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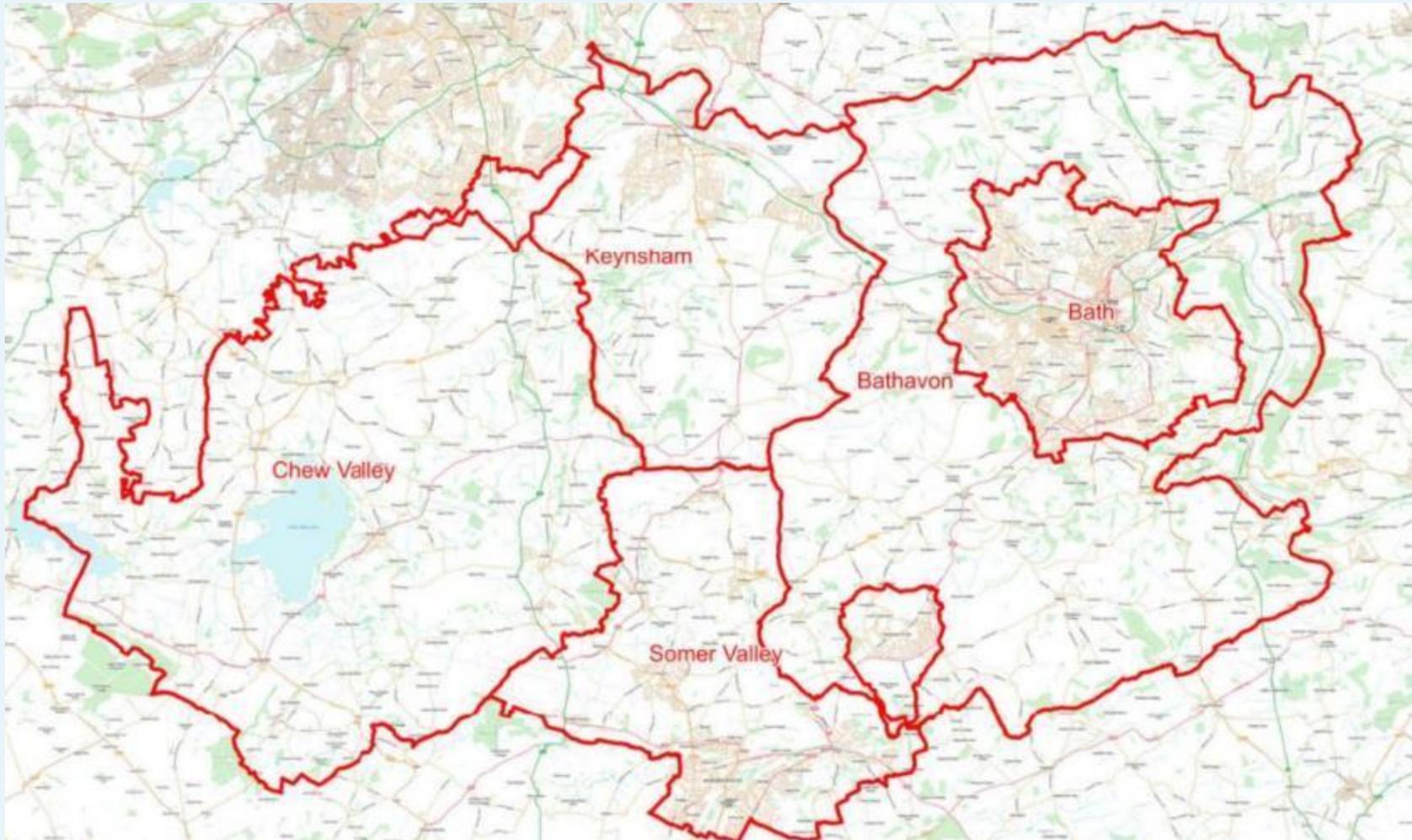
**B&NES Place Teams update
Chew Valley Forum 14th June 2022**

