

GREEN CHAMPIONS



Growing with Nature

"April is the kindest month. April gets you out of your head and out working in the garden."

- Marty Rubin



Healthy

A gardening green revolution has started – with increasing scientific evidence highlighting the critical importance of garden plants, gardens and gardening benefiting our physical, mental, and social wellbeing. There are very few, if any, other activities that can achieve all of the things that horticulture and gardening can. RHS Gardening for wellbeing



Learning - Compost Connections

Learning to compost is a bit like learning to cook! Like any new skill, it takes a bit of research and practice, but it is not difficult once you get started.

Composting is an amazing process that happens all the time in nature. It is how nature recycles everything that has once lived, and turns it back into new living things.



Why Compost? – incredible surplus

Green Champion Coordinator Update

Parks and Green Spaces are at the heart of our communities providing sanctuary from the bustling streets of our towns and cities and spaces for people to relax and come together.

Big or small, green spaces help us connect with nature and help us to support the health of our communities. Do you have a green space near to you that is either unused or neglected that you would be interested in developing but not sure where to start? If so, please contact so that we can establish initial land ownership.

Enquiries to date have included requests to plant fruit trees, areas to compost and the installation of bee hives on open land which have been sign posted to the relevant departments for further consideration.

So, if you have a green space large or small that could be made into an urban green space please email me on: Cityofnature@birmingham.gov.uk



You can sign up here to receive our monthly newsletter by email



Green Champion Newsletter

Connect: Monthly online meet ups



Come and talk to our Green Champion Coordinator - Jackie and the City of Nature Team.

Meetings are online via Teams, every month (third Wednesday) 5.30pm - 6.30pm.

Please click below to get the link.

Join us for an online chat



Get Involved - Social Value

- We want to encourage businesses to get involved with The City of Nature Plan through park activities, staff engagement days and social value activities.
- We want to ensure that businesses are involved with looking after their local green spaces.
- We will support businesses to look at the opportunities that will give back in the long term including sponsorship, the support of training courses for those with an interest in the green sector and more...
- Employee health and wellbeing is very important and we want to encourage businesses to support employees that wish to use the green spaces around Birmingham to support their health and wellbeing.



Parks need people and people need parks

we would therefore love to have a conversation with you around your social value and green commitments, so please get in touch with us by email:

socialvalueparks@birmingham.gov.uk or visit:
Social Value – Naturally Birmingham Future Parks Project



City of Nature Plan - the future starts now

The City of Nature Plan will change the way Birmingham treats its natural environment and how it thinks about the future of its parks and green spaces.

It also has a strong focus on how green spaces impact human life and will involve the whole council and its core third sector partners through a City of Nature Alliance; whilst reaching out to the citizens of Birmingham to facilitate significantly more involvement. Although Birmingham has 600 blue and green spaces, many of these were inherited from our Victorian past. We need to see Birmingham as a 21st century green and blue city, not a city that looks backwards to its past but one that looks forward to the future addressing climate change, nature recovery and inequity of access.

We also need to increase the number of publicly accessible green spaces by 400 to achieve this. This will then mean Birmingham will not only be a city of a 1000 trades but also a city of a 1000 green spaces.

Piloting the Birmingham City of Nature Plan and building an Alliance to help deliver it | City of Nature pilot project | Birmingham City Council



Birmingham's Route to Zero programme

Waste is a key area to target, whilst it does not result in the emission of carbon to the degree of other sectors, waste management has wider environmental implications.

Find out more about Recycling:

Your recycling bin | About your recycling and rubbish bins | Birmingham City Council

To find out more about BCC's Route to Zero you can contact the team on:

routetozeroarbon@birmingham.gov.uk



Welcoming - Clean and Green Spaces

Volunteering to become a community litter picker has many benefits, such as:

- improving the cleanliness of your community
- making a positive difference in your community
- making new friends
- reducing crime in your community

If you want to become a volunteer and organise a community clean-up, we can support you by:

- providing clean-up equipment
- teaching you how to carry out litter picking safely
- collecting any rubbish afterwards

You can [register as a group or individual to become a community litter picker.](#)



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