## QUEEN SQUARE REJUVENATE



Bath & North East Somerset Council

# A vision for Queen Square

**Imagine...** a rejuvenated Queen Square; **Imagine...** the Square as the focus of Bath's heritage and culture; **Imagine... a beautiful restoration of** the Square

"Queen Square is an iconic historic space, but it's tired and run down. Bath & North East Somerset Council's injection of £100,000 will reverse this slow decline, restoring the landscape, improving accessibility and enabling it to return to a focus of Bath's community life and a place to be proud of."

#### Cllr David Dixon | Bath & North East Somerset Council's Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods



Queen Square is one of Bath's most important public spaces, but it is in need of investment and rejuvenation. Bath and North East Somerset Council shares the community's ambition to restore Queen Square as a focus of Bath's heritage and cultural life.

#### £100,000 commitment in 2014

Following work undertaken in 2012, Bath and North East Somerset Council, with the kind support of local businesses, is investing £100,000 in the restoration of the Queen Square this year. Work is scheduled to start after the summer break and be completed by Christmas.

#### What will be delivered?

The 2014 investments will deliver:

- 1. Restoration of the internal paths and landscape
- 2. Refurbishing of benches
- **3.** Re-instatement of the historic east and west gateways
- 4. Enhanced boules squares
- 5. Enabling of temporary road closures for events
- 6. Improvements for pedestrians and cyclists

#### What could happen after 2014?

The  $\pounds100,000$  investment could be the first element of wider improvements to the square.

Whilst these are not commitments at present, the Council welcomes the opportunity to explore how it could work with the community to secure these in future years.

Next steps – help realise the vision by:

 Supporting the 2014 improvements
Joining members of the local community already committed to being involved in shaping and delivering the bigger vision

Find out more and get involved www.bathnes.gov.uk/queensquareproject

If you have questions or suggestions please email: vaughan\_thompson@bathnes.gov.uk

"Queen Square's beautiful buildings have long been the business centre of Bath but the traffic and the inaccessibility of the central garden have meant it could not be more widely enjoyed by residents and visitors. This excellent initiative led by Bath & North East Somerset Council, to restore Queen Square's central garden, is the first important step in opening up the Square for people to use and enjoy as John Wood originally intended."

Simon Holdsworth | Managing Partner, Thrings

"This is an excellent initiative that I really welcome and encourage others to support. Queen Square is a beautiful asset for Bath which for too long has masqueraded as roundabout. Restoring the Square imaginatively will bring a new vitality to the very heart of Bath."

Greg Ingham | Chief Exec, MediaClash | Chairman, Theatre Royal Bath

## **Queen Square:** a restoration right in the heart of the city



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