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This guide outlines Manchester's expanding landscape of sustainable fashion—featuring independent designers, vintage boutiques, thrift exchanges, and community-led initiatives focused on circularity and conscious consumption. Local brands are embracing slow fashion through ethical sourcing, small-batch production, and inclusive retail practices.

Beyond the shopfronts, Manchester fosters a strong culture of reuse and repair. Swap shops, buyback schemes, and pre-sale production models help reduce waste, while co-ops and collectives offer workshops in textile reuse, visible mending, and creative upcycling.

Together, these movements reflect Manchester's pragmatic and community-minded approach to fashion—one that values longevity, local talent, and a shared commitment to a more sustainable future.



MCQUEEN INDEPENDENT

mcqueenindependent.com

@mcqueenindependent

 54 Beech Rd, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester M21 9EG, UK

Established in 1994, McQueen Independent is a fairtrade-focused boutique based in South Manchester, offering menswear, womenswear, and accessories. Known for its love of colour, pattern, and quality, the store curates collections from independent labels with a focus on ethical production and personal style. Alongside its Chorlton shop, McQueen also offers an online monthly edit for customers across the UK.

COW MANCHESTER

wearecow.com

@wearecow

61 Church Street, Manchester, M4 1PD

COW is a vintage and reworked fashion retailer with a focus on sustainability and individual style. Located in Manchester's Northern Quarter, the store offers a wide range of curated vintage pieces and upcycled clothing, blending circular fashion with trend-led design. COW champions slow fashion and conscious consumption through its physical stores and online platform.

THE NORAH STORE

thenorahstore.com

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47 Henry Street, Ancoats, Manchester M4 5DD

Founded in 2018, The Norah Store is a sustainable, female-led boutique located in Manchester's Ancoats district. The shop curates timeless fashion, homewares, and skincare from brands like House of Sunny, Arthur Apparel, and Lisa Says Gah, with an emphasis on slow fashion and lasting quality. Founded by Elizabeth Morgan, the store promotes mindful shopping and supports local talent through featured Manchester-based labels such as Roop, Evie Joynes, and Sandwith Studio.

LUCY & YAK - MANCHESTER (HIGH STREET)

lucyandyak.com

@lucyandyak

 **74-76 High Street, Manchester M4 1ES, United Kingdom**

Lucy & Yak's Manchester flagship, known as the "little pink shop," offers sustainable and ethically made clothing using materials like organic cotton, hemp, and recycled polyester. With certifications including GOTS and LENZING™ ECOVERO™, the brand promotes transparency, inclusivity, and low-impact production. The store features programs like the Re:Yak BuyBack Scheme and sensory-friendly shopping days to foster community and circularity.

WAWWA

wawwaclothing.com

@wawwaclothing

 **Stockist: END. Manchester, 12-14 St Mary's Gate, Manchester M1 1PX**

WAWWA is a Manchester-based sustainable streetwear label using organic, Fairtrade, and vegan materials. The brand operates on a pre-order model to eliminate waste and prioritizes ethical production, hand-dyeing, and local manufacturing. With nearly a decade of refinement, WAWWA blends minimal style with maximum impact.

NSIAH

nsiah.co.uk

@nsiah_tees

NSIAH is an independent fashion brand designed by Monique Nsiah, offering contemporary clothing made sustainably with organic cotton and responsible materials. Rooted in slow fashion values and a clean, elevated aesthetic, the brand reflects a balance of comfort, style, and environmental awareness.

GREY MILK

greymilk.co.uk

@greymilk_

 **Manchester, UK**

Grey Milk is a Manchester-based independent clothing label creating handmade garments with a playful, soft aesthetic. Run by Gwen, the brand emphasizes slow fashion, personal expression, and craft. Pieces are produced in small batches or made-to-order, with a focus on comfort, color, and feel-good design. The shop is set to reopen in May.

BLUE RINSE MANCHESTER

bluerinsevintage.co.uk

@blue.rinse.vintage

 29–31 Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JG, United Kingdom

Blue Rinse is a well-established UK vintage brand offering a curated mix of reworked and secondhand fashion with a focus on sustainability and individuality. Founded in Leeds in 1997, the Manchester location includes the Goodbuy Vintage Outlet, providing budget-friendly vintage alongside signature Blue Rinse pieces. Known for its ethical, creative approach, the store champions reuse and personal style.