Jackie Clayton

The Place Teams Approach

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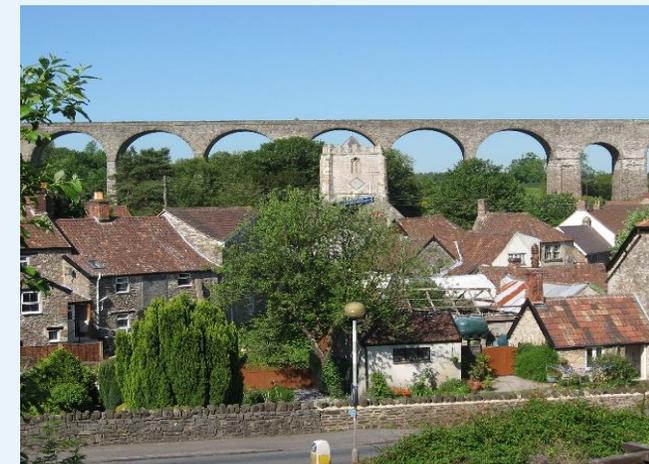
Programme Owner – Sophie Broadfield

Place Team Leads:

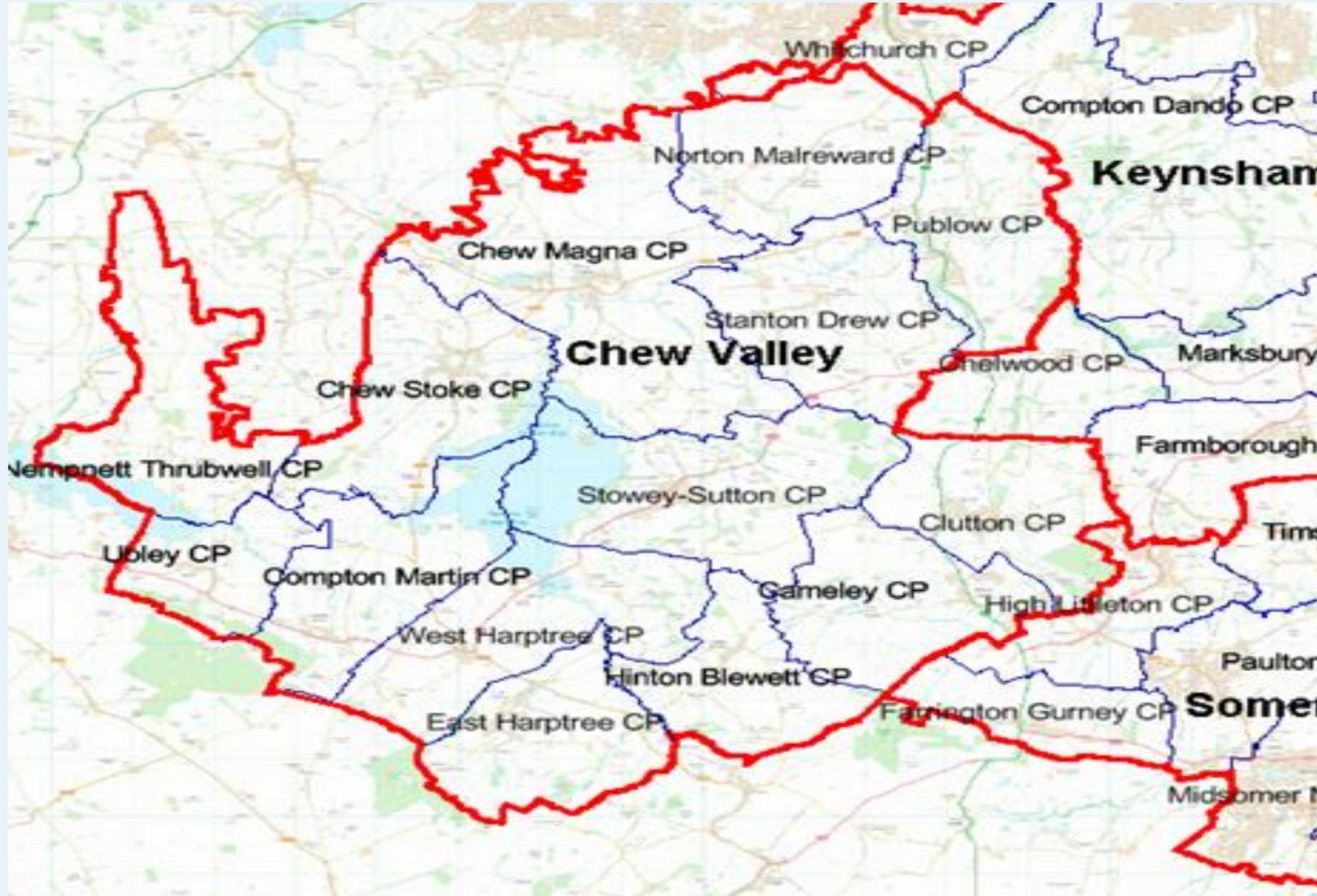
- **Bath**
Simon Martin / Cleo Newcombe Jones
- **Keynsham**
Pam Turton
- **Somer Valley**
Simon de Beer
- **Chew Valley, Bathavon**
Louise Morris & Jackie Claydon

