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# My Wild City



## Three key aims:

1. Greater awareness, engagement and involvement of people in Manchester with their local nature
2. Greater partnership working
3. Improve quality of spaces for nature in Manchester

[lancswt.org.uk/mywildcity](http://lancswt.org.uk/mywildcity)





# Adapting to COVID-19

## Digital engagement:

1. My Wild Garden initiative
2. Manchester Festival of Nature
3. City Nature Challenge
4. Webinar events

## *Virtual nature festival*

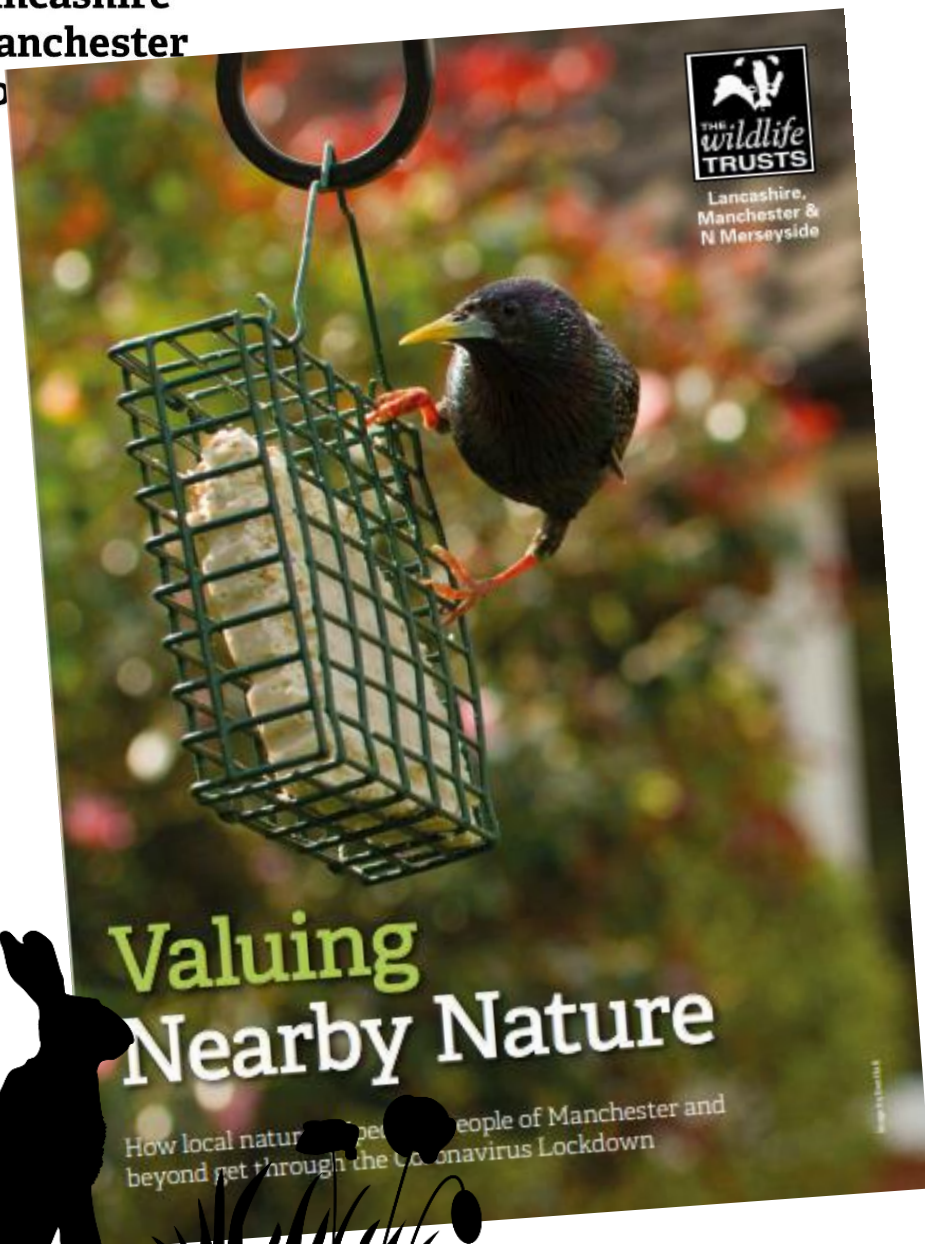


*Filming live from our  
gardens*





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# Nearby Nature study

*How was nature benefitting peoples lives during lockdown?*

More than 1,200 people responded

**Full report available at:**  
[lancswt.org.uk/nearby-nature-report](https://lancswt.org.uk/nearby-nature-report)



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# Our findings



Said being able to connect with nature during the restrictions was **'Very important'** or **'Important'** to them

*"The sense that no matter how awful the situation is, nature continues to be beautiful"*

*"The highlight of the day is getting out of the house into nature, keeping us sane"*

*"It is saving my life"*



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# Informing future work



Reinforced the importance of local greenspaces for inspiring and connecting people with nature.

Refreshed Biodiversity Strategy for Manchester in development.



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