BEG STEAL & BORROW

begstealborrow.co.uk

@begstealborrowmcr

 Afflecks: 2nd Floor, 52 Church Street, Manchester M4 1PW

 Withington: Rippingham Road, Manchester M20 3FU

Beg Steal & Borrow is a community-driven thrift and exchange store with two locations in Manchester. With a playful and inclusive vibe, the shop invites customers to trade clothing for store credit while browsing affordable, one-of-a-kind pieces. From vintage staples to expressive statement styles, the store is a local favorite for circular fashion.

GONE FISHING VINTAGE

gonefishingvintage.com

@gone_fishing_vintage_

 95 Oldham Street, Manchester M4 1LW, United Kingdom

Gone Fishing Vintage offers handpicked secondhand clothing with a focus on quality, style, and sustainability. Alongside global vintage finds, the store also provides styling and rental services, promoting thoughtful and creative fashion choices. Orders are shipped quickly and securely, with clear product transparency and service at the core of their values.

BIONIC SEVEN

bionicseven.com

@bionicseven

 60 Port Street, Manchester M1 2EQ, United Kingdom

Bionic Seven is a dedicated vintage store in Manchester known for timeless pieces and a classic approach to vintage shopping. With a minimalist aesthetic and carefully chosen inventory, it's a go-to spot for those seeking authentic, wearable secondhand clothing in a relaxed setting.

POP BOUTIQUE

pop-boutique.com

@popboutique_official

 [34–36 Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JN, United Kingdom](#)

Pop Boutique is a multi-level store offering retro fashion from the 1960s to 1980s alongside quirky homeware and kitsch décor. Situated in the heart of Manchester's Northern Quarter, it delivers a playful shopping experience blending vintage style with colorful interiors and nostalgic charm.

SUZY LOVES MILO

@suzylovesmilo

 [40 Spear Street, Manchester, M1 1AS, United Kingdom](#)

Suzy Loves Milo is a streetwear and vintage lifestyle store based in Manchester. Known for its Japanese-inspired aesthetic and curated mix of designer vintage and bold streetwear, the boutique brings personality and edge to the Northern Quarter retail scene.

LILY'S VINTAGE CHORLTON BOUTIQUE

@lilyvintageboutique

 [557-559 Wilbraham Rd, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester M21 0AE](#)

Lily's Vintage is a Chorlton-based boutique known for bold knitwear, statement patterns, and standout vintage finds. With a vibrant mix of tracksuit jackets, retro styles, and quirky accessories, it's a local favorite for weekend browsing and relaxed secondhand shopping in South Manchester.



STITCHED UP

stitchedup.coop

@stitchedupcoop

 Bridge 5 Mill, 22a Beswick Street, Ancoats, Manchester M4 7HR

Stitched Up is a Manchester-based non-profit co-op dedicated to sustainable fashion education and textile reuse since 2012. They offer creative workshops, repair cafés, clothes swaps, and outreach programs across Greater Manchester. While their Ancoats HQ is only open during events, they also host sessions in community spaces and schools, aiming to make fashion activism accessible and hands-on.

FUTURE FASHION FAIR

futurefashionfair.com

@futurefashionfair

 The Yard, 11 Bent Street, Manchester M11 2BQ

Future Fashion Fair organizes swap shops, pop-up markets, and circular fashion events across Manchester to make sustainable fashion more inclusive and community-driven. From running clothing swaps to supporting local eco-brands and educating on circular design, their events help build local ecosystems for ethical fashion and conscious consumption.

MANCHESTER CRAFT AND DESIGN CENTRE (MCAD)

craftanddesign.com

@manchestercraft

 17 Oak Street, Manchester, United Kingdom M4 5JD

MCAD is Manchester's hub for contemporary craft and creative community. Located in the Northern Quarter, it champions craft in all its forms—supporting emerging and established makers through studios, exhibitions, and events. MCAD nurtures sustainable creative careers while welcoming the public to explore, engage with, and connect over handcrafted design. Home to Fred's café, it's a community hub.

MANCMADE

mancmadeltd.co.uk

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 Arch 7, WA14 5DU, Manchester, United Kingdom

Mancmade is a Trafford-based micro-manufacturer and training provider focused on local, transparent, and sustainable fashion. It offers bespoke sewing, repairs, and skills training through in-house and online classes, supporting local economies and creative communities. Proudly designed and made in England, Mancmade champions craftsmanship, multiculturalism, and shopping local.