



General update 25th September 2020 Activities since last circulated board update (17.7.20)

- Our National Trust-led volunteer work parties resumed in late July with small groups, as did our weekly
 walks in Twerton led by Twerton Timebank. With Avon Wildlife Trust staff now returned from furlough
 Community Action for Nature volunteer work parties resumed in September and we anticipate our
 Landscape on Prescription activities (social prescribing for people in South West Bath suffering health issues)
 will resume in October.
- Our one-year University of Bath Psychology Department placement student Seher Singh has been working
 primarily on preparing for the resumption of the Landscape on Prescription activities as well as the weekly
 health walks, looking at increasing participant numbers, unpicking the data sharing issues and planning the
 evaluation. She has also been supporting wider project work.
- During August (in the window of least restrictions) we were able to hold a trio of socially distanced family
 fun days at Pennyquick Park in Twerton, Springfield Park in Foxhill, and Kensington Meadows nr Snow Hill.
 Numbers were necessarily restricted but still reached a total of 178 participants trying activities like archery,
 rock climbing, tree climbing and paddle boarding (see pictures overleaf).
- Our 'Explore the Bathscape area' video was well received and had 2,500 views in its first weeks online.
- Using the design skills of a Bath Spa University placement student we published 5 self-guided online trails. We will review feedback and use as a basis for our future trail guides.
- With the advent of the Government's 'rule of 6' in August we took the decision to scale back our September 2020 walking festival. Whilst technically we could have argued all the planned guided walks were organised outdoor events and therefore not subject to the 6 person limit if split into groups, we felt that many walks would be difficult to control and carried a reputational risk as well as unnecessary risk to walk leaders and attendees.
- The Walking Festival instead comprised of a mix of nine managed group walks led primarily by other organisations, together with promotion of self-guided discovery through video walks, online trails and wildlife films as a 'virtual festival'. This allowed us to experiment with features such as participatory online walks, temporary art installation nature trails and producing family activity trails. We will be doing google analytics in coming weeks to assess the use of these online resources.
- Wildflower seed was harvested by the National Trust for the second year and will be sown in Kensington Meadows and other sites this autumn.
- We continue to liaise with the National Lottery Heritage Fund and in November will be presenting our case
 for extending the grant end date by a year, whilst remaining within existing total budget. Rough budget
 calculations indicate that likely underspend spread across several projects coupled with a healthy
 contingency budget will allow us to cover staff costs, though possibly moving to reduced hours during the
 extension period. The extension will allow staff and our commissioned delivery partners to avoid having to
 squeeze target delivery into a shortened timeframe due to the months lost to Covid.
- Our twitter followers have risen to 1211 and Instagram followers to 661.

Upcoming activities

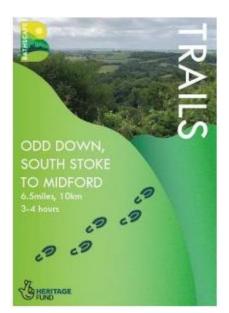
- Research articles written by volunteers during lockdown will be added to the 'learn' section of our website by the start of October.
- We will be looking to progress our access projects in the autumn, working with the Cotswold Conservation Board who won the commission to deliver our circular path and associated walks work.
- We have our annual review meeting with the National Lottery Heritage Fund on the 11th November.











Spotted in September on ivy flowers



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BATH CITY FARM September Nature Trail

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LOCATION 1: IVY FLOWERS







