

# University Campus

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The University's 45 acre city centre campus is a hive of activity for students, staff and the public. Being such an urban based University presents challenges when considering biodiversity enhancement, but ones that are overcome by dynamic and innovative thinking.

Wildlife friendly, non-invasive planting takes place with, for example, fruiting tree and shrub species being introduced as food sources, particularly to encourage birds to the site. Bird boxes and feeding stations have been installed across campus. Bat boxes have also been installed on more recent developments such as the Baddiley-Clark medical building.

With the possibility for green space on the ground being limited, we looked to other possibilities for increasing the green area on campus. All bin stores on campus now have green roofs as well as the Baddiley-Clark medical building. We also have a blue roof situated on Hadrian Bridge which collects rainwater and caters for a vast array of insects and birds.



We will be carrying out an estate wide biodiversity survey in the near future to identify habitats and species on campus and possibilities for further enhancement.

Our future plans for enhancing biodiversity on campus include the creation of a wild flower meadow to the rear of Windsor Terrace with additional trees and hedges being planted to screen these buildings from the adjacent motorway. We also have plans to collaborate with the Newcastle City Council on their 'Bee Aware' campaign by creating a bee friendly campus which includes the establishment of pollinator gardens and appropriately situated nesting sites.

We are also collaborating with OPAL North East to bring this initiative to the campus. As such we will soon be offering staff, students and the public the chance to take part in biodiversity surveys on campus, no matter what your skill or knowledge level.