

ISSUE #3



AUTUMN 2022 EDITION

Batheaston Times

A community paper highlighting village news & events

CHANGE IS IN THE AIR

Cover Illustration by Andy Goodman

- * The Art Trail
- * Bonfire Night
- * Pop-up Market

Working together to create more events & support for families, kids, teenagers & elderly people in our village.

AUTUMN
EVENTS
CALENDAR
INSIDE!

PLUS: LATEST NEWS EVENTS FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERING & MORE



Reflect on the value of family

In a world ever more unstable, it is so very important to value our community and to work together to build a better future for us all.



Following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II an incredible wave of emotion and a sense of loss could be felt in our community. While there are different views on hereditary monarchy, I personally was proud to see how the residents of Batheaston came together, joining our nation and the commonwealth in mourning.

I was particularly moved by the Local Proclamation made from the steps of our Guildhall. This reaffirmed the link between the Sovereign and our local communities. Used as we are to modern communication methods, this age-old ceremony still spoke to us, gathering us together to announce the moment in our nation's history when the reign of our longest-serving Monarch had come to its end and our new Sovereign had come to the throne.



INTERESTED IN A
GROUP OR LIKE
TO VOLUNTEER?

contact: [hello@
batheastontimes.co.uk](mailto:hello@batheastontimes.co.uk)

ily and friends

On behalf of the village, I would like to thank the organisers at the Village Hall and St John's Church and the large number of people who helped bring our community together on the day of Her Majesty's funeral. It was a moment in history that we will never forget.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II visited our area on a number of occasions and was much admired by many people. As well as a being an exemplar of dignified and selfless public service, we should remember that at heart she was a greatly-loved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. It is with the Royal Family that our thoughts should now lie. I believe that moving times such as these help us in Batheaston and beyond to reflect on the value of family and friends. In a world ever more unstable, it is so very important to value our community and to work together to build a better future for us all.

God Save The King.



Cllr Kevin Guy
Chair of Batheaston Leadership Board



Events

BONFIRE NIGHT!

Sat 5th November
Batheaston Village

Please visit 23rdbathscouts.org for more information and tickets if you want a great view of the fireworks and a fantastic family evening out while supporting the scouts only fundraising event of the year.

BATHEASTON ART TRAIL

Sat 1st & 2nd October
Batheaston Village

40 artists and designers are once again coming together to launch our village's second Art Trail weekend. It consists of a walking route around the village with stops at the studios of local artists.

POP-UP MARKET

Sat 1st October
Riverside car park
9am-12noon

Featuring local producers, suppliers and makers. If you'd be interested in having a stall please email [hello@
growbatheaston.co.uk](mailto:hello@growbatheaston.co.uk)



Autumn events calendar

A round-up of some of the events that are on in the village this Autumn

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GB FOOTBALL CLUB

Every Saturday 9-11am

Fun football sessions. It's for girls and boys aged between 4 and 10. Main objectives are for the kids to have fun, get some exercise, and learn about teamwork and respect. Cash only on the day, £5 per 2 hour session.

growbatheaston.co.uk/gbfc



AERO-TONE-LATES

Every Monday 6-7pm
New Village Hall

20 mins aerobics, 20 mins toning and 20 mins Pilates. Contact Jane on 07866604341 or see you there.

WALKING FIT CLUB

Daily one hour circular walks from the best pubs and cafes in Bath, 50 different walks. For more info contact Jane at jane_braham@hotmail.com or 07866604341. www.walkingfitclub.com

NEW EVENT!

CUBS

Scout Hut
Every Monday
6.30 - 8pm

Being a Cub is all about growing and learning in small but mighty ways. Cubs are young people aged 8-10½yrs. We meet on Mondays from 6.30-8 pm at our Scout Hut School Lane Batheaston.

23rdbathscouts.org/cubs/

POP-UP MARKET

Sat 1st October
Riverside car park 9am-12noon

Featuring local producers, suppliers and makers; Encouraging a circular economy and living locally / sustainably; Eating seasonally; Strengthening community connections

If you'd be interested in having a stall please email hello@growbatheaston.co.uk

NETBALL FUN

Every Monday 7-8pm

The session starts with a warm up, followed by drills to hone those netball skills and then game time to put everything into play, followed by a nice stretch. We welcome beginners, returners, the curious and all those with trimmed nails!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/273762401121966>

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The fireworks will be fired from the event field this year and not from the side of Solsbury Hill. Please visit www.23rdbathscouts.org for more information and tickets if you want a great view of the fireworks and a fantastic family evening out while supporting the scouts only fundraising event of the year.



BATHEASTON ALL SORTS

Batheaston New Village Hall
Every Tuesday 9.30-11am

We have a wide variety of fun and educational toys, a weekly craft activity, snack time, story time and music time. There is tea and fresh coffee for grown ups and home-made cake. The cost of the session is £2 per family/childminder. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/170815826444823>

KUNG FU BATH

Scout Hut
Every Wednesday
5-11 years - 6-6.45pm
12 upwards - 7-8.30pm

The Bath Kung Fu Academy is pleased to offer professional step by step instruction for men, women and children of all ages. We guide you from complete beginner to advanced practitioner and pride ourselves on being fun and friendly.
www.kungfubath.com/

AVON RFC JUNIORS

Every Sunday
London Road
10-11.30am
Between Sept and April

Come along and enjoy mini rugby at Avon RFC. Fully qualified and experienced coaches with enhanced DBS checks. Our focus is having fun.

www.avonvalerfc.co.uk/minis-juniors

POP-UP PUB OKTOBERFEST

New Village Hall
7th October

A great way to meet old friends and make new ones across the village. Held in the hall on the last Friday of each month between 6-9pm. Register at villagepopuppub1@gmail.com to book tickets, and then pay on the evening. £15 will get you 3 drinks and nibbles.



