



Rewilding campus

Areas of campus are being left to grow wild, encouraging wildlife and biodiversity.

No Mow May

An area outside Nightingale Hall was seeded with wildflowers during No Mow May 2021. Two lawns at Derby Hall were also left unmown for the month. Pathways through the middle encouraged visitors to walk through and enjoy.

This year, staff and students can get involved with surveying the areas to help identify the beneficial plant life that is given chance to thrive.



Rewilding creates habitats for bees, butterflies and other pollinators, providing them with food throughout the flowering season.



Lenton Hurst project

Lenton Hurst's large lawn is currently mown every 10 days during the growing season.

In 2022 this will become another wild area, planted with wildflower seed and plants.

The new space will have two pathways so people can walk through and immerse themselves in nature.

Wildflower borders are also beneficial during winter. The flower seeds are an important food source for birds and small mammals.



The reduction in mowing will save 96 litres a year in fuel and 225Kg CO2!

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Wild campus

The diverse habitats of our campuses means they are home to a rich variety of flora and fauna.

Bats in the basement

A colony of long eared bats were found in the cellar of the 19th century Lenton Hurst heritage house in summer 2021.



Long-eared bat stats

- Length: 3-5cm
- Wingspan: 20-30cm
- Weight: 6-12g
- Lifespan: 4-5 years
- Breeding: one pup per year
- When to see: April – October
- Food: flying insects, moths and beetles

12 adult females and smaller, young bats had formed a 'maternity colony'.

They were left undisturbed and may return again.

The wooded grounds, large areas of grassland and water of university park and nearby Wollaton provide excellent foraging habitat for bats.

Hedgehog friendly campus

Over the last 20 years, hedgehog numbers in rural areas have plummeted by 50%, and in urban gardens by 30%.

In 2019, passionate members of the university formed the **UoN Hedgehog Friendly Campus Group**. They've been raising awareness of the plight of the hedgehog and taking action with:

- Hedgehog surveys
- Litter picks
- Installing pond ramps
- Garden competitions



The work paid off in 2022 when the university gained **Silver Level Hedgehog Friendly status**.



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