



Derbyshire  
Wildlife Trust



**A manifesto for our wild, green city**



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## KEY



Cathedral



Stadium



River Derwent



**DERBY CITY COUNCIL  
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES**

(North to South)

Allestree Park

Darley Park

Parker's Piece

Bass Recreation Ground

The Sanctuary

Alvaston Park



**DERWENT MEADOWS**

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust



**ELVASTON CASTLE  
COUNTRY PARK**

Derbyshire County Council



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## A MANIFESTO FOR OUR WILD, GREEN CITY

Derby is a vibrant city, birthplace of the Industrial Revolution, a leader in innovation. Now is the time for us to lead the way again, growing a greener, wilder Derby in which we and future generations thrive.

### A WILDER FUTURE

Imagine a Derby abundant with nature, wilder parks alive with birdsong and meadows, kingfishers flash through a lush river corridor. There are natural play zones, orchards and allotments in every ward, a wetland in the heart of the city, wildflowers, green roofs and walls on every street. A family of beavers has a lodge on the Derwent.

Imagine walking through this stunning city, knowing that restoring nature has protected our future.

### PEOPLE AND NATURE THRIVE TOGETHER

Nature is vital to our wellbeing. Being able to access nature-rich spaces on our doorstep increases mental resilience and leads to better health. Children do better with wildlife around them. We all do. A wilder Derby will be a place where people and nature thrive together, a workplace, a home, a place to grow, connected to a green cityscape bursting with life.

### OUR WORLD IS IN TROUBLE

Wildlife is disappearing at an alarming rate – the UK has become one of the most nature depleted nations in the world – and the threat of climate catastrophe is looming. We live in a time of emergency. But it doesn't have to be this way.

### LET NATURE HELP

Healthy natural systems provide cost-effective solutions to fighting climate change and more. That means that we can help solve some of the hardest issues we face, right here in the city if we let nature help. New wetlands, woodlands and habitat can help to manage flood risk. Wilder parks and nature-rich green spaces improve air quality. A wilder city is a healthier city.

We need all candidates to support a wilder Derby. We are calling on you to pledge to:

NO.1

### CHAMPION THE REWILDING OF DERBY

Our city has enormous potential to become the wildest, greenest city in England. We have hundreds of much-loved green spaces. We need you to ensure these are nature rich and thriving. Starting with creating the UK's largest urban rewilding project at Allestree Park then developing wild initiatives right across the city such as city centre wetlands.

NO.2

### BACK A NATURAL HEALTH SERVICE

Innovative projects are already underway that use nature to restore wellbeing and health. We need you to back these initiatives and enable everyone to benefit from accessible local green spaces where nature thrives.

NO.3

### PRIORITISE SOLUTIONS TO THE GLOBAL CLIMATE AND NATURE CRISIS BASED HERE IN DERBY

By rewilding our city we can draw down carbon, alleviate flooding and lower air pollution. We need you to invest in schemes that fight the crisis through nature's recovery.

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### ENSURE DEVELOPMENT THAT IS GOOD FOR PEOPLE AND FOR NATURE

Turn grey to green and blue by protecting valuable wild spaces and making sure all developments create new opportunities for nature. Commit to a natural play zone, community orchard and allotments in every ward, and green roofs and walls on every street.

The people and businesses of our city want and need a wilder Derby.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT.**