NEW EVENT!

BEAVERS & SCOUTS

Scout Hut, every Thursday

Beavers (ages 6-8)
6 - 7.15pm
23rdbathscouts.org/beavers/

Scouts (ages 10.5-14)
7.30 - 9pm
23rdbathscouts.org/scouts/

Activities include cooking, building, problem solving, hiking, camping and adventures.

BATHEASTON SCARECROW TRAIL 2022

Sunday 9th October –
Sunday 30th October
Batheaston Village

Trail maps will be available for £4 from Batheaston School, Batheaston Spar and Robbie's Plaice from Wednesday 12th October.



BOXERCISE

New Village Hall
Every Tuesday
6pm & 7.15pm

Batheaston Boxercise classes in the new village hall, School Lane.

Contact Sarah Tyler
sarahjanetyler@icloud.com



COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Every Wednesday
10.30am-12.30pm

First Wednesday of the month - Clean Slate & brunch

Second Wednesday of the month - Zhone energy

Third Wednesday PCSO's

Last Wednesday Ward Councillors
Katy Lunn WERN rep most weeks in term time

CREATIVE ROOTS - OUTDOOR LEARNING

Mikes Meadow, Northend, Batheaston, BA1 7EP

www.bookwhen.com/creativeroots

Activities include nature crafts, den building, bushcraft, sewing, simple campfire cooking, singing and storytelling

WALKING FOOTBALL

Every Wednesday
5.30-6.30pm
Rhymes Field

Are you looking to keep active and enjoy football at a slower pace? No booking required. All abilities welcome. Sessions aimed at over 50's. For further information email: info@bathcityfoundation.org



HAVE AN EVENT IDEA?
hello@batheaston-times.co.uk

New Village Hall

The hall has been buzzing with activity with plenty more to come!



The BNVH is a lovely warm building, thanks to our solar panels, heat pumps and insulation. Watch for news of warm homework clubs, quiet work spaces plus café style meet-ups for all of us to use and save on winter home heating costs.

Look on our website www.batheastonhall.org for all our events. There's plenty on offer for everyone. To book the hall for a one-off event, or to set up a group or class just contact us. Our upstairs meeting room, which is ideal for work seminars/training events, now has its own kitchen.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

- Pub Quiz Night on 14th October, raising money for Lizzie's Kitchen. So there's an excellent

reason to come along and have fun.

- Ever popular Pop-Up Pub Nights on 18th November, 29th December and 27th January all supporting BNVH.

We look forward to seeing you there!

HOT PRESS NEWS

Building BNVH was a mighty feat. And it has proved an enormous success. We're now looking to the future and how best to use and develop our local public spaces. Your opinion really matters. So watch out for public consultations coming soon.

Glenys Adams, Bookings Manager
Email: glenysadams@gmail.com
Tel: 07968 293083

Events

POP UP PUB
7th October
Oktoberfest
6-9pm

BOOK GROUP
4th October
7-8.15pm

COMMUNITY CHOIR
Every Monday
at 7.30pm

Check the website for details! www.batheastonhall.org

Batheaston Church School

"That they may have life, life in all its fullness." John 10:10






Ofsted have officially rated us 'Good' - May 2022

"Pupils are proud of their school. Pupils say school teaches them to be the best version of themselves."

Open days for Reception intake: September 2023

Tuesday 27th September @ 9.30am
 Saturday 8th October @ 10.30am
 Tuesday 15th November @ 1.30pm
 Tuesday 29th November @ 9.30am
 Monday 9th January @ 1.30pm

Give us a call to book your place. 01225 858555

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www.batheastonprimary.co.uk





Batheaston Primary School

We strive to provide our children with the best opportunities and experiences to enhance their educational journey.

After a lovely relaxing summer, the staff at Batheaston Church School were so looking forward to welcoming the children back for the start of the new academic year. It was such a delight to see so many children with big smiles on their faces as they walked through the gate that Monday morning. After a successful OFSTED last term, we believe the school has never looked or felt so good. The team could not wait to get started.

One of the loveliest things about coming back to school after the summer break is welcoming our new children - and their families - to Apple Class. Our Reception children have already made a good impression and have been an absolute delight to have with us. They look gorgeous in their new school uniforms and shiny shoes. We are amazed at how quickly they have settled in. They are now very much part of our Batheaston Family.

As we start this new academic year, we are also thinking about the next one. We know that local families and those further afield will soon need to decide on primary school places. We have been very organised this time, and have set some dates aside when parents can come in, look around and consider if Batheaston Church School might be the right one for their children.

If you do have a child who will be of school age in September 2023 or know of a family with children looking for school places, please give the school office a ring and book in on one of our open events. If none of the dates/times are convenient, please just give us a ring and we will organise a separate tour. We are so proud of our school and cannot wait to show prospective parents around.

We look forward to meeting you very soon.

Sally Jefferies Head Teacher,
Batheaston Church School



Events

OPEN DAYS FOR RECEPTION 2023

Tuesday 27th Sept
@ 9.30am

Saturday 8th