

Water Space Partnership Five Year Action & Funding Plan (2017–2022)



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The WaterSpace Partnership has agreed a five year action plan and funding plan toward our shared vision: *'To revitalise the waterways of Bath & North East Somerset'*

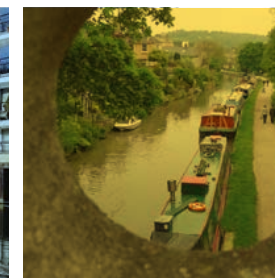
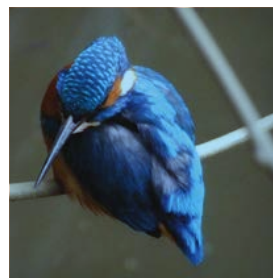
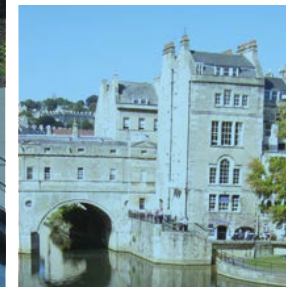
Five Priority Areas have been identified, but opportunities to deliver other aspects of the WaterSpace Study will also be sought as opportunities arise.

Through the WaterSpace Study, the partners identified 35 potential projects to enhance the River Avon and Kennet and Avon Canal in the Bath area. The initial areas of focus for the partnership are reflected in this Five Year Funding and Action Plan.

For more information see:
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CREATING A RIVER AVON PARK WaterSpace projects W5, 6 and 12

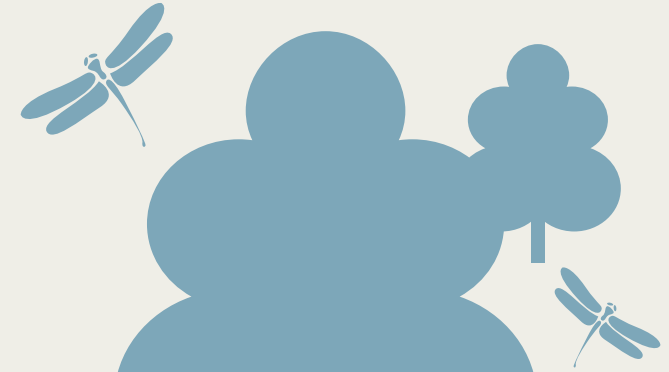
£50k

Deliver a River Avon Park Management Plan, Street Furniture & Towpath Audit and related enhancements. £50k partnership funding in place.

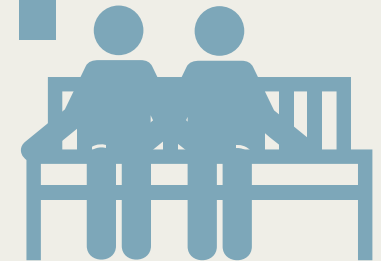


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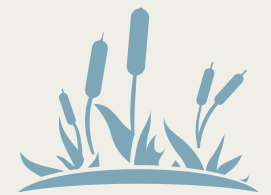
This will unlock £500k B&NES Council Planning Obligations Funding which is already secured, which can deliver improvements and ongoing management of the River Avon Park.



It is proposed that the 'River Avon Park' is designated as a new park in the B&NES Local Plan Review.



Seek funding for additional towpath improvements and activities to bring people to the waterways.



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IMPROVING RIVER SAFETY

WaterSpace projects W4, 3, 9 and 10

£4k

Install additional River Rescue Cabinets. £4k capital/grant match currently secured for 2 new Cabinets.



Implement safety checks and repairs to safety equipment, working with the River Safety Group.



£3k

Create positive messaging around River Safety. £3k grant secured to explain the design and operation flood function of Bath Quays Waterside which is a park and flood defence.

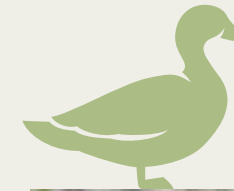


IMPROVING AND UNDERSTANDING HABITATS

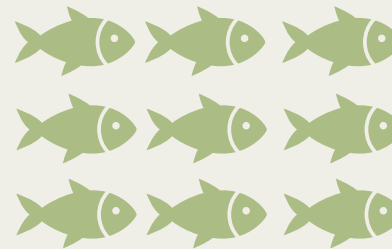
WaterSpace projects W1, 3 and 13

£9k

Deliver Design Guidance for protected species including bats within the River Avon Site of Nature Conservation Interest. £9k funding secured.



Undertake light modelling to help retain the wildlife friendly corridor.



Improve riparian habitats, in areas of natural bank, with future funding bids to be made from Environment Agency Angling funds.



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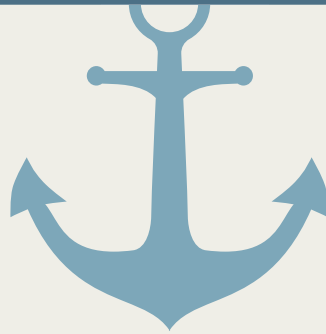


BETTER BOATING OPPORTUNITIES

WaterSpace projects W2, 7, 10 and 13



Seek improvements to moorings, including commercial moorings and support opportunities for boat based business.



Complete Environment Agency led Bath Slipway Investigation Project, to support better access to manage vegetation and fallen trees in the river.



Secure investment to improve the public realm associated with moorings in central Bath.



SUPPORTING VOLUNTEERING

WaterSpace Projects W1, W5, W6, W7, 1, 3, 12, 15 & 17

Establish a 'Friends of the River Avon Park' group.



Complete a business case for a B&NES area workboat.

£2k

Grant Funding for volunteer kit for use on workboat secured. £2k Grant Funding secured.



Seek opportunities for art based projects which involve volunteers.



Kick-start and coordinate volunteering activities, working with other partnerships and groups.

