



Bathscape will ensure Bath and its setting is better recognised, managed and experienced as a landscape city, with the surrounding hills and valleys blending with the World Heritage Site and actively enjoyed by all. A greater number and wider range of people will feel connected to their local landscape and inspired to explore the outstanding built and natural environments, improving health and wellbeing.

[Bathscape Landscape Partnership](#) is a National Heritage Lottery Fund supported project aimed at reconnecting people with the natural landscape surrounding Bath. The delivery runs from now until October 2023. There are 25 projects across four themes.



1. Conserving & Restoring – heritage better managed and in better condition

Grasslands for the Future will identify and reverse the decline of priority grasslands across the Bathscape, and secure a robust and thriving network of wildflower-rich habitats of value to people, place and wildlife.

Grassland Restoration Volunteers will establish a volunteer group with differing skills to provide support to Grasslands for the Future. The group will survey sites to assess and record condition, inform subsequent management advice and to undertake practical management works to enhance important grasslands.

Woodlands of Bathscape will support active woodland management through advice, woodland management plans, grant applications, training and skills development, and overseeing practical improvement works on key woodlands.

Bathscape Small Grant Scheme will support landowners to undertake critical landscape conservation and enhancement works.

Views and Vistas will engage volunteers in researching and monitoring viewpoints to maintain historically important views and vistas and, where appropriate, achieve improved land management to restore or enhance them.

Caring for Heritage at Risk will promote better recording, interpretation, access to, and care of, historic features in the Bathscape area.

2. The Therapeutic Landscape - improved health and wellbeing through greater contact with the landscape and natural environment

Landscape on Prescription will provide outdoor practical conservation volunteering and active leisure in the landscape for people in Twerton, Whiteway and Southdown. The project will support people who have been referred by their GP, or who have self-referred, to take part in activities.

Connecting with Nature will enable local schools and families to take learning outside, by facilitating exploration of the local landscape and discovery of the natural world.

Bathscape Naturewatch will enable new audiences to experience the joy of being in nature and take steps towards exploring the landscape.

Bathscape Green Spaces will be used and cared for by more people who will have a better appreciation of the significance of parks and green spaces to the landscape setting of the World Heritage Site.

Therapeutic Walks Programme will enable new audiences to discover the landscape through walking. People hoping to use walking to improve physical and mental well-being or who are isolated will take part in a guided walks. Walking will be promoted, culminating in the annual Bathscape Walking Festival.

Connecting Families with Landscape will provide opportunities for young people, carers and parents in challenging situations to skill share and build family relationships, supporting independent access and engagement with the local landscape and natural environment.

Bathscape Outdoor Seasonal Celebration Events will deliver workshops and events with local schools and community groups to enable children to learn about and enjoy the natural heritage through the seasons. The events will bring communities together and increase a sense of connection to place in those areas where engagement with the heritage/ landscape is low.



3. Access – improved access to the landscape

Bathscape Circular Path and radial routes will establish a new promoted circular path around Bath connected to the centre by radial routes.

Area and local hubs will distribute information about the Bathscape scheme and area to encourage exploration of the landscape.

Cure Walks and Carriage Rides will bring the 18th century tradition of cure walks and carriage rides into the 21st century and encourage families, local people and visitors to explore the landscape. Using the landscape and heritage as inspiration, the project will develop routes for improving mental and physical wellbeing and for people to take pleasure in being outdoors.

Easy Access Routes and Photo / Video Trails will provide a range of video and photo trails so people can make their own assessment of the accessibility of our walks and will be inspired to try them. People with additional needs and disabled people can discover new places in the landscape and feel confident accessing them, for enjoyment and to learn about the heritage.

Active Landscape will encourage more people, particularly communities of need, to access, enjoy and learn about the landscape.

4. Learning Training & Skills

Bathscape Interpretive Media will help people to understand and enjoy the significance of Bathscape, its origins, development over time and its environmental and historic resources.

Habitat Recording and Monitoring will support volunteers to undertake initial recording and on-going monitoring of the habitats of the Bathscape project area, with a focus on species-rich grasslands and woodlands and the Bathscape iconic species.

Bathscape Community Skills will provide wide ranging volunteering and training opportunities, linked to the care and management of the landscape and natural environment, to help deliver the Bathscape vision, with a particular focus on skills development in disadvantaged communities and groups.

Bathscape Student Placements will offer relevant work experience, placements and research projects for students studying subjects relevant to the care of the natural heritage, both benefiting the study of these subjects and adding skilled resource to Bathscape projects.

South West Bath Primary Schools Learning Project will pilot and publish learning resources for primary schools to enable children to develop awareness and understanding of the Bathscape landscape heritage.

Trees of Bathscape will raise awareness of the importance of trees to the landscape of Bathscape and to improve recording of ancient and veteran trees.

Bathscape Intergenerational Oral History Project will bring together groups of younger people and older people to collaborate on joint landscape heritage projects, sharing their skills, memories and experiences and enhancing their sense of connection to their community.

Summary

The total funding that Bathscape has been awarded is £2.2m over five years. With that we will deliver better management of 80ha of woodland, 100 grasslands and 30 important viewpoints. We'll create 12 new flower-rich meadows and 10 archaeological sites will be surveyed and have management plans written. Around 4,000 people will attend walks and events, and thousands more will have access to a network of new walks and additional trail guides. 800 volunteers will be involved, with 600 training opportunities ranging from practical conservation and habitat management to developing multi-media interpretive materials.



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