

City Centre & High Streets Recovery and Renewal – case studies of activities

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Grant recipient case study - Sparks Bristol, former M&S property, Broadmead, opened May 2023

The council acted as convenor to bring together M&S and Global Goals/Arts Space Lifespace to enable the meanwhile use of the former M&S building as Sparks Bristol. Sparks Bristol provides a practical and exciting way for people to engage in the UN Sustainable Development Goals (which the One City Economic Recovery & Renewal Strategy is based on) through education and creativity. See www.sparksbristol.co.uk

Approx 93 jobs are directly supported, 136 business/organisations supported (inc suppliers)

Bristol Sparks will occupy the space until at least 2025. Officers are involved in project evaluation, ongoing support and sharing learning with other areas



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Grant recipient case study – PROPS, Fishponds Road, opened Oct 23

'This grant enabled us to build our first high street café, designed to train and employ adults who have learning disabilities that we support here at Props. The impact of this funding will leave a legacy of inclusivity in Bristol and is the foundation of what we hope will be the start of a transformational shift towards disabled equality.'

See BBC news article - Fishponds café creating opportunities for disabled adults, www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-bristol-67360470



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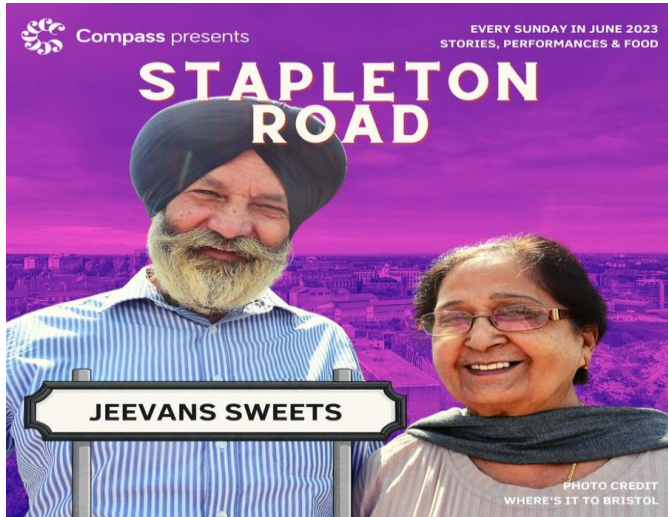
Grant recipient case study – Robert's Bakery, Crow Lane (Henbury), opened Nov 22

'I would like to thank you very much once again for receiving financial help from you. Thanks for this, I can be proud that I have a very good coffee machine and I must boast that my customers say that I have the best coffee in the whole of Crow Lane, thanks to you. My husband, who is also a baker, is very pleased with the mixers and proofer. It would be difficult for us without your help, especially since when you are just starting your adventure with your own business, every penny counts and all costs must be calculated carefully.'

Robert's Bakery celebrated their first-year anniversary on 4 Nov 23 and husband and wife team Aneta and Robert were recently joined by a new full-time member of staff. Their daughter also works on a part time basis.



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Quotes from visitors

'This was an incredible event. So important to bridge the existing divide in BS5 and contribute to integration between different communities. It's exactly the type of things needed to facilitate dialogue. I will definitely come back. The event has definitely allowed me to enter in spaces I had never thought of entering before. I am planning to get cushions made at the kora centre, eat Afghan food after my yoga class at 238 and go on an evening out for Jamaican food with friends who were not on the tour. I loved all of it.'

'Such a wonderful afternoon, learning about the local people, cultures and sharing food. Stapleton Road often has such a negative perception, this was a truly magical way to showcase the community, bridge divides and promote greater integration in East city. This should be a permanent fixture in Bristol!'

'I grew up in Stockwood and this is just what we need for our community, it was very busy and a great atmosphere, my only suggestion is to keep advertising it. Absolutely loved it.'

'Welcome and engaging teams. Stockwood has felt neglected and drab thus has injected life into the area and made me smile!'

Street scene and greening

Filwood Broadway children's play area (before and after), completed Nov 23



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Stockwood pocket park (before and after) next to the library completed Nov 23
(before picture from Google)



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