



**Derbyshire**  
Wildlife Trust

# WILDER FUTURE

**2023 - 2027 – pledges for a wilder city**

# WILDER DERBY

## 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



# EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO A HEALTHY, NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

To achieve this, we must bring nature back to the heart of our city. Imagine commuting whilst listening to birdsong, exercising in tree-lined parks or taking lunch amongst the wildflowers.

It is more important now, than ever before. We are in the middle of a climate and nature emergency, and the two are linked. Climate change is driving nature's decline, and the loss of wildlife and wild spaces leave us ill-equipped to reduce carbon emissions and adapt to change.

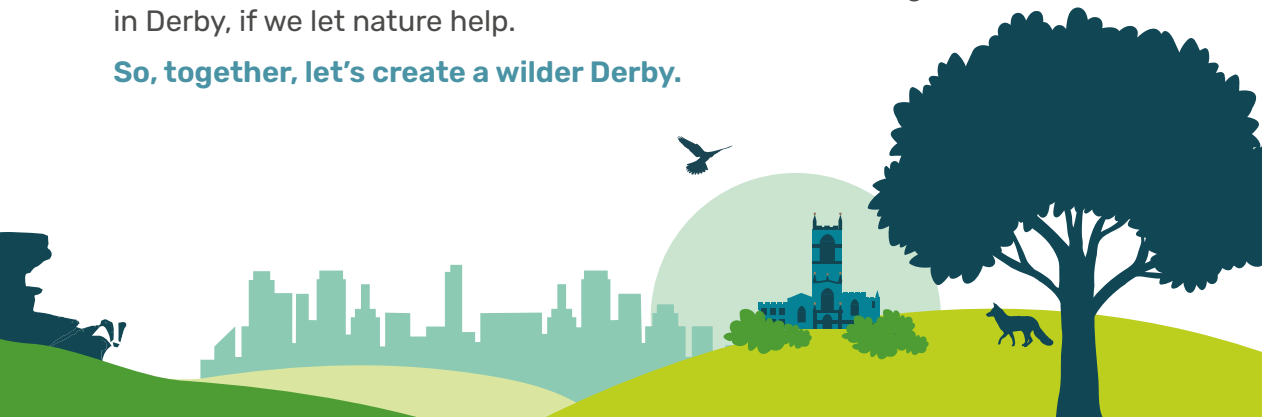
The lack of wild spaces also comes at a great cost to our physical and mental health, which puts more pressure on already stretched services such as the NHS. [1]

Research by Wildlife and Countryside Link last year showed that there is strong public support for the Government to improve access to local nature. The findings revealed that:

1. 83% of Brits want greater protections to stop nature loss to development, and 85% say accessible natural spaces should be a much higher priority in new developments
2. 80% of Brits want a 'legal right to local nature', with 83% saying having access to local natural spaces is more important post-pandemic
3. 85% of people in nature-deprived areas say more natural spaces would improve their quality of life

We can start to solve some of the hardest issues we face, right here in Derby, if we let nature help.

**So, together, let's create a wilder Derby.**



## WE ARE CALLING ON YOU TO:

NO.1

Ensure Derby becomes one of the top 10 greenest cities in Great Britain. [2]

NO.2

Commit to making sure everyone who lives in Derby is within 15 minutes of a high-quality green space

NO.3

Invest in natural flood management along the River Derwent between Allestree and Elvaston

NO.4

Commit to improving greenways and active travel options for people right across the city

## LET US KNOW YOU PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT NOW

[1] £2.1 billion per year could be saved in health costs if everyone in England had good access to greenspace, due to increased physical activity in those spaces. Public Health England, improving access to greenspace review 2020.

[2] Currently listed at no.22 in the Urban Centre Green Metrics study, published November 2022.