## Our

## Natural

Health Service



## Contact with, and connection to, nature is linked to a range of positive mental and physical health outcomes

There are many studies\* showing the scientific benefits of spending time in nature.

Some of which are:

- Becoming more physically engaged
- Improving aerobic fitness
- Lowering our blood pressure
- Reducing fatigue
- Boosting the immune system
  - Lowering risk and improve symptoms of diabetes & obesity
- Lowering cortisol (stress inducing hormones)
- Decreasing hypertension, anxiety and rumination
  - Calming our flight, fight and freeze responses
  - Engages our parasympathetic nervous system of rest and restoration

Nature-based supported activity and social prescribing can positively impact happiness and wellbeing and reduce social isolation.









