



Bathscape - Revitalising our landscape for people, communities and heritage

The vision: The Bathscape scheme will ensure Bath and its setting is better recognised, managed and experienced as a landscape city, with the surrounding hills and valleys blending with the World Heritage Site and actively enjoyed by all. A greater number and wider range of people will feel connected to their local landscape and inspired to explore the outstanding built and natural environments, improving health and wellbeing.

[Bathscape Landscape Partnership](#) is a Heritage Lottery Fund supported project aimed at reconnecting people with the natural landscape surrounding Bath. Bathscape was awarded a development grant from HLF in November 2016 and submitting a Round 2 application in June 2018 to fund delivery between 2018 and 2023. There are 25 projects across four themes.

1. Conserving & Restoring

Projects and activities that will enable the heritage to be better managed and in better condition:

Grasslands for the Future will provide targeted support to landowners and land managers to improve the management of species-rich grasslands.

Grassland Restoration Volunteers will work with land management partners to improve the management of species-rich grasslands including surveying, recording and practical management.

Woodlands of Bathscape will implement a range of initiatives to ensure that woodlands are better managed to reverse the decline in their condition which threatens their landscape, biodiversity and amenity value.

Bathscape Small Grant Scheme will establish a new small grant scheme to support landowners to undertake critical landscape conservation and enhancement work.

Views and Vistas will achieve improved land management practice to interpret, monitor and maintain important views across the landscape.

Caring for Heritage at Risk will promote better management and care of historic features within the landscape, leading to better recording, interpretation and access.

2. The Therapeutic Landscape

Projects and activities that develop the therapeutic tradition associated with the heritage of Bath to support health and wellbeing through greater contact with the landscape and natural environment:

Landscape on Prescription and Green Gym will deliver a range of activities to benefit the community of Twerton and Southdown working in partnership with the Collaborative Public Health Project, to help support people access green volunteering and social wellbeing projects.

Connecting with Nature will provide support for schools, children's centres to supporting children and young people to experience / learn about nature in outdoor settings and the wider Bath landscape.

Bathscape Nature Watch will work with partners or other specialist providers to deliver a programme of 10 Bathscape Nature Watch events per year, with up to 75% of events targeted at disadvantaged communities.

Bathscape Green Spaces will support local community groups to take on events and the care of their local green spaces.

Therapeutic Walks Programme will benefit communities by providing a programme of guided walks for a range of walking abilities with the main focus on the less able walker / communities of need / communities of interest. This will culminate in an annual Bathscape Walking Festival.

Connecting Families with Landscape will support young people and families (through the Connecting Families Programme for young people & carers, and parents in challenging situations), providing opportunities to skill share and build family relationships, and to support future independent access and engagement with local landscape and natural environment.

Bathscape Outdoor Seasonal Celebration Events will develop a programme of seasonal outreach celebration workshops and assemblies in schools/children's centres in local communities.

3. Access

Projects and activities to improve access to the landscape and natural environment and reduce physical and other barriers:

Bathscape Circular Path and radial routes will establish a new promoted route around Bath along with improvements to key radial routes linking the city centre and the communities of Bath with the circular path route. It will promote key sites as 'gateways'.

Area and local hubs will establish a series of area and local hubs where local people and visitors can obtain information and interpretation on Bathscape.

Cure Walks and Carriage Rides will develop a series of walking routes based on the theme of the 'therapeutic landscape' linking to the C18th tradition of doctors prescribing 'cure walks' to aid mental and physical wellbeing.

Easy Access Routes and Photo / Video Trails will develop a network of easy access routes that will allow people, including those with mobility issues, young children, people pushing baby buggies, or older people, to gain access to key sites within the landscape. The routes will be available as phototrails and downloadable maps.

Active Landscape will support visits for target audiences from disadvantaged communities to access and enjoy the landscape by different means, including canoeing, cycling and supported walking.

4. Learning Training & Skills

Activities to improve the understanding and skills of target audiences, volunteers and participants:

Bathscape Interpretive Media will develop of a wide range of interpretive media for Bathscape. Volunteers and participants will receive training and develop interpretative media skills in a range of areas so that they can help develop the different types of media.

Habitat Recording and Monitoring will facilitate the on-going monitoring of the habitats of the Bathscape project area including species-rich grasslands and woodlands.

Bathscape Community Skills will provide a range of learning, training and skills development programme.

Bathscape Student Placements will enable students from local colleges and universities to gain experience of working on a project that benefits heritage, people and communities.

South West Bath Primary Schools Learning Project will involve developing educational resources and then training and support sessions for teachers to encourage use of key outdoor learning sites.

Trees of Bathscape will provide skills training for volunteers undertaking surveys of veteran trees, significant landscape trees and woodland, and field trees.

Bathscape Intergenerational Oral History Project will gather memories of people who have lived and worked within the project area with the memories / stories used to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the heritage.

Audiences

1. Farmers and landowners
2. Local people
3. Special interest user groups / individuals
4. Friends and community groups
5. Students
6. People living in the more deprived areas of Bath
7. Young people
8. Family groups
9. Older age / those receiving social care
10. People needing to improve physical / mental wellbeing
11. Children and adults with mobility / additional needs
12. Schools & organised youth groups
13. Tourists & visitors
14. Walkers - local people & visitors

Some projects are aimed at specific groups, others are more general.

Bathscape Location Map



Bathscape partners and contacts

Bath & NE Somerset Council
Avon Wildlife Trust
Bath Preservation Trust
Bath Spa University
Cotswolds Conservation Board
Curo
Federation of Bath Residents Associations

National Trust
University of Bath
Visit Bath
Wessex Water
Wiltshire Council

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