

What will we do with the money raised in the 2017 WTT auction?

The Wild Trout Trust auction is our single most important annual fundraising event and your donation of a lot is vital to the success of the auction. We aim to raise in excess of £50,000 in the 2017 auction – funding that's crucial to our work. For example, it will pay for:



- basic tools and equipment like chainsaws and waders for our Conservation Officers and volunteers to do their work in the river;
- match funding, to help release more project money from other sources such as charitable trusts;
- bursaries to groups who need kick-start funding for their own projects;
- keeping the team up to date with latest research and helping disseminate this information via the website.

The Trust continues to focus on delivering habitat improvement projects and practical advice, working with fishing clubs and landowners and many other conservation groups to provide in depth expertise on river habitat for trout and all wildlife. Our 'in river' work varies in scale from a few hundred metres where we run workshops to train volunteers in simple habitat improvement techniques, to creating new sections of river channel over a kilometre long.

In 2015/16, our team of 6 Conservation Officers worked across the UK and Ireland to deliver 123 Advisory Visits, 50 'in river' training events for volunteers and several projects.

We promise to use wisely the monies raised; we keep overheads to a minimum (for example, all our staff work from home) to maximise the amount we spend on practical improvement of habitat for wild trout. We run this auction through the charity arm of e-Bay so costs are low, and we are blessed with fantastic volunteers who help with the success of the auction.

If you would like to chat about our auction or anything else to do with WTT, please do not hesitate to call or mail our Director, Shaun Leonard on 07974 861908 (director@wildtrout.org) or Fundraising & Communications Officer, Denise Ashton (07802 454157; dashton@wildtrout.org). Thank you for your support of WTT.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shaun Leonard".

Shaun Leonard, Director

