

Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) are sites that contain wildlife and/or geological features that are of special interest locally. Their function is to provide opportunities for people to become involved in the management of their local environment as well as giving people special opportunities to study, learn or simply enjoy nature.

LNRs will offer many benefits not only to wildlife but also to the quality of life for the people of Manchester. The benefits of LNRs can be summarised as: -

- Protection of wildlife habitats and natural features
- Increased community awareness and enjoyment of the natural environment through greater involvement
- Provision of an environment in which people can learn about and study nature
- Building relationships between Local Authorities, national and local conservation bodies and local people

Manchester currently has seven Local Nature Reserves.

Chorlton Water Park is owned by Manchester City Council and managed as part of the Mersey Valley Project. The site is of regional importance for its winter wildfowl populations and as such is a Grade A Site of Biological Importance. The sites cover 7.9 hectares that is mainly the manmade reservoir and associated shrub and grassland.



St. Michaels Island, Fort of the Island, and the Rich



Forest of the Island, and the Rich



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Rev. Canon Hilary, Canon Peter, Canon Wendy and Canon John at the presentation of the award for the best town and village in the Cotswolds.



Highfield Woods, a beautiful woodland in the Cotswolds.



Reeds in the pond at the entrance to the Cotswold Water Park.



Image description: A photograph of a forest scene with a large fallen tree trunk in the foreground and tall trees in the background.