

Bristol Future Parks (BFP) work to January 2021

Health Working Group

- Literature review - identified 3 groups: those that use parks, those that do not use parks and those that do not use parks but whose health would benefit if they did. This last group being the target
- Health mapping: detailed where the cities health inequalities are for a range of illnesses
- Case studies: what are the success factors, explored walking, park runs, social prescribing, making links with link workers and social prescribing, volunteering and horticultural activities, forest schools and play rangers, and also green gyms
- Green Keeper natural capital accounts delivered: modelling suggests that £234 million in mental health benefit, £127 million in physical health benefit and £300,000 in CO₂ capture per year. It was also estimated that a further £156 million in health benefit could be realised if the parks are uplifted to the One City Plan aspirations of every Bristol resident being within 10 minutes' walk of an 'excellent' park (Green Flag rating or similar) – (get exact wording)
- Model created to estimate costs to uplift the city's parks to the One City Plan aspiration (this was done by the Asset working group). Circa £33 million over 15 years
- Health Event with Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) leads and key health professionals
- Links with Supporting Healthy Inclusive Neighbourhood Environments Health Integration Team ([SHINE HIT](#))
- Presentation to Health and Wellbeing Board
- Inclusion in the Bristol Green Prescribing EOI application (brief)
- Presentation to the Equalities Network
- Cohort wide health working group agreed by FPA
- Carrying out Tisdall health surveys on 20+ parks

Community Development and Engagement

- Community partners and Anchor organisations: follow up conversations with all potential partners. Feedback suggests pushing EOI back would be beneficial as capacity is limited. 11 confirmed community partners, 2 confirmed as unable to support, 2 alternative organisations pending
- Netham Pilot: Community partner worked alongside Friends of Netham Park (FONP) and Bristol & Bath Parks Foundation (BBPF) to hold conversations with residents living around Netham Park
 - 86 people engaged through door knocking, online engagement and conversations in parks
 - Ongoing contact with group of residents with expressed interest in the pavilion – connecting to Sports EOI
 - Tracy compiling feedback from conversations to share with other partners
- Resident feedback: insight from past/current resident led projects collected to feed into strategic piece "how can we build on our collaborative working practices"
- Engagement: continued engagement with residents/orgs including attending friends meetings and promoting BFP with Children & Young People (CYP) sector
- 4 face to face community conversations

- 15 virtual community conversations
- Facebook page set up
- Newsletter about to go out
- Communicate 2020 conference stage
- Bristol Parks Survey delivered 1,824 responses

Volunteering

- Volunteering strategy renewed in summer 2020 – currently being implemented
- Volunteer database (Better Impact) adopted in summer 2020. Being used to coordinate, record and promote volunteer action and opportunity. Integrating current BCC led volunteer programmes, e.g. One Tree Per Child (OTPC), ParkWork and staff led volunteer action. City-wide promotion/training and support on this to continue to increase confidence and user experience. Delivered by Volunteer Coordinator. Needs admin support
- Volunteer Zoom meetings to support and update volunteers – well received and provide valuable insight into what groups are doing – next one on 1st Dec to lay out plans for post-lockdown #2 in Bristol
- Staff led volunteering – new groups developing at sites including: Ashton Court Estate, Redcatch Park, Greville Smyth Park and Blaise Castle Estate. These staff led volunteering actions plus ParkWork are currently on hold due to Lockdown#2. Staff training to be planned for Jan 2021 onwards to improve confidence (shadowing and specific skills sessions, e.g. working with young people with learning difficulties)
- Planning volunteer thank you together with BBPF – mid December 2020 – online celebration
- Working with Corporates – some are thinking about their corporate social responsibility (CSR) campaigns & how they can contribute financially alongside group sessions – this requires careful relationship management
- Accessible volunteer work programmes – developing shared access (BCC staff and third parties) to develop and view volunteer work tasks and programmes integrated to Confirm GIS data systems – allowing for more efficient planning and integrated site working (so everyone knows what is happening, where, what and by whom)
- Digital volunteering – working with Wildlife & Conservation Officer to develop & promote ecological surveys/photography/data collection of value to Parks Service in response to continued demand/growth for volunteering opportunities

Asset Assessment

- Information regarding all sites and the facilities that exist on each of them has been collated from a variety of systems. This is a large database which will be used to develop the EOI site pages and also provide further information for parties wanting to know site specifics
- 300 sites currently in scope – to be further reduced
- Currently collating the legal due diligence on the 11 potential sites for enterprise solutions
- The project will be reducing the number of sites submitted into the EOI phase during February 2021 to about 80

New Business

- Acorn report received

- Alliance Leisure and T3 report received
- Contacts hit list developed and networking ongoing
- Relationship made with procurement, and plan for post EOI initiated

In-house Business

- Existing business performance assessed by Mollie Dodd

Natural Capital Accounts

- Natural Capital accounts modelled (Green Keeper) delivering baseline evaluation of BCC's portfolio of parks and green spaces
- Two scenarios modelled and delivered:
 - a) Achieving One City Plan target (excellent park within 10 minutes' walk from home) – 123 Green Flag parks. Output: uplift natural capital value reflecting increased use of green space
 - b) Impact of projected population increase by 2043. Output: uplift natural capital value reflecting increased population
- Achieving 123 Green Flag sites modelled – providing cost/benefit ratio
- Influencing Health partners, reflecting in 80%+ of uplift value (model – quality lift) relate to health outcomes

Nature

- Land surveys commissioned to identify existing and potential habitats within the Nature Recovery Network. 160+ land parcels. Baseline habitat classified using UK Habitat Classification. Opportunity classified using Defra Biodiversity Metric 2.0. The data is currently being analysed (December 2020). Expected output is a spatial projection of potential habitat enhancement and creation (woodland, wetland, species rich grassland – alone or mosaic), and valued using potential biodiversity credits
- Collaboration and development of Bristol City Council Ecological Emergency Action Plan. Suite of actions identified relating to nature to include opportunity identified above, plus actions relating to pesticides, grassland management, tree strategy, etc.

Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation

- Upskilling and training of staff and trustees as well as the business plan workshop attended by trustees
- BBPF Strategy 2020-23 signed off by Trustees on 9th March 2020.
- Foundation staff have visited other similar projects to learn from them. The trust and grants fundraiser has issued 5 applications to trusts and funds and continue to work with us on securing income
- Engaged a consultant (Jenny Wildblood) to scope the development of our small grant programme for community groups
- Exploration of shared agenda/mutually beneficial relationship FPA facilitated workshops (1 and 2)
- Sustainable funding proposal submitted to both Local Authorities (BCC & BANES) in November 2020. BCC decision report due to be considered on 7th January 2021

- Financial trading workshops with RIO – workshop 1-3