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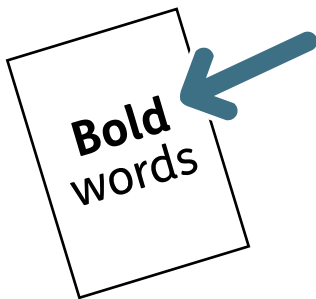
Making Bath and North East Somerset better



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In this Easy Read document, hard words are in **bold**. We explain what these words mean in the sentence after they have been used.



Some words are [blue and underlined](#). These are links which will go to another website which has more information.

Introduction



Bath and North East Somerset Council has plans for several projects to make our area better.



These plans are for:

- New buildings.



- Green spaces, like parks and fields.



- Better streets.



- Making our area better for wildlife.



- Cultural events - these may be theatre, art displays, dance, history events and music.



This document explains some of the main projects that we are working on.

Making plans



When we make plans for our area, we think about these things.



Working together

We work together with local communities, builders and designers to build great places.

Building better places

When we build new places, we will use the best new ways of:

- Designing streets and areas.
- Building homes, shops, offices and workplaces.



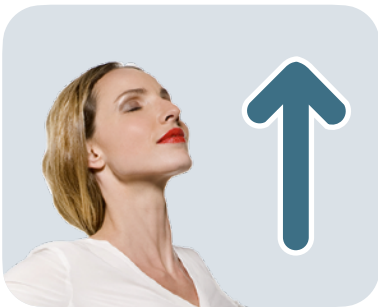


Carbon neutral

Carbon neutral means that our work will not make more of the pollution that is causing **climate change**.



Climate change is all about big changes in the weather. For example, storms getting worse than they used to be. Or having less rain in some places.



We will work in a way that:

- Improves the quality of the air we all breathe.



- Makes more green spaces.



- Is good for the **environment**.

The **environment** is where we live. It includes the land, the sea, the air and everything that lives in and on it. For example, plants, animals and fish.

The projects



Bath Quays

We are building new offices next to the River Avon.



We are also building flats for people to live in, a hotel, shops, bars and restaurants.



There will be new footpaths and cycle tracks.



There will be a new riverside park with a public space for events.



Milsom Quarter in Bath

We want Milsom Street to become a place that people come to visit to find out more about fashion.



There will be a new Fashion Museum and shops.



There will be festivals and events.



We want to:

- Improve some of the buildings in Milsom Street.



- Build new cafés and work spaces in Broad Street Yards.



- Build new flats in the upper floors, and shops on the ground floor of buildings in the St. Michael's neighbourhood.



- Build new homes on the old cattle market site off Walcott Street.

By the river in the centre of Bath

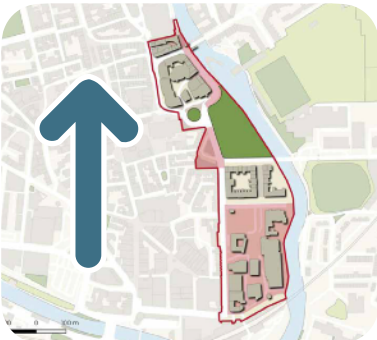
We are thinking about looking to see if we could:



- Make the spaces underneath Grand Parade and Terrace Walk into places that people could use.



- Help people get down to the river in this part of the city.



- Improve the whole area around Manvers Street.

High Street in Bath City Centre

We want to make Milsom Street, Green Street and Kingsmead Square better for people by:



- Planting flowers, bushes and trees.



- Having new seats.



- Running events and street performances.



- Holding street markets.



- Setting up places to park your bicycle.



Empty shops and buildings

We have a project to use empty shops and buildings in the centre of Bath, Twerton, Keynsham and Midsomer Norton.



We will help local community groups and new businesses to use empty shops and buildings.

York Street in Bath

We have been making this historic old part of Bath better by:

- Making the area better for people to walk around.
- Doing up the old City Laundry building.



Somer Valley Enterprise Zone



The Somer Valley Enterprise Zone is a green field site at Old Mills, near Midsomer Norton.



We plan to build offices, workspaces and a hotel on this land.



ISTART

Start is a project between the University of Bath and Bath College.



It plans to:

- Train over 800 people so they can get better jobs.



- Help over 100 small businesses.



- Set up over 30 new businesses.

Better High Streets



We have a project to make the High Streets in local towns and villages better.

Midsomer Norton

We plan to work with the local community to:



- Create a new market square at The Island.



- Set up a regular market in the Market Hall, which is in the Town Hall.



- Build a better footpath between High Street and South Road Car Park.



- Repair the High Street shopfronts and signs.



- Create new seating and plant new flowers, bushes and trees on the streets.



We plan to work with the local community to have cultural events in the town.



These cultural events will include:

- The Midsomer Norton Wassail - this is singing traditional songs in the middle of the winter.



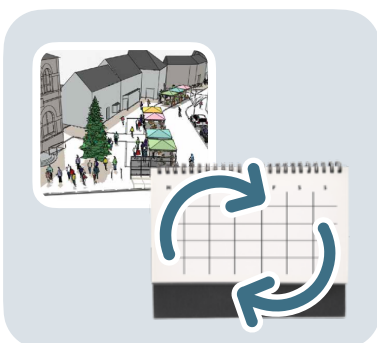
- The Midsomer Norton Window Wonderland - this encourages people to come and look at the shop windows.



- Cartoon films.



- Days where you can look around old buildings and learn about the history of the town.



- Regular markets at the new Market Square.



Keynsham

We plan to make High Street and Temple Street better.



We plan to work with local communities to:

- Make the footpaths wider.



- Improve the cycle ways and bus stops.



- Put in new seats, plants and trees.



- Repair the shopfronts.



We also plan to hold cultural events including:

- Events that think about what the future might be like.



- A free family festival.



- Heritage Open Days - looking at the history of Keynsham and old buildings.



- Having a regular street market.

Improving the environment



We plan to make the environment better for everyone with these projects:



1. Bath River Line

This will be a long park along the River Avon from Newbridge to Batheaston.



Along this part of the river, we will:

- Make the environment better for wildlife.



- Improve the footpaths and cycle ways



2. Waterspace Connected

This project will help people move along River Avon from Bath to Bristol.



We will:

- Help people get down to the river.
- Have a new crossing over the river.
- Make the environment better for wildlife.



3. Bathscape

This project is making the environment in Bath better by:



- Protecting wildlife.



- Training local people in ways to help the environment.



- Creating ways that people can come to visit Bath that do not harm the environment.



- Setting up more jobs for people which protect the environment.



4. Chew Valley

The Chew Valley goes from Keynsham to the Mendip Hills.



This project is working on:

- Improving the land and environment for wildlife.
- Looking after the streams and lakes better.
- Helping people to get out into the countryside more.



5. Keynsham Recycling Hub



This project is to build a new place in Keynsham to help people to take their waste for **recycling**.

Recycle means changing your old waste into something useful.



While building the new hub we will be planting 200 new trees and planting new hedges.

For more information



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