

## **NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY: BIODIVERSITY POLICY**

Biodiversity describes the whole variety of life on Earth. It incorporates all species of plants and animals, including their genetic variation and the complex ecosystems which they are part of.

This natural capital sustains living systems and enhances our quality of life.

Nottingham Trent University's (NTU) estate comprises of over 240 hectares with grounds of various land use types evident throughout Nottinghamshire. These are significant assets for the University, the community and the natural world.

NTU is committed to protecting and enhancing where practicable the biodiversity of our estate. We intend to do this by improving the management of biodiversity in the following ways:

- Align biodiversity management practices with the Environmental Management System.
- Ensure compliance to biodiversity related legislation.
- Where practicable improve biodiversity assessment and monitoring programmes.
- Develop Biodiversity Action Plans (BAPs) for each campus.
- Raise awareness of biodiversity management practices and the associated benefits of protecting biodiversity to all staff, students, stakeholders and members of the public where possible via EcoWeb, webcams and organised events throughout the year.
- Liaise with local partners to improve biodiversity management practices such as Nottingham Wildlife Trust
- Minimise impacts on biodiversity from grounds and landscaping work.
- Minimise impacts on biodiversity from academic teaching and associated work.
- Minimise impacts on biodiversity from development works and ensuring appropriate mitigation schemes are in place for all such works
- Embed biodiversity considerations into NTU's sustainable purchasing practices.
- Annually review the Landscape Management Plans (LMPs) for Brackenhurst, Clifton and City sites to ensure they contain up to date information
- Encourage staff, students, visitors and members of the local community to embrace the biodiversity across the estate by communicating activities and opportunities at all three campuses throughout the year.
- Achieve the Green Flag Award for Brackenhurst and Clifton Campuses for the third time and work towards securing a Green Flag for the city site.

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