



Greening
MAINDEE

Our Nature Plan for Maindee

Making our community
greener together
2025-2030



Nature
Neighbourhoods

Why do we need this plan?

The challenges we face:

- Only 5% tree cover (we need 20% to stay healthy!)
- Very little green space for nearly 79,000 people
- Air pollution from traffic on our main roads
- Not enough safe places for children to play outside
- Lots of concrete and not enough plants and wildlife

We also have amazing strengths:

- A diverse, urban area on the East of the river Usk who care about their community
- Enthusiastic volunteers already making a difference
- Great community spirit and willingness to help each other
- Successful projects like the gardens at Maindee Primary
- Key Species: Hedgehogs, black-headed gulls, starlings, house sparrows and swifts, 50 moth species, frogs and lizards, brown banded carder bee

What is this plan?

This is YOUR plan – created by listening to over 250 people in Maindee, Newport, South Wales who shared their dreams for a greener neighbourhood. Over the past two years Greening Maindee has been involved in an exciting and transformational project known as 'Nature Neighbourhoods' delivered in partnership with the RSPB, National Trust, World Wildlife Fund and the Co-Op. The project is working alongside 18 other community groups across England, Scotland and Wales each developing their own plan for nature within their own communities. Maindee was fortunate enough to be chosen as one of these communities. **This plan is a work-in-progress... please input if you can.**

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What you told us you want



MORE GREEN SPACES

"We want more trees, flowers, and places to grow food"

- Community orchards with fruit trees
- Allotments and growing spaces
- More street trees and window boxes
- Transform empty spaces into green areas



BETTER STREETS

"Make our streets safer and more beautiful"

- Less traffic and more space for people
- Regular community clean-ups
- Better lighting and safer walking
- Places to sit and meet neighbours



SAFE PLAY FOR CHILDREN

"Our kids need safe, fun places to play outside"

- Play streets where children can play safely
- Better playgrounds and equipment
- More activities connecting children with nature
- Spaces for all ages, including teenagers



LEARNING AND SKILLS

"We want to learn about gardening and nature"

- Free workshops on growing plants
- Help with front gardens and window boxes
- Learning about local wildlife
- Training for green jobs



BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

"Nature projects help us meet neighbours and work together"

- Community competitions and celebrations
- Projects that welcome everyone
- Activities for different cultural groups
- Ways for volunteers to get involved



Our Action Plan – What's Happening When



Starting Right Now (Next 6 months)



MAINDEE IN BLOOM COMPETITION

- Free seeds and plants for your garden or window box
- Prizes for the most beautiful displays
- Help and advice from local gardening experts



QUARTERLY COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS

- Meet neighbours while improving our streets
- All equipment provided – just bring yourself!



STREET CHAMPIONS

- Volunteers to help coordinate projects on every street
- Training and support provided
- Small grants available for local improvements



FREE GARDENING WORKSHOPS

- Learn basic skills like growing vegetables, composting
- Different times to suit working families
- Advice in different languages



Building Momentum (6-18 months)



PLAY STREETS PILOT

- Close selected streets to traffic once a month
- Safe space for children to play and families to meet
- Working with the council to make this happen



GREENING SHOP FRONTS

- Work with local businesses to add plants and flowers
- Make Chepstow Road more beautiful and welcoming
- Support for shop owners who want to get involved



SCHOOL GARDEN PARTNERSHIPS

- Connect schools with community growing spaces
- Children learn about nature and healthy eating
- Families invited to join in activities



COMMUNITY TOOL LIBRARY

- Borrow gardening tools and equipment for free
- Learn from experienced gardeners
- Share skills and help each other



Let's work together to create a network of community organisations to strengthen all of our work. Get in touch!



Creating Lasting Change (2-5 years)



GREEN CORRIDORS

- Connect all our green spaces with wildlife-friendly paths
- More trees and plants along main roads
- Safe walking and cycling routes



COMMUNITY ORCHARD

- Permanent space for fruit trees and food growing
- Shared harvests for the whole community
- Teaching space for gardening skills



BETTER STREETS

- Work with Newport Council for wider pavements

- Traffic calming to make streets safer
- More green infrastructure in street design



GREEN JOBS AND TRAINING

- Clear pathways to environmental careers
- Apprenticeships in green skills
- Links with colleges and training providers

How can you get involved?



GET IN TOUCH

- Follow Greening Maindee on social media
- Contact us with your ideas



VOLUNTEER

- Join our weekly work tasks
- Become a Street Champion
- Help at community events
- Share your skills and knowledge



START AT HOME

- Join the Maindee in Bloom competition
- Plant something in your garden or window box
- Talk to your neighbours about the plan
- Come to our free workshops



HAVE YOUR SAY

- Come to our annual community meetings
- Fill in our feedback surveys
- Join our working groups
- Help us plan new projects



What will success look like?

In 1 year:

- 50+ homes taking part in Maindee in Bloom
- Regular quarterly clean-ups with 20+ volunteers
- 2 streets trying Play Streets
- 100+ people attending free workshops and events

In 3 years:

- Noticeably more trees and plants throughout Maindee
- Several new community growing spaces
- Safer, more beautiful streets
- Strong network of local environmental champions and community organisations

In 5 years:

- 10% tree cover (double what we have now!)
- Community orchard producing food for local families
- Clear pathways for young people into green careers
- Maindee known as a model green community in Wales

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will this cost me money? A: Community partners in Maindee try to make events as cheap as possible by seeking funding from other sources.

Q: I don't know anything about gardening - can I still help? A: Absolutely! Our free workshops will teach you everything, and experienced volunteers are always happy to share their knowledge.

Q: I don't have a garden - how can I get involved? A: Lots of ways! Window boxes, community spaces, volunteering, clean-ups, and helping plan projects.

Q: What if I don't speak much English? A: We work to include everyone and can arrange translation. Many activities don't need lots of talking - just enthusiasm!

Q: My children are too young/old for some activities A: We have activities for all ages, from toddlers to teenagers to adults. There's something for everyone.

Q: How do I know this will actually happen? A: We already have a track record of successful projects, committed volunteers, and support from local organisations. This plan builds on what's already working.

Contact Us

Get in touch with Greening Maindee:

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Come and see us:

- Regular community meetings
- Community events
- Drop-in sessions



Thank You

This plan exists because of YOU - everyone who shared their ideas, attended consultations, volunteered time, and believes in a greener future for Maindee.

Special thanks to:

- Maindee Unlimited
- All consultation participants and volunteers
- Maindee Primary, Eveswell and St Julians Schools
- Wonder Women group and Young Muslim Community Organisation
- Local businesses and community partners
- Newport City Council and other supporting organisations

Together, we can make Maindee a place where nature and community thrive side by side.



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Quick Action Checklist

WANT TO GET STARTED TODAY?

- Follow us on social media for updates and events
- Sign up for the Maindee in Bloom competition – get your free seeds!
- Mark your calendar for the next quarterly clean-up
- Talk to a neighbour about getting involved together
- Look at your window or garden – what could you plant?
- Contact us with your ideas and questions
- Join our next community meeting to meet other volunteers

Every small action makes a difference. Start where you are, with what you have. Together, we're growing a greener Maindee!

This summary will be updated regularly as we make progress. Printed copies available in English, Welsh, and other community languages. Large print and audio versions available on request.

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