

The Greenspace Movement

The Greenspace Movement at Durham University is a movement that was created in 2010 to show how small everyday actions can create big, positive environmental change and to bring together all our environmental plans, policies, and procedures.

Led by the Sustainability Team, Greenspace offers opportunities for everyone in our community to get involved through the initiatives we run, partner and support.

Before Greenspace, Durham's sustainability journey began with delivery of the first Green Move Out in 2005, the launch of our first Environmental Policy and Strategic Plan in 2006 and creating our network of Environment Champions in 2008.

Since then we have introduced renewable energy to campus, brought electric vehicle charging to site, signed the UN SDG Accord, achieved Platinum Eco Campus status, founded the annual Greenspace Festival, launched the My Greenspace app, launched our Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, signed the Concordat for Environmental Sustainability in Research, and introduced the LEAF laboratory efficiency scheme among others...

Green Move Out

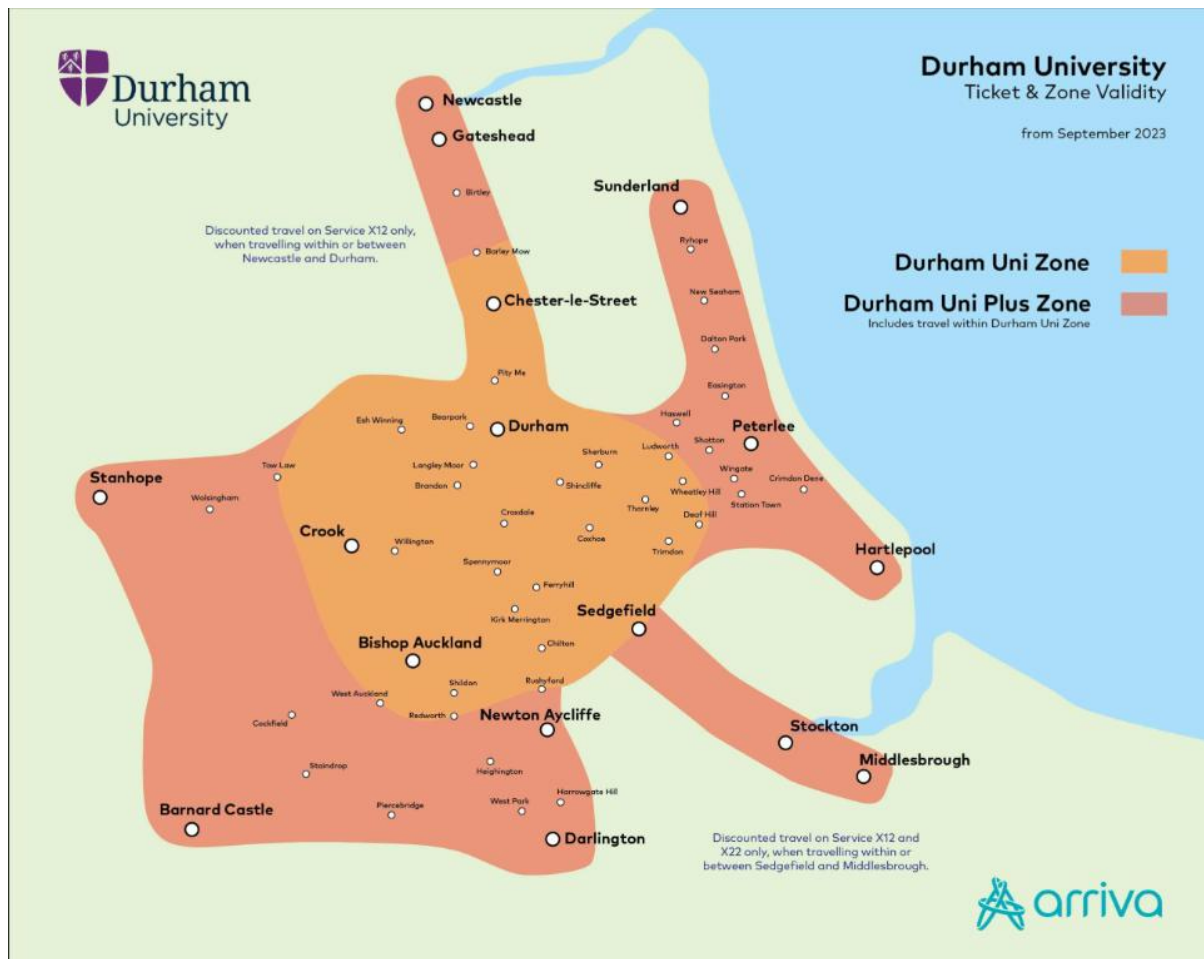
The [Green Move Out scheme](#) started out in one college in 2005 and has run every year since, growing to include all our colleges, and students living out in the wider community. The scheme asks all students to donate unwanted clothing, footwear, kitchenware and bedding by filling a purple bag before they leave the city in the summer. Donations are then collected and sorted to reduce waste and to benefit local charities; this year's partners are British Heart Foundation and St Cuthbert's Hospice

Discounted Bus Travel

The Arriva discount bus scheme offers unlimited bus travel throughout the day within two specially created University Zones, in Durham City, Durham County and beyond. Unlimited bus travel permits the ticket holder to use more than one bus service throughout the day as many times as they need with no additional cost to the price of

the ticket. The costs for discounted tickets are set out below and also available on the Arriva website.

The cost for an unlimited day ticket within the 'Durham Uni Zone' is £1.60 return and £2.70 return within the 'Durham Uni Plus Zone', offering travel from/to Newcastle, Gateshead, Sunderland, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Stockton and many more.



Greenspace Student Environment Group

The Greenspace Student Environment Group brings together student Environment Representatives from all colleges to empower students to drive sustainability across the University. Supported by the Greenspace Sustainability Coordinator, the group encourages adoption of environmentally responsible behaviours, organises University-wide events throughout the year, cascades information and opportunities, works with the colleges and JCRs, and acts as a platform for student-led environmental projects. The Group meets once a term to share best practice, raise issues and collaborate on events and campaigns.

Interested in becoming a GSEG rep for your college? Got a campaign or event we can support? Let us know! greenspace.students@durham.ac.uk

My Greenspace app

The [My Greenspace app](#), accessible by desktop and mobile devices, is all about bringing together our community of Durham students and staff and demonstrating that small actions add up to make a big difference. Simply log your sustainable actions - which can be as simple as pledging to reduce waste, minimising water usage, or changing travel behaviours - to earn points and win one of four monthly prizes. As well as this, through the MyGreenspace app, the Greenspace Team coordinate the annual My Greenspace Varsity cup, and termly competitions, in which all colleges and departments compete to be win either £200 for their chosen charity or £200 to spend on a sustainability or biodiversity project of their own. Register for the My Greenspace app or follow Greenspace on social media to find out how your college can win the annual My Greenspace Varsity Cup or one of the termly team competitions.

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