

# Greater Manchester Wetlands Species Reintroduction



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**Lancashire  
Manchester &  
North Merseyside**



Large heath butterfly



Bog bush cricket

**Large heath butterfly  
reintroduction**  
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Release day at Astley Moss



Large heath butterfly pupae

Due to large scale peatland habitat loss in the Greater Manchester, there has been a significant loss of biodiversity in this area. The large heath butterfly was once so populous in the area that it was nicknamed the 'Manchester argus', but had been locally extinct for 150 years.

Back in 2020, the Lancashire Wildlife Trust reintroduced the Manchester argus back to Astley Moss, ending its 150 year hiatus. We are continuously looking at the reintroduction of other species such as bog bush cricket and white faced darter dragonfly.