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# News Release

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## ***Wildlife Trust delighted as rare Hebridean Quads get lambing season off to a flying start for ‘flying flock’***

Locally based charity Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust has today spoken of its delight that a set of rare quad lambs has been born into its conservation grazing flock.

The flock, traditionally dubbed the ‘flying flock’ because animals are moved from one nature reserve to another across the county to help maintain fragile habitats such as wild flower meadows and heathlands, is currently being lambed at the Trust’s Idle Valley Nature Reserve where staff and specially trained volunteers are currently coping with difficult conditions due to the social distancing rules relating to the coronavirus pandemic.

Whilst many aspects of the charity’s work including events and general volunteering on its nature reserves have been put on hold, lambing of the flock and calving the Trust’s cattle has to go ahead. – albeit with different arrangements to keep staff and volunteers safe.

On Tuesday a first time ‘mum’ that was thought to be carrying twins gave birth to four lambs. One of the lambs has now been fostered, with another waiting for a new foster mum so that the ewe can solely look after the two smallest lambs. Speaking about the surprise event Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust’s Head of Communications Erin McDaid said: “With much of our work on hold and all our staff now working from home, keeping in touch with people has been difficult but I was delighted to see news of the quads on our new staff Facebook feed. Our Shepherdess Agnes says that whilst Hebridean ewes are generally very good mothers and often have twins – four lambs is very unusual. We’re delighted that they are all doing well and this positive news has given everyone a boost at a challenging time.”

The news was shared via a video clip with members of the Trust’s Retford Local Members’ Group who, along with other supporters of the charity, would normally have been looking forward to seeing the lambs during special open days. Erin added “We’re working hard to keep our members, volunteers and supporters connected with our work and stories like this one will hopefully keep people’s spirits up. Maintaining a connection with nature is important for our wellbeing and never more so than now.”

Anyone wishing to keep up to date with the work Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust across the county can do so via its website and social media channels. Details can be found at [nottinghamshirewildlife.org](http://nottinghamshirewildlife.org)

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## Photo



**It's quads!**

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### **Notes for Editors**

1. The Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, a registered charity, manages Nature Reserves throughout the county of Nottinghamshire. It advises local authorities, community groups and landowners on nature conservation issues, and makes a major input into decision-making on planning matters and other issues.

2. The Trust is part of a nation-wide network of local Trusts which work to protect wildlife in town and country - The Wildlife Trusts. The Wildlife Trusts now boast over 800,000 members. For more information please see our website: [www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org](http://www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org)