Objectives

- **To listen to communities and provide a central point for residents, business and communities to engage with B&NES.**
- **To enable a shared understanding of the issues affecting the Chew Valley**
- **To build positive working relationships with local communities and stakeholders**
- **To align priorities and co-ordinate projects and work programmes (including timetables, budgets, public engagement, evidence collation, partner working, outcomes)**
- **To support the vision of a fairer, greener, more creative and connected communities (within national & statutory context)**



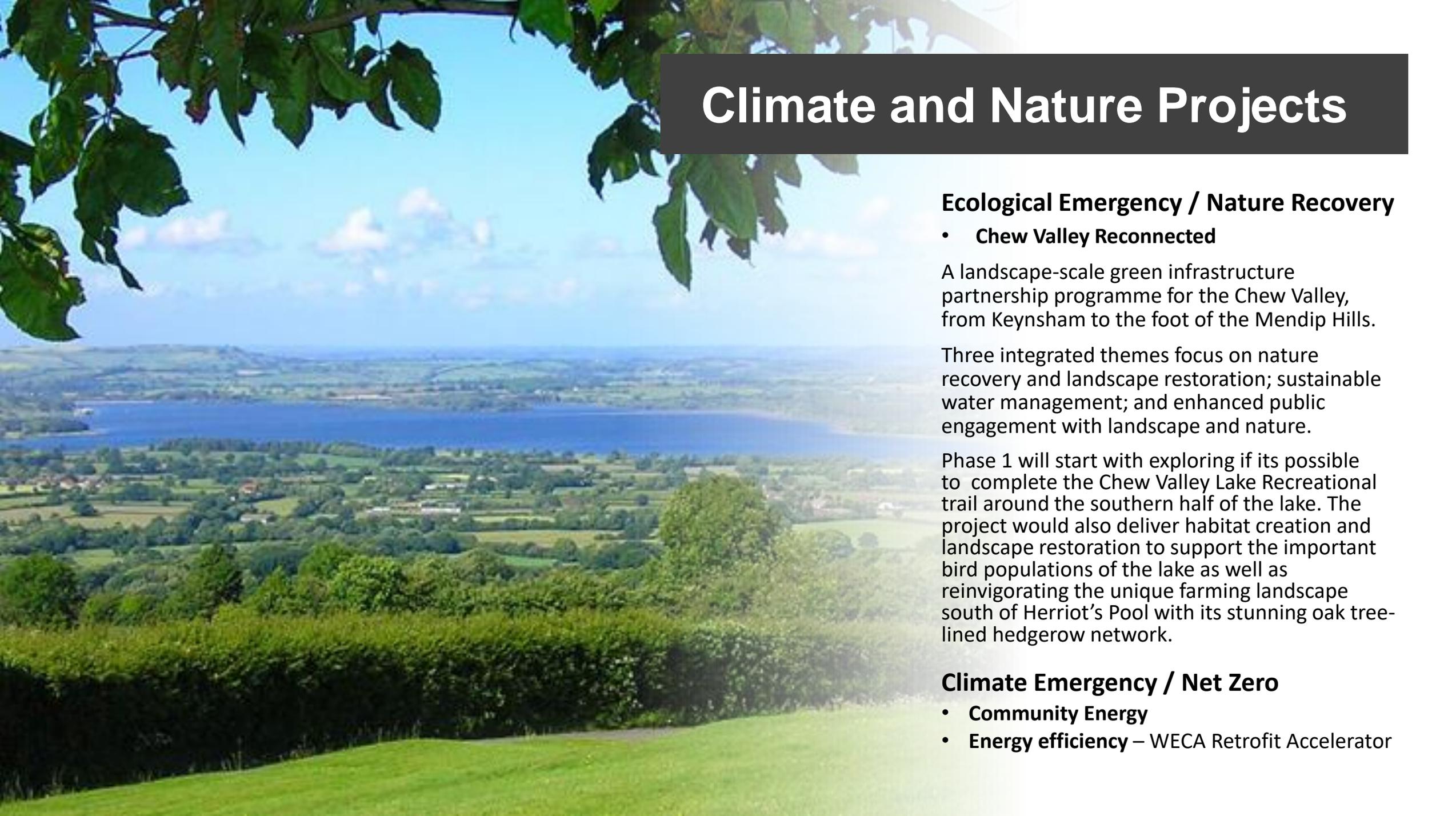
Chew Valley Place 'Team'



What are the priority
'place' issues in Chew
Valley?

What issues do you find
challenging?

What would success look
like to you?



Climate and Nature Projects

Ecological Emergency / Nature Recovery

- **Chew Valley Reconnected**

A landscape-scale green infrastructure partnership programme for the Chew Valley, from Keynsham to the foot of the Mendip Hills.

Three integrated themes focus on nature recovery and landscape restoration; sustainable water management; and enhanced public engagement with landscape and nature.

Phase 1 will start with exploring if its possible to complete the Chew Valley Lake Recreational trail around the southern half of the lake. The project would also deliver habitat creation and landscape restoration to support the important bird populations of the lake as well as reinvigorating the unique farming landscape south of Herriot's Pool with its stunning oak tree-lined hedgerow network.

Climate Emergency / Net Zero

- **Community Energy**
- **Energy efficiency** – WECA Retrofit Accelerator

Transport - Somer Valley to Bristol & Bath corridor study

WECA led project to improve links from the Somer Valley into both Bath (A367) and Bristol (A37) and connections all along the corridors to rural communities

The Strategic Outline Case was approved by WECA Committee in April 2022 and is now developing the Outline Business Case

Consultation was held Winter 2021 and further engagement on detailed designs will begin Autumn 2022

