



Derbyshire  
Wildlife Trust



**Together, let's create a vision for a wilder, greener city**



# WILDER DERBY

We want to see a Wilder Derby, with people having access to nature where they live. What would that look like? Here's our suggested starting point, connecting spaces and communities along the banks of the River Derwent that runs through the city.

## KEY

-  Cathedral
-  Natural wellbeing sessions
-  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

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## ELVASTON CASTLE COUNTRY PARK

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## OUR WILD, GREEN CITY

Derby is a vibrant city, birthplace of the Industrial Revolution, a leader in innovation. Now is the time for Derby to lead again, growing a greener, wilder city 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 areas, orchards and allotments in every community, 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 and butterflies call our gardens home.

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. Whole communities have access to natural wellbeing sessions and truly wild spaces they can call their own. A workplace, a home, a hospital, a school - a wilder Derby is a place where people and nature thrive together.

### OUR WORLD IS IN TROUBLE

We can achieve this - but, 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. But we're connected to nature, nature is great for our wellbeing, our physical health and our communities. If we lose nature, we lose everything. It doesn't have to be this way.

### LET NATURE HELP

It's not just for people and wildlife - it matters for the economy too. 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 and wilder parks improve air quality. A wilder city is a healthier city.

## TOGETHER, LET'S CREATE A WILDER, GREENER CITY.

### WE'RE...

#### CHAMPIONING 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. Let's make sure they are **bursting with nature**. 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.

#### BACKING A NATURAL HEALTH SERVICE

We're working on innovative projects such as GPs prescribing time in nature and natural wellbeing sessions for school children, hospital patients, refugees and victims of domestic violence.

#### TACKLING THE NATURE AND CLIMATE CRISIS WITH NATURAL SOLUTIONS, RIGHT HERE IN DERBY

By rewilding our city we can draw down carbon, reduce flooding and lower air pollution.

#### MAKING SURE BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS ARE GOOD

Let's make sure all developments create new opportunities for nature and people. We can have natural play areas, orchards and allotments in every community, as well as green roofs and bee bust stops on every street.

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**BE PART OF IT!**

