

Privacy Policy

- 1. This privacy policy applies to The Country Trust's website at www.countrytrust.org.uk (the "Website"). We at The Country Trust take your privacy seriously. This policy covers the collection, processing and other use of personal data under the Data Protection Act 1998 ("DPA") and the General Data Protection Regulations ("GDPR").
- 2. For the purpose of the DPA and GDPR we are the data controller and any enquiry regarding the collection or processing of your data should be addressed to Alison Smith, The Country Trust, Moulsham Mill, Parkway, Chelmsford, CM2 7PX.
- 3. By using the Website, you consent to this policy. We comply with the Information Commissioner's Office for this purpose.

Information we collect

- 4. We will collect personal data on this Website only if it is directly provided to us by you, showing your consent, e.g. your name and e-mail address. Normally you will only provide such details if you wish to sign up for our free e-newsletter, or other resources.
- 5. We also use analytical and statistical tools that monitor details of your visits to our website and the resources that you access, including, but not limited to, traffic data, location data, weblogs and other communication data, but this data will not identify you personally.
- 6. Your payment information entered for donations on our website is not received or stored by us. That information is processed securely and privately by the third-party payment processors that we use. The Country Trust will not have access to that information at any time. We may share your personal data with our payment processors, but only for the purpose of completing the relevant payment transaction. Such payment processors are banned from using your personal data, except to provide these necessary payment services to us, and they are required to maintain the confidentiality of your personal data and payment information.

Use of your information

- 7. We may hold and process personal data that you provide to us in accordance with the DPA and GDPR.
- 8. The information that we collect and store relating to you is primarily used to enable us to provide our services to you, and to meet our contractual commitments to you. In addition, we may use the information for the following purposes:



- 8.1 To notify you about any changes to our website, such as improvements or service changes, that may affect our service;
- 8.2 Where you have consented to receive our e-newsletters, from time to time to provide that to you. However, you can always unsubscribe through the unsubscribe facility included in every e-newsletter, or by letting us know via email or telephone: 01245 608363.

Disclosure of your information

- 9. We may disclose your information to regulatory bodies to enable us to comply with the law and to assist fraud protection and minimise credit risk.
- 10. If you do not want us to use your data for our [or third parties'] use, you will have the opportunity to withhold your consent to this when you provide your details to us on the form on which we collect your data, or you can do so by writing to us at the address detailed in clause 2, or sending us an email to asmith@countrytrust.org.uk at any time.
- 11. Please be advised that we do not reveal information about identifiable individuals to our advertisers but we may, on occasion, provide them with aggregate statistical information about our visitors.

Controlling the use of your data

12. If you have given us consent to use your data for a particular purpose you can revoke or vary that consent at any time. If you do not want us to use your data or want to vary the consent that you have provided you can write to us at the address detailed in clause 2 or email us at asmith@countrytrust.org.uk at any time.

Where we store and transfer your data

13. As part of the services offered to you, for example through our Website, the information you provide to us may be transferred to and stored in countries outside of the European Economic Area (EEA) as we use remote website server hosts to provide the website and some aspects of our service, which may be based outside of the EEA, or use servers based outside of the EEA - this is generally the nature of data stored in "the Cloud". It may also be processed by staff operating outside the EEA who work for one of our suppliers, e.g. our website server host, or work for us when temporarily outside of the EEA.



- 14. A transfer of your personal data may happen if any of our servers are located in a country outside of the EEA or one of our service providers is located in a country outside of the EEA. If we transfer or store your personal data outside the EEA in this way, we will take steps with the aim of ensuring that your privacy rights continue to be protected, as outlined in this privacy policy and in accordance with the DPA and GDPR. If you use our service while *you* are outside the EEA, your personal data may be transferred outside the EEA in order to provide you with these services.
- 15. We do not use or disclose sensitive personal data, such as race, religion, or political affiliations, without your explicit consent.
- 16. We may disclose your personal data outside of our group: in the event of any change in the structure of the organisation as a result of a new relationship with a third party, in which case we may disclose your personal data to the prospective third party. However, any such transfer will only be on terms that the confidentiality of your personal data is protected and that the terms of this privacy policy will continue to be complied with by the recipient.
- 17. Otherwise, we will process, disclose or share your personal data only if required to do so by law or in the good faith belief that such action is necessary to comply with legal requirements or legal process served on us or the website.
- 18. You have the right to opt out of our processing of your personal data for marketing purposes by contacting us at asmith@countrytrust.org.uk.

Security

- 19. The transmission of information via the Internet or email is not completely secure. Although we will do our best to protect your personal data, we cannot guarantee the security of data while you are transmitting it to our site; any such transmission is at your own risk. Once we have received your personal data, we will use strict procedures and security features to try to prevent unauthorised access.
- 20. If there is any instance where we give you, or you have chosen a password to enable you to access certain parts of our site, you are responsible for keeping this password confidential. You should choose a password it is not easy for someone to guess.

Third party links

21. You might find links to third party websites on our website. These websites should have their own privacy policies, which you should check. We do not accept any responsibility or liability for their policies whatsoever as we have no control over them.



Use of cookies

22. Our Website uses cookies. We use cookies to gather information about your computer for our services and to provide statistical information regarding the use of our Website. Such information will not identify you personally - it is statistical data about our visitors and their use of our Website. This statistical data does not identify any personal details whatsoever. We may also gather information about your general Internet use by using a cookie file. Where used, these cookies are downloaded to your computer automatically. This cookie file is stored on the hard drive of your computer, as cookies contain information that is transferred to your computer's hard drive. They help us to improve our Website and the service that we provide to you. All computers have the ability to decline cookies. This can be done by activating the setting on your browser which enables you to decline the cookies. Please note that should you choose to decline cookies, you may be unable to access particular parts of our Website. If we choose to work with advertisers on our Website, our advertisers may also use cookies, over which we have no control. Such cookies (if used) would be downloaded once you click on advertisements on our Website

Your rights

- 23. The DPA and GDPR give you the right to access information held about you by us. Please write to us or contact us by email if you wish to request confirmation of what personal information we hold relating to you. You can write to us at the address detailed in clause 2, above, or by email to asmith@countrytrust.org.uk. Normally there is no charge for requesting that we provide you with details of the personal data that we hold, however if the request is deemed to be excessive or a duplication, a reasonable fee may be charged. We will provide this information within one month of your request.
- 24. You have the right to change the permissions that you have given us in relation to how we may use your data. You also have the right to request that we cease using your data or that we delete all personal data records that we hold relating to you. You can exercise these rights at any time by writing to us at the address detailed in clause 2, above, or by email to asmith@countrytrust.org.uk.

Changes to this policy

25. We may update these policies to reflect changes to the website and customer feedback. Please regularly review these policies to be informed of how we are protecting your personal data.

We welcome any queries, comments or requests you may have regarding this Privacy Policy. Please do not hesitate to contact us at The Country Trust, Moulsham Mill, Parkway, Chelmsford CM2 7PX or asmith@countrytrust.org.uk.