

Musical note to help save wildlife

FEARS that some wild animals could become extinct have prompted a couple to make a CD to sell in aid of wildlife conservation charities.

Brenda and Paul Oakley-Carter, of [redacted] Close, Haverhill, were inspired by a poem written by Brenda's father, Ted Carter, who lives in Scotland.

Paul is a musician and set the poem, *Call of the Wild*, to music and recorded it as a CD.

Now the couple are looking for people with the expertise to help them make more copies to sell and raise as much cash as possible for the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation and the Born Free Foundation.

Brenda said her father wrote the poem after watching a wildlife programme and realising that wild tigers could be extinct within his lifetime and that only 5,000 are estimated to be left.

Paul contacted his friend, singer Dave Millard, who

agreed to record the vocals for the CD.

Brenda said they were also concerned about the plight of other species, such as small black rhinos, which are being slaughtered.

"We want to make people more aware of what is happening and to raise money to help the groups working out there. They desperately need money to cope.

"My dad has always loved tigers and when he wrote this beautiful poem it seemed a good idea to use it. We give £7 billion to charity in this country, but only 0.5 per cent is to animal charities. I know some people will think it is only animals, but we have to look at the big picture and if they and their habitat are wiped out it will eventually affect humans too."

The couple would like to get local organisations and schools involved and anyone who can help should ring (01440) [redacted].



■ **INSPIRATION** . . . musician Paul Oakley-Carter and his wife, Brenda, have recorded a CD of a poem written by Brenda's father to raise funds for wildlife charities.

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