

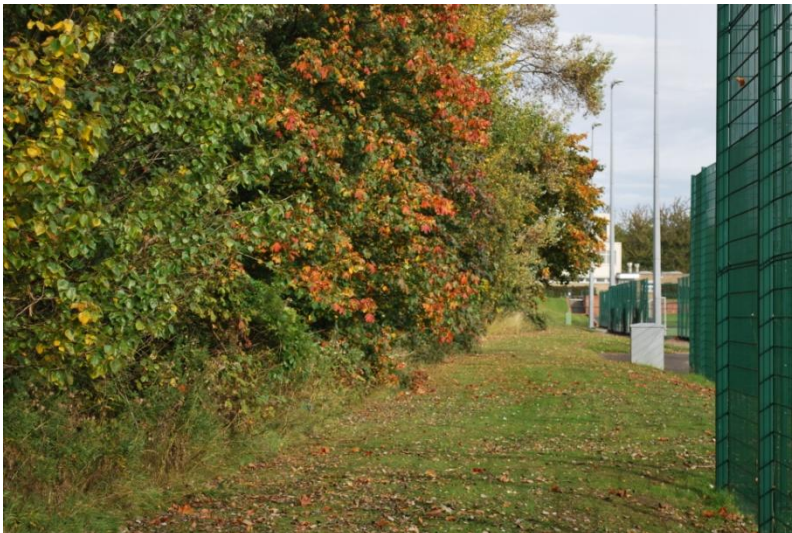
# Longbenton Sports Ground

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Longbenton is currently the flagship site for biodiversity on the University estate.

This site is surrounded by a mixed woodland shelter belt which contains hedgehog and bird boxes. Where safe to do so, fallen trees are left in situ and log piles have been placed to provide natural habitats. Such activities encourage species to the site and allow us to engage with local schools and communities through the installation and observation of these habitats.

The assistance of volunteers from the University's Conservation Society has been a valuable help in enhancing biodiversity at Longbenton. These volunteers have primarily been involved in the development of wildlife corridors through the planting of a wildlife hedge and wild flower bank. Such habitat creation encourages a diversity of wildlife to the area by providing valuable nesting places and food sources.



→ Woodland shelter belt

Conservation volunteers planting ←  
the wild flower bank



We hope to further enhance biodiversity by creating a wetland area in the south east of the site consisting of a pond complex and associated vegetation. Our future tasks also include completing the wildlife corridor so it extends the entire width of the site and replanting and area to the south of the site which currently is dominated by stinging nettles.