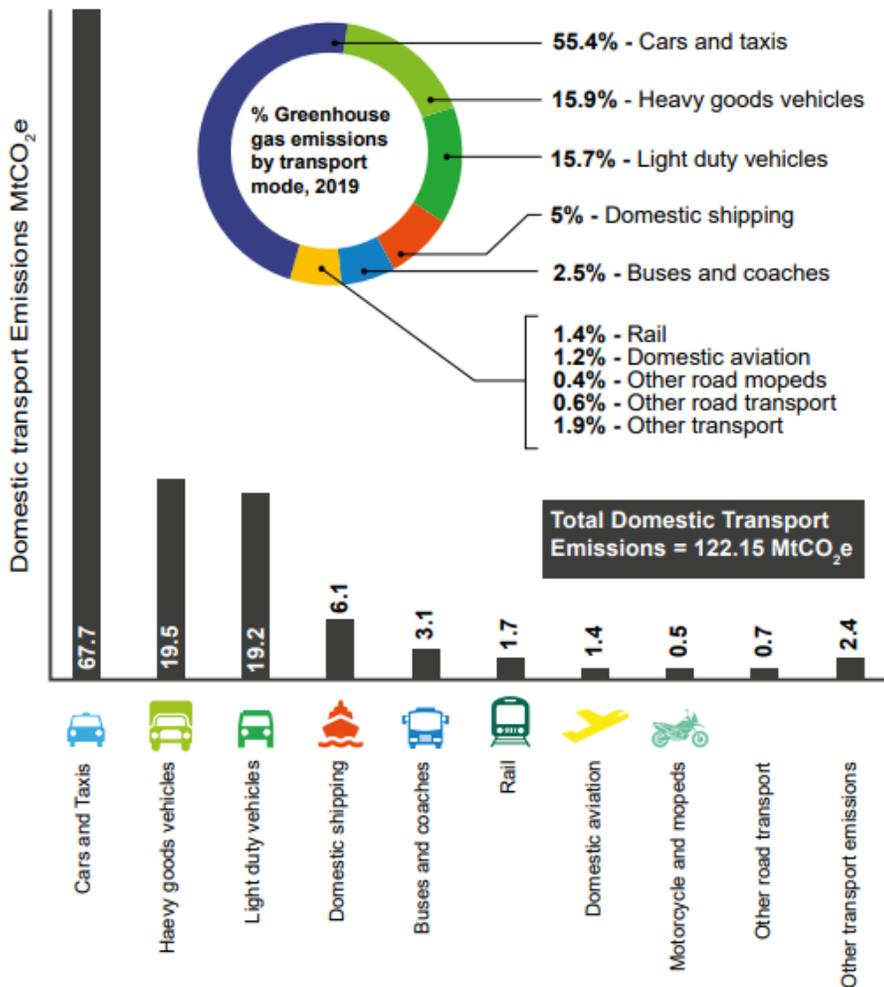
More information can be found here:

<https://travelwest.info/projects/improvements-on-the-a37-and-a367>



Transport Decarbonisation Study

UK domestic transport emissions 2019



This WECA led study will assist in setting out a route map and clarifying the strategic interventions necessary to progress towards the authorities' carbon neutral by 2030 target.

It will complete Summer 2022 and will act as key evidence for the future Joint Local Transport Plan



Joint Local Transport Plan (JLTP)



JLTP4 sets out to decarbonise and promote and transform cleaner sustainable forms of transport but it is unlikely to be enough to be transport carbon neutral by 2030

WECA as the Integrated Transport Authority are currently developing a project plan for the new JLTP and public consultation is likely take place Autumn 2023

Local Plan Partial Update

Entails amendments to the existing Plan (only)

Key policy changes;

- Climate & Ecological emergencies
- Housing Land Supply
- Site allocations
- Transport policies eg Parking standards

Timetable

- Currently at examination
- Hearings June/July
- Inspectors report Sept 2022
- Adopt Nov/Dec 2022



The New Local Plan for B&NES

Entails a full review of all planning policies for B&NES

Key policy changes;

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- Housing Land Supply
- Site allocations
- Transport policies eg Parking standards

Timetable

- Launch Autumn 2022
- Working with Communities 2022/23
- Options consultation Autumn 2023
- Draft Plan Summer 2024



Next Steps – for discussion

- What are the key issues for parishes and communities in the Chew Valley?
- What are your priorities for 'place-based working'?
- What would success look like to you?
- What can I do to help?

Questions?