

Bathscape Landscape Partnership– new people

Bathscape is engaging new people to help develop and deliver the Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership Scheme that aims to benefit the landscape for people, place and communities.

A wide range of people from local communities have attended Bathscape events and activities to test and contribute ideas. Feedback from participants on Family Activity Days, Bathscape Walking Festival and wildlife surveys are shaping future Bathscape projects.

There is also a new face at the Bathscape Landscape Partnership. This month, Andrew Grant takes on the Chair from Dr Marion Harney Director of Studies, Conservation of Historic Gardens and Cultural Landscapes at University of Bath, who has successfully chaired the Partnership over 3 years, obtaining the HLF grant and appointing 2 dedicated officers to develop and deliver the Scheme.

Andrew Grant, a resident of Bath established the highly respected landscape architecture practice - Grant Associates 20 years ago with a mission to reconnect people with the natural world and to develop innovative, sustainable landscapes with purpose and identity. Andrew is also the co- founder of the community led initiative Forest of Imagination.

On being appointed as Bathscape Chair, Andrew Grant said 'I believe Bathscape is a fantastic initiative and has the potential to be the catalyst that can transform the way we think and act with respect to the social and environmental fabric of this great city and its setting. I am delighted to be offered the chance to join the Partnership on this important, landmark initiative. '

Bathscape Landscape Partnership is grateful to local supporters and all National Lottery players who help fund HLF projects. For further information on the Partnership and Bathscape scheme updates visit www.bathscape.co.uk.

You can contact the Bathscape team via email info@bathscape.co.uk or come and meet them at Bath City Conference 13th October Guildhall Bath 12.30 – 4.30pm.

Notes to editors

About Bathscape Partnership

The Bathscape Partnership exists to develop and deliver a programme of activity which brings a co-ordinated approach to the care of the landscape surrounding the City of Bath World Heritage Site.

A Landscape Partnership development grant of £176,800 has been awarded by HLF to enable the Bathscape Partnership to develop its plans and seek final approval for the full grant amount of £1.655,200 at a later date.

Partnership members are: B&NES Council National Trust, Bath Preservation Trust, University of Bath, Bath Spa University, Curo, Wessex Water, Visit Bath, Avon Wildlife Trust, Cotswolds Conservation Board, Joint Local Access Forum, Federation of Bath Residents Associations, Wiltshire Council. The Partnership is supported by other bodies and organisations including Natural England and Historic England.

HLF Notes to editors

¹ HLF's Landscape Partnership (LP) programme operates a two-stage grant approval process. Money has been set aside by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for the scheme. The applicant initially receives development funding, then progresses to the second round and submits a further, fully-developed application to secure the full award. This early level of strong financial commitment means that Landscape Partnership projects can move forward with the assurance that funding for their scheme is in place provided that their final proposals fully meet the programme's criteria.

² HLF's Landscape Partnerships are helping bring together members of the community as well as local, regional, and national organisations to deliver schemes which benefit some of the UK's most outstanding landscapes and rural communities. Grants range from £100,000 up to £3m. The next closing date for LP applications is May 2017.

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