes every Sunday morning over three weeks.

21 January-4 February

3 March-17 March

21 April-5 May



Junior Rangers – school years 4-6

Our Junior Ranger activities are perfect for children who are currently in primary school years 4-6.

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21 January-4 February

3 March-17 March

21 April-5 May



Young Conservationists – school years 7-9

Join us for our Young Conservationist activities exploring conservation careers and discovering how we prevent extinction. These activities are great for those exploring career opportunities in zoology, veterinary, conservation and education.

Conservation Career Day

Are you in high school and have always dreamed of working in conservation, but don't know where to start? Join us for our brand new Conservation Career Days giving you the chance to get hands on and explore some of the fascinating areas of conservation.

Monday 19 February

Saturday 16 March

Friday 12 April



SEE YOU THERE!



MEMBERS UPDATES

We're delighted to announce 2024 dates for our popular Members Days. Each date will have its own theme coinciding with wildlife awareness days, and there will be some extra surprises waiting for you and your guests! The 2024 dates for Members Days are:

Frog theme



SUNDAY 17 MARCH

Snake theme



SUNDAY 23 JULY

Rhino theme



SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Anteater theme



SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER

FREE FOR MEMBERS and bring up to **FOUR** NON MEMBERS for **50% OFF**

Keep an eye on your inbox for a sign up link soon.

MEMBER TALKS

Back for 2024, these talks gives members an exclusive opportunity to hear from our experts who will delve into different aspects of our work at Chester Zoo. Get the latest news about our conservation campaigns, discover more about our incredible science and education work and hear stories from our field partners.

Creating an AFRICAN SAVANNAH in the HEART OF CHESHIRE



Cathy Lunn
Facilities & Development Director

Tuesday 27 February | 7-8pm ONLINE

Book now >

ZOO RANGER TALKS

Have you met our knowledgeable team of Zoo Rangers?

Our Zoo Rangers are at the zoo every day to share an exciting programme of talks and activities for adults and kids alike! Our programme changes throughout the year so check the website for the latest timetable. Did you know we also have extra activities running to celebrate world animal days? Check out our upcoming dates below!



DISCOVER NATIVE SPECIES

Over winter you'll find us inside the brand new **"Native" exhibition** talking about the amazing species that live right on our doorstep. Pop along to **test your native species knowledge** and find out how you can help protect wildlife at home.

DISCOVER BATS

You'll always find one of our **Zoo Rangers in Fruit Bat Forest.** However, if you come along during one of our discover sessions you can learn all about our **fabulous fruit bats** as well as how your gardens can be more bat friendly.

DISCOVER KOMODO DRAGONS

We are always learning more about our animals and **these huge lizards are no exception.** From impressive venoms to unusual breeding, there's plenty to discover when it comes to our **Komodo dragons.**

CHESTER ZOO

Saving RAINFORESTS ONE COMMUNITY at A TIME

Co-op has stepped up to become the first national retailer partner of Chester Zoo's Sustainable Palm Oil Communities. This initiative aims to transform communities across the UK into 'Sustainable Palm Oil Communities'- communities committed to tackling the threats of the unsustainable palm oil industry.

Across the UK, cities like Chester, Plymouth, Oxford, Newquay, Blackpool, Hull, Saltash, Mochdre, and the county of Dorset have already embraced this ambitious scheme, championed by the conservationists at Chester Zoo and their community lead partners.

This collective effort is paramount for restoring the rainforest and safeguarding critically endangered species, such as the Bornean orangutan.



Co-op's COMMITMENT to the CAUSE

The convenience retailer has already sourced 100% RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil for its own brand products since 2014.

Unsustainable palm oil production is responsible for widespread environmental devastation and biodiversity loss in Southeast Asia. However, *sustainable* palm oil production and sourcing aligns with the stance of globally renowned conservation organisations including WWF and the Orangutan Land Trust.



Co-op has also gone beyond certification, partnering with Chester Zoo for the past five years to protect and restore the precious rainforests of Borneo.

This long-standing partnership signifies a commitment to preserving our planet and emphasises the urgent need for innovative and meaningful action in the retail industry. It sends a clear message that together, we can make a difference for our planet and the remarkable creatures that call it home.

"We are **COMMITTED** to participation in the **Sustainable Palm Oil Communities** campaign around the UK. Since **2014** we have **ensured all PALM OIL** present in our own brand food is sourced from **certified sustainable sources under RSPO schemes**, and we continue to **raise awareness** among our members and customers. By doing this we know that we are helping to **PROTECT WILDLIFE around the world** from the **impact of unsustainable agricultural practices."**

Alastair Pattrick, Sustainable Sourcing Manager at Co-op

RUN FOR NATURE AT CHESTER ZOO

We had a great day at our first ever Run for Nature in September! With over 1,200 runners taking part, the race was a HUGE success raising £75,000 for our mission to develop a vaccine for EEHV.

Every pound raised will go towards ground-breaking work so that we can continue to save the lives of Asian elephants in all zoos and in the wild.

A big well done and thank you to any of you who took part and keep an eye out for the date of Run for Nature 2024!



Thank you to all our corporate and philanthropic partners, including

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Only by working together as one big community can we make positive changes, and we're excited to see what the future brings as we work to prevent extinction all over the world.

CHESTER ZOO

FOOTPRINTS for the FUTURE



As we get ready to welcome two snow leopards to the zoo next year, we have an **exciting way for you to get involved** and help support their new habitat...

We are thrilled to introduce a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to leave your mark on Chester Zoo's conservation efforts and make a lasting contribution to Nubra and Yashin's Himalayan home here at the zoo!

Snow leopards are threatened with extinction, with their population rapidly declining. Right now, the IUCN estimates there are only between 2,710 and 3,386 snow leopards left in the wild.

Join us as we invite you to become a part of our Snow Leopard Legacy by purchasing a beautifully crafted 'paw print' and placing your or your loved one's name, in the heart of our new snow leopard habitat.

Limited to just 50, these plaques will not only be a unique symbol of your support but also a permanent reminder of the positive change that you've helped us to create. Whether you're planning a tribute for a loved one, a gift for a special occasion, or just celebrating your passion for the zoo itself, by leaving your pawprint at our new habitat, you will be helping to preserve the future of this beautiful and majestic species.

Buy a PAW print from £500 and ENJOY:

Your name and paw print at our snow leopard habitat

A certificate to commemorate your support

A cuddly toy snow leopard as a mascot for your support

For more information please contact Tanya Simpson, Individual Giving Fundraiser:

T.Simpson@chesterzoo.org

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THANKS TO YOU

It's thanks to your support that we're able to work ALL over the world to protect endangered wildlife and we're delighted to share more of the great work we do through Our Zoo. We're always looking for ways to improve how we deliver you exciting behind the scenes content and stories. If there is anything you would like to see featured in Our Zoo or for general membership and adoption enquiries we'd love to hear from you.

GET IN TOUCH

