

## Bathscape Board update 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### Key actions since last board meeting (28.2.19)

#### Project Management

- Our National Lottery second quarterly claim is currently being processed and we remain within budget. Our mentor visited and enjoyed a cycle around the Bathscape (before falling into nettles).
- We submitted a second match funding bid to Network Rail for further woodland works at Carrs wood as well as at Pennyquick Park in Twerton. Decision expected July
- We have commissioned the following pieces of work which are now underway or will be shortly

Project No	Contract Title	Description	Expressions of Interest	No of submissions	Successful bidder
1.1	Grassland Stewardship support	Free advisory service to get priority grasslands into stewardship agreements	5	2	Farming Wildlife Advisory Group South West.
1.1	Landowner advisory service (excluding stewardship)	Free Advisory service for owners of smaller species-rich grasslands	11	5	Avon Wildlife Trust
1.2	Grassland restoration volunteers	Fortnightly work parties to manage grassland sites	5	1	National Trust and AWT partnership
1.3	Woodland Advisory Service	Free Advisory service for woodland owners	11	6	Forest of Avon Trust
2.1	Landscape on Prescription practical volunteering	Regular work parties for GP referred patients and self-referrals	5	2	Bath City Farm and Avon Wildlife Trust partnership
2.1	Landscape on Prescription walking groups	First year delivery of weekly Feelgood Walks for health	3	3	Twerton Time Bank
2.1	Landscape on Prescription walking groups	First 6 months brokerage in Twerton GP surgeries to direct patients to walks and work parties	n/a	Direct appointment	Myscript
2.7	Outdoor Seasonal Celebrations	Quarterly public celebration events in target areas with preceding build-up community events	8	2	Kilter Theatre
4.1	Website	Developing the Bathscape website	150	47	Zonkey
4.3	Accredited training programme	6 week sessions for people not in employment education or training (NEETs)	6	1	Bath City Farm
4.3	Volunteering with skills development	Fortnightly work parties to manage habitat and increase skills	3	2	National Trust and AWT partnership

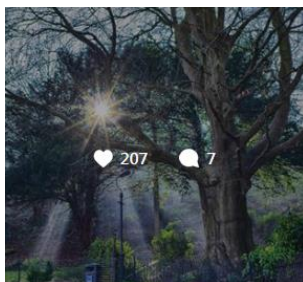
- We have advertised for Julia's maternity cover with hand in date 30<sup>th</sup> June and interviews to be 8<sup>th</sup> July
- Our Evaluation consultants ran an evaluation webinar for organisations commissioned to deliver projects
- Emorsgate founder and local landowner Donald MacIntyre has agreed to join the Advisory Group (which will next meet on September 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Our 2019 Walking Festival programme is filling nicely but we still welcome further walk offers
- We are co-ordinating regular meetings with staff from related National Lottery Projects in Bath staff (Archway, Bath Abbey, Beckfords Tower, Cleveland Pools, Sydney Gardens) the next being 13<sup>th</sup> June.

## Project Activities

- We worked with Bath Spa University on a Media Hackathon at Bath City Farm producing video content on the Farm and its volunteers



Bath Spa University students Fay, Nick and Megan completed their placements with us and are now writing up their work. Fay consulted groups in Twerton regarding using Carr's Wood and ran a couple of sessions for service users at the nearby Carrswood day centre which were very well received. Nick's social media tree campaign raised our Instagram followers to 322 through 40 tree-related posts( see <https://www.instagram.com/bathscapelp/>). Megan created content and did our social media for April's City Nature Challenge



**Bathscape** @Bathscape · Apr 28  
Today's #citynaturechallenge, as the sun is almost out, why not look for the beautiful dotted bee-fly. They like areas with lots of wild flowers and are particularly fond of Ground-ivy, found on woodland edges, hedgerows and alongside footpaths. Record anything else you see too!



- The City Nature challenge went well with 2 bat walks, bug hunting and pond dipping over the weekend, with help from Amy at AWT and volunteers, attracting over 80 attendees
- At Festival of Nature we had a stand showcasing wildflowers and pollinators, leading to around 50 meaningful conversations and giving out 100 packets of ox-eye daisy seed
- During half term we ran a bat walk in Carrs Wood and partook in a 'bug hotel' building event at Fox Hill jointly with Sustrans attracting 5 families
- We joined advisory group member Victoria Wells to trial her planned postcard walk for this year's Walking Festival.

## Project promotion

- We produced our first Bathscape delivery phase leaflet in time for the Bath and Bristol Festival of Nature. Print run of 2000
- We had a small piece of press regarding CIL funding for planned work at Freefields woodland
- We have a Bathscape 'display' in an empty shop on Old Bond Street, advertising the walking festival.

## Upcoming activities

- Julia's planned last day is 25<sup>th</sup> June
- Our landowner launch will be 28<sup>th</sup> June at Kelston Old Barn 11am -12:30, outlining the free advisory services now available along with the small grants
- Forest of Imagination opening night is 20<sup>th</sup> June
- Kilter Theatre are running the first seasonal celebration events for us on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of June (the first creating content for the latter) at Bath City Farm, linked to midsummer.