

FAQs September 2019

1. In a nutshell, what is Bathscape?

The term 'Bathscape' refers to a defined landscape area with Bath at its centre that has been identified as requiring a coordinated approach for its care.

2. What is the area covered by Bathscape?

It encompasses the City of Bath World Heritage Site Setting. A map of the area is shown on the website or on request.

Covering over 101 square km, 79% of it comprises natural features including woodland, grasslands, river corridors, common land, parkland and green spaces.

3. Bathscape is a partnership – who are the partners?

The partners are listed on the website here: www.bathscape.co.uk. Each partner shares Bathscape objectives and is involved directly or engages with Bathscape target audiences.

They form a Board which exists to develop and deliver a programme of activity to bring a coordinated approach to the care of the Bathscape area. The Board provides governance over the scheme and a Steering Group has responsibility for monitoring progress and change control. An Advisory Group provides additional expert support.

The Bathscape Partnership Board Terms of Reference are available on request.

4. What is the Bathscape Landscape Partnership Scheme?

The Bathscape Partnership has secured funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to develop a programme of work (The Scheme). The Partnership was awarded a development phase grant in November 2016 and was successful in securing its full delivery phase grant in October 2018 – providing funding for the five year Scheme.

5. What sort of activities will Bathscape be delivering?

Bathscape work is grouped into four themes:

- **Conserving & Restoring** – projects and activities that will enable the heritage to be better managed and in better condition. We are particularly focussing on woodland and grasslands, monuments within the landscape and significant viewpoints.
- **The Therapeutic Landscape** – projects and activities to support health and wellbeing through greater contact with the landscape and natural environment. This includes volunteering opportunities, walking and outdoor learning.
- **Access** – projects and activities to improve access to the landscape and natural environment and reduce physical and other barriers.

- **Learning Training & Skills** – activities to improve the understanding and skills of target audiences, volunteers and participants.

6. Why is this Scheme needed?

The distinctive Bathscape features face a number of threats including changes in agriculture, fragmentation of habitats and competing demands on the land. People's disconnection with the natural environment is thought to contribute to these and is to be addressed through the projects.

7. What is Bathscape's position on planning and transport proposals in the Bathscape area? Will Bathscape take a position on these?

The Bathscape Partnership exists to provide governance over the Bathscape Landscape Partnership scheme that has received National Lottery Heritage Fund support.

We recognise the passion and importance of peoples' concerns about particular planning and transport proposals which may affect the landscape setting of the city. However, it is not the role of the Bathscape Partnership either to oppose, endorse, or comment upon any planning proposals that affect the landscape setting.

8. Bathscape staff and team

There are three Bathscape employees (2.6 FTE) working on behalf of the Partnership. Bathscape Manager, Bathscape Community Projects Officer and Bathscape Volunteer Co-ordinator and support Officer.

9. How can I get involved now?

You can sign up to receive an e-bulletin – please send your email address to: info@bathscape.co.uk.

You can talk to the Team at events or by contacting us directly.

You can join a walk during the Walking Festival in September.

You can volunteer on one of our volunteer projects.

10. Where can I hear more about the project?

www.bathscape.co.uk and www.bathscapewalkingfestival.co.uk

www.facebook.com/Bathscape

Twitter @bathscape.

Instagram bathscpelp

Or by calling us on 01225 477265.