

The Open Manor Greenprint: rooted in place, grown together

Our Future Vision

A resilient, nature-connected community in Manor Castle Ward where people of all ages and backgrounds have sustained access to green spaces, locally grown food, and nature-based activities, with The Green Estate at the heart of a thriving network of partners and residents working together.



Community needs identified

- Accessible, affordable nature activities for residents of all ages and backgrounds
- Local spaces for young people to socialise, tailored to their needs
- Skills in growing, preparing, and eating local food
- Improved wellbeing through green prescribing and nature connection
- Stronger connections between residents and local organisations
- A sustainable community offer that outlasts individual projects



Local partners tending it together

- Co-delivering nature connection, horticulture, and food growing activities alongside The Green Estate, including Manor Open Gardens, Park Hill Community Garden, and local foraging groups
- Providing referral pathways into nature-based wellbeing through doctors practices, teaching hospitals, and health partners
- Supporting joint communications and outreach through existing networks, including MCDT, MASKK, Manor Parish Community Kitchen, and Sheffield's colleges and universities

Residents making it ours

- Co-designing the community offer to keep it relevant and locally rooted
- Taking active roles in events, growing projects, and nature activities as participants, volunteers, and peer connectors
- Sharing knowledge, skills, and networks to grow the reach and resilience of the offer
- Working with The Green Estate to develop a community incubator where residents and emerging businesses can take root, grow, and reinvest in their neighbourhood

The Green Estate CIC preparing the ground

Roots and shoots that require little or no additional resource

- Aligning strategic goals with community priorities
- Seeking funding for improved site signage and interpretation
- Hosting more community meals and celebrations

Seeds we can plant today by investing limited resources

- Community offer centred on nature skills and interests
- Raising awareness of how to access The Green Estate spaces
- Evaluation tracking footfall, comfort, and nature connection

Given the right conditions what we can grow with additional funding

- A community connector for outreach and ward relationships
- A sustainable business plan for the ongoing community offer
- Health partnerships focused on nature connection
- A local food growing initiative linking onsite and neighbourhood production
- A strategic communications approach for local reach
- A programme of nature walks, growing workshops, and food sessions for all ages
- Reciprocal partnerships to support coordinated delivery
- Funding to sustain and expand the community nature offer
- Evidence of impact to attract future investment

The Open Manor Greenprint: growing impact from the ground up



For young people

- Spaces to socialise, belong, and feel welcome
- Activities co-designed with and for young people
- Practical skills in growing, making, and environmental care
- Volunteering and leadership roles that build confidence and agency



In the lives of local people

- More people taking part in nature-based activities at The Green Estate
- New skills in growing, preparing, and sharing local food
- Better health and wellbeing through nature connection
- Stronger intergenerational bonds through shared experience
- The Green Estate's spaces accessible and affordable for all



In the natural life of the neighbourhood

- Local people actively stewarding green spaces
- More growing across gardens, doorsteps, and surrounding neighbourhoods
- Nature connection woven into everyday urban life



In the wider story of Sheffield

- A replicable model of community-led urban nature
- Deeper, more resilient partnerships rooted in Manor Castle Ward
- Growing evidence of footfall, engagement, and community confidence
- A meaningful contribution to Sheffield's ambitions for a healthier, greener, more connected city

