

# Biodiversity Action Group

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## 1. Terms of Reference

The Biodiversity Working Group (BWG) makes use of academic expertise on Campus to help improve and conserve the ecological value of the University Estate—to ensure that there is space for nature and biodiversity in the built environment, to allow the Estate to be planned and managed in an ecologically sound way that fosters biodiversity and supports human wellbeing, and to monitor and conserve existing ecological and biodiversity resources on campus.

The group will report directly to the Sustainability Board, on which the group has representation.

Key areas of activity for the group are:

1. To champion biodiversity at the University of Liverpool, bringing attention to the ecological crisis we now face and delivering sound ecological stewardship on the University's Estate.
2. To promote the multiple values of nature on campus for the benefit of staff, students and visitors: for its intrinsic value, for human wellbeing and for the ecosystem goods and services it delivers.
3. To advise on and implement ecologically sound ways to manage the University Estate that embed ecological principles and support biodiversity, particularly in relation to the deployment of the University's capital programme.
4. To develop and implement a long-term, evidence-based University Biodiversity Action Plan.
5. To develop, monitor and review the University Biodiversity Action Plan, ensuring that the BAP aligns with local and national BAPs, as far as possible, but also reflects emerging research, knowledge and understanding.
6. To coordinate the monitoring of changes in ecology and biodiversity arising on campus.
7. To integrate, coordinate and develop conservation and biodiversity activities on the University Campus.
8. To seek advice from other relevant parties when appropriate.

## 2. Membership

Raj Whitlock  
Gavin Brown  
Lis Rushworth

*Evolution, Ecology & Behaviour (Chair)*  
*Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education*  
*Geology and Physical Geography*

David Atkinson	Evolution, Ecology & Behaviour
Jenny Hodgson	Evolution, Ecology & Behaviour
Rebecca Jones	School of Life Sciences
Carl Larson	School of Life Sciences
Chris French	Institute of Life & Human Sciences
Kate Parr	Earth, Ocean & Ecological Sciences
Clare Casey	Sustainability
John Kelly	Grounds Maintenance Manager
Nick Lightfoot	Ness Gardens
Michelle Mainwearing	Health and Safety Co-ordinator, Leahurst
Timothy Baxter	Ness Gardens
Dave Wheatley	Guild Officer
Dylan Uren Thomson	Guild Officer
TBC	Beekeeping & Conservation Society
TBC	Liverpool Nature Conservation Society

Membership of the group will be reviewed annually.

### 3. In Attendance

Other members of relevant departments will be invited to attend as is deemed necessary by the Chair.

### 4. Frequency of Meetings

The Biodiversity Working Group meets on at least four occasions throughout the year.

### 5. Quorum

The quorum for meetings of the Biodiversity Working Group shall be three members.

