

## Valuing nature action plan



The University of Manchester has taken a significant step forward in its Environmental Sustainability Strategy with the approval of the Valuing Nature Action Plan. This initiative aims to transform the university's estate into a thriving environment where people and wildlife coexist, while also addressing the climate and ecological crises.

The plan focuses on creating biodiverse, green spaces across campus to support pollinators, birds, hedgehogs, and other wildlife. It also highlights the importance of fostering connections between nature and the wellbeing of staff, students, and the surrounding community.

By 2028, the university has committed to measurable biodiversity improvements, including:

- A 10% increase in urban green space from 2018 levels.
- A 30% improvement in green space quality using biodiversity metrics.
- Achieving 20% biodiversity net gain in major construction projects.

These efforts align with the university's pledge as a founding member of the Nature Positive Universities Alliance, which prioritizes restoring ecosystems and reducing biodiversity impacts.

The plan also opens doors for students and academics to connect their research and learning with biodiversity projects on campus. Each year, at least three practical student projects and real-world challenges will be designed to integrate sustainability into education.

This ambitious plan underscores the university's commitment to creating a campus that supports both ecological and human wellbeing, ensuring a greener future for all.

For more information about the key actions being taken, visit [Valuing nature action plan](#)