

Exeter College

Biodiversity Policy

Exeter College is committed to sustainability in its activities, and seeks to monitor and plot a path to a net gain in biodiversity.

The College commits to carrying out a biodiversity survey before December 2024, and at five-year intervals after that.

College grounds

Within College owned and managed grounds in Oxford,

- The College does not use peat as a soil improver, and prefers to buy plants that have not been grown in peat where they are available.
- Any tree that is felled will be replaced. Where possible, this will occur in the same place. Otherwise the preference is for this to occur locally within Oxfordshire. There is a presumption in favour of native species.
- In designing new planting schemes there is a preference in favour of native species that will support insect life.

Sports Ground

The College is redeveloping its sports ground together with Hertford College. The College undertakes that by the end of 2024:

- To preserve and maintain the existing hedgerows
- To plant approximately 900 m² of wildflower meadows
- To make provision for a student allotment.

External Site

The College is committed to promoting the status and character of the Site of Special Scientific Interest at Oakley, Worcestershire, and the adjacent 29.65 acre woodland.

By College Order 23/046, this policy was approved by Governing Body on 17th May 2023 with immediate effect, and is to be reviewed by 30th June 2026, and was also approved for display on the website.