



Wilder Southampton

Wilder Southampton ([Wilder Southampton](#)) is a partnership project between Southampton City Council, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and is part of Nextdoor Nature, a project that is bringing communities together to help nature flourish where they live and work.

Together they are on a mission to create a Wilder Southampton, where wildlife is thriving, and everyone benefits from a healthy environment. We want to see more wildlife friendly areas and small outdoor spaces across Southampton that are created and supported by the community. Wilder Southampton aims to bring people together to find creative, community-led ways to ensure nature can thrive across the city.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust is partnering with Southampton City Council with support from Southampton Football Club and the National Lottery Heritage Fund, to create this 'Wilder Southampton'.

Two new Wilder Communities Officers will work with local groups to develop initiatives to make the city greener and wilder, providing support, advice and practical help together with community action, ideas and conservation.

One of the officers, Jill Doubleday from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, said: "We believe that strong, healthy communities depend on a thriving natural environment. With ever increasing pressures from pollution, development and climate change, it is vital that everyone can play their part in turning around the fortunes for our local wildlife and habitats."

Cllr Lisa Mitchell, cabinet member for housing and the green environment (Lab) said: "This partnership supports [Our Green City](#) priorities and will provide opportunities for communities to get involved through community ideas and action making our city greener and better for residents and wildlife."

The council says residents can email wildersouthampton@hiwwt.org.uk if they have an idea to support greening our city. Would you be able to add in something about our new survey?

There is also a link to a questionnaire as Wilder Southampton are really keen to get responses from people who are not particularly interested in nature, or who are, but are not that involved at the moment.

[Wilder Southampton Questionnaire | Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust \(hiwwt.org.uk\)](#)

Highfield Residents' Association has signed up to support the project. Please contact, Barbara Claridge, HRA.HonSec@gmail.com if you have any ideas for Highfield or want to become involved.

Blogs of the work of local groups can be read here:

<https://www.hiwwt.org.uk/blog/tag/wilder-southampton>