



Allestree Park Rewilding Project

'Creating a natural health service by providing nature - rich greenspace'



Allestree Park Background



A designated city park at 130 hectares



Part of the parkland is a designated Local Nature Reserve (LNR)



25 hectares of the LNR under an agri-environmental scheme



An urban park serving the population of Derby and further afield



Formerly a golf course



Allestree Park Rewilding Partnership



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Our Shared Urban Rewilding Vision

Our vision is for wilder towns and cities abundant with wildlife where nature and people are thriving together.

People and wildlife are sharing our towns and cities, and spaces within and surrounding our urban areas are spared for nature to lead and flourish. People have access to good quality wildlife where they live, and together, people and nature are leading nature's recovery, addressing the climate crisis and improving people's health and wellbeing.



Allestree Park Rewilding Aim



Aim

People and wildlife are sharing Allestree Park – all are thriving.

Objectives

1. Allestree Park is in positive management for wildlife, species have been successfully reintroduced and the site is addressing the climate and biodiversity crisis.
2. People are at the heart of caring for Allestree Park and their holistic wellbeing is improved by their enjoyment of and actions for nature.



Provide spaces for wildlife-rich habitats and opportunities for people to connect with the natural environment.



Junior Rangers



Forest School and Educational Workshops



Volunteering and Social Prescribing



Facilitating time spent in nature



Nature

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A Natural Health Service

People's health and wellbeing can be improved by ensuring there are easily accessible wildlife-rich, natural spaces where they live and work.

"Targeted Wildlife Trust programmes designed for people with a health or social need, showed a return of £6.88 for every £1 invested. This value was generated from health gains such as improved mental wellbeing." - Leeds Beckett University, 2017

"For those attending general volunteering programmes, the value was even higher with a return of £8.50 for every £1 invested." - Leeds Beckett University, 2017



Habitat Creation and Species Reintroduction

Community Rewilding

Seek to reinstate natural processes and, where appropriate, missing species – allowing them to shape the landscape and the habitats within. It's focused firmly on the future although we can learn from the past.

Rewilding Britain 2023



Habitat Creation and Species Reintroduction



Nature Based Solutions

"Derbyshire Wildlife Trust have the skills and knowledge to create thriving, connected wild places that support abundant wildlife, deliver natural capital and connect people and nature, for the benefit of their health, wellbeing and enjoyment of life." - Buckler, 2021

The Wider Environmental Benefits

Climate Change and Carbon Capture

Climate action needs nature. Nature needs climate action.

"Restoring our natural systems could provide 37% of the CO2 mitigation needed by 2030 to meet the Paris Agreement" - RSWT, 2021

"Derbyshire Wildlife Trust's reserves sequester the equivalent of 176 tonnes of CO2 per year." - DWT, 2021

Lea Wood Nature Reserve, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust



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NEXT STEPS

Develop a **master plan** in partnership with key stakeholders.

Carry out a series of **targeted consultations**.

Working with a range of local stakeholders, develop an **Allestree Park Partnership** as a focal point for a Wild Derby.

Working with the University of Derby and local interest groups, develop and implement a site wide **monitoring programme**.

As a partnership, apply to nationally significant grant funding bodies.



Panel Question and Answer Session

