

Annual Report 2016–17 WaterSpace Partnership



The WaterSpace Partnership vision: *'To revitalise the waterways of Bath & North East Somerset'*

The WaterSpace Partnership was established at the end of 2015, during 2016-17, the four partners have worked together, our collective achievements are summarised in this first Annual Report.

Bath & North East Somerset Council



ACTIVITIES

 **613**
WaterSpace Tweets

17 Steering Group Meetings

5 Strategic River Group Meetings



 **9**
Newsletters

1000
Project postcards given out

24 
events at the Festival of Nature (2016 & 2017)

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PEOPLE

 **1** project co-ordinator

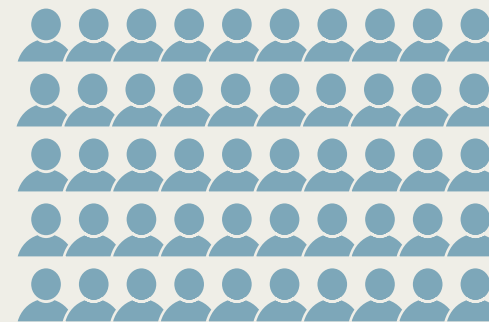
2  Apprentices

2  WaterSpace Project Intern Placements

2 B&NES staff volunteer days at Weston Lock



500+
hours of volunteer time



50 people volunteered time to the WaterSpace project

70  project ideas generated by local people

DATA

 **1** boater facilities audit

12 months of ecology surveys



 **102**
Boater Survey with 102 responses

20 1:1 interviews with commercial operators



 **1** focus group

Over 1000 responses B&NES area residents survey on the value of waterways



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MAPPING



360°

River view photography completed from a boat, from Pulteney Weir, Bath – Saltford

Mapped Ownership of partners land and assets within

150m of the river



OUTPUTS



An Award winning WaterSpace Study



1 major planning appeal won

40

bat boxes made by children



50

New Riverside trees and a new Riverside Park



50

cupcakes



6

month Workboat loan



Major towpath upgrades on river & canal.

One graphic animation made by design students about the river's bats



32

planning application comments



15

Character Area Assessments



1 mooring trial with 16 new river moorings

16



River Safety equipment checked, repaired and installed

2 new water taxis operating



Mooring Feasibility Study completed

35

project ideas



Improved public spaces



Commercial ventures



Ecology enhancements



Community ideas



Art and sports projects



Mooring development

FINANCE

£4m

Over £4million developer contributions identified from existing development, including £500,000 for River Avon Park



£900K

Capital investment in the river corridor (2013-2017)

£15k

external grants secured for small projects



£80k



River Corridor Fund Capital secured including funding for Environment Agency Business Case to repair and refurb City Flood Gates

£103k

Betterment to Canal & River Trust owned moorings at Bath Quays Waterside



Funding for Riverside Veteran Tree Management secured

£2k



Grant for volunteer kit for workboat – including anchor, rope, jackets, first aid kit, life jackets and ladders

20



costed projects

£3k

Grant to make a video about new flood defences and public park at Bath Quays

