

WHAT IS THE BATHSCAPE?

The Bathscape area includes the city of Bath and the surrounding green landscape. It encompasses the hills and valleys that frame the city, from Charmy Down to the north, to Combe Hay in the south, and from Kingsdown to the east, to Corston in the west. This stunning landscape backdrop is recognised as essential to the city's World Heritage Site status.

As well as its beauty the area has significant cultural importance. The Bath stone used to build the city was carved from the surrounding hillsides, the clay soils were important for the local cloth-making industry, while in Georgian times many people came to take the therapeutic spa waters and doctors prescribed exercise in the surrounding landscape. It continues to provide huge benefits to the people of Bath today through multiple and varied opportunities for exercise and recreation.

The hillsides and wider landscape are also important strongholds for wildlife with wildflower-rich grasslands and deciduous woodland. The abandoned stone mines are of international importance for bats, whilst otters and peregrine falcons can be found in the city centre.

Bath - a landscape city



THE BATHSCAPE LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME



The scheme aims to ensure Bath and its landscape setting are more recognised, better managed and actively enjoyed by all. People are at the heart of Bathscape and the scheme will enable a greater number and wider range of people to feel connected to their local landscape and inspired to explore it. Supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and others, for the first 5 years (until September 2023), most events and activities will be free.

The Bathscape Partnership brings together organisations, community groups and conservation bodies working together towards ensuring the scheme achieves its aims and leaves a lasting legacy.

EXPLORING

It's quick and easy to explore the countryside from the city centre. We will improve pathways and signage across the area, including a 20 mile circular path around the whole city. There will be high-quality trail guides (including photo and video trails) and an annual programme of guided walks.



We will improve management of 80ha of woodland, 100 grasslands and 30 important viewpoints. We'll create 12 new flower-rich meadows and survey 10 archaeological sites.

RESTORING

EVENTS

Bathscape's events programme will run throughout the 5 years and we want you to come out and join us. See www.bathscape.co.uk for all the details.



Bathscape Walking Festival

The Walking Festival is our flagship event and takes place each September. The programme is varied with walks ranging in length and theme.

See www.bathscapewalkingfestival.co.uk for more details.

GET INVOLVED

We're running 25 projects from now until 2023, and looking to involve as many people as possible, through events, workdays, training courses and more. There will be lots of volunteer opportunities too including practical conservation work, historical research, species and habitat surveys. Opportunities won't require previous experience and training will be provided. If you'd like to learn more please contact Bathscape's Volunteer Coordinator: info@bathscape.co.uk 01225 477593.



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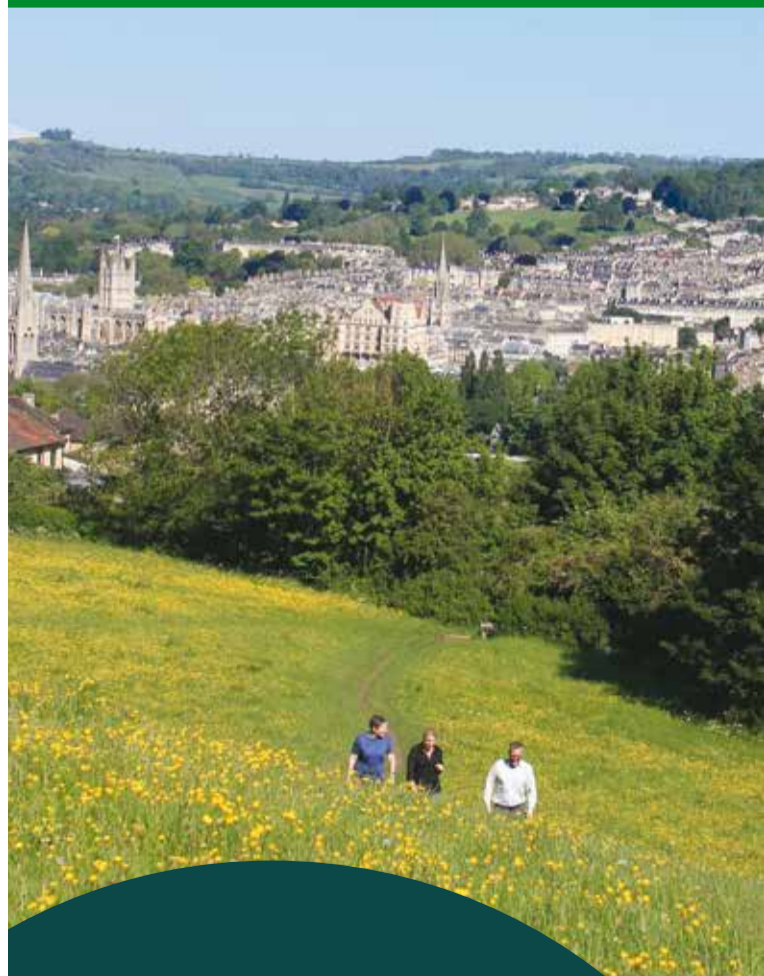
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