

Water my Plot Project Year Two

Organisation:

Bath Allotments Association – a community organisation working in partnership with Bath & North East Somerset Council to improve and manage allotment sites across the city.

Funding Requested:

£19,500 from the Bath Neighbourhood Portion of CIL

(Total project cost: £22,720)

Project Description:

Year 2 of a three-year initiative to improve the capacity, sustainability, and biodiversity of Bath's allotment infrastructure. The project addresses the shortfall in allotment provision and supports more efficient use of existing sites through:

Creation of microplots for first-time growers

Rescue and reuse of overgrown or hard-to-let plots

Installation of communal rainwater and spring water harvesting systems

Sale and demonstration of water butts to reduce reliance on mains water

Talks and demonstrations on sustainable and regenerative growing

Creation of wildlife and pollinator areas and installation of ponds

A citywide event during National Allotment Week 2026

Key Outcomes:

Increased access to growing spaces for residents on waiting lists

Reduced plot wastage due to first-time failures

Improved water sustainability and biodiversity

Raised awareness of climate-resilient growing practices