

Sydney Gardens Reservoir Preservation Project

Organisation:

Friends of Sydney Gardens – a constituted volunteer group established in 2013, with over 150 members, dedicated to preserving and enhancing Sydney Gardens for public benefit.

Funding Requested:

£18,500 from the Bath Neighbourhood Portion of CIL

(Total project cost: £28,279, with £10,000 already raised by the Friends)

Project Description:

The project aims to restore and secure the historic reservoir entrances in Sydney Gardens, improving public safety, heritage interpretation, and landscaping. Works include:

- Stabilising tufa stones around both entrances
- Replacing red bricks with reclaimed Bath stone
- Repairing stone steps to meet safety standards
- Installing metal railings and padlocked iron-barred gates
- Adding a visitor interpretation board
- Landscaping the surrounding grass area

Key Outcomes:

- Improved safety and reduced unauthorised access
- Enhanced visitor experience and historical awareness
- Reduced maintenance burden for the park
- Increased community engagement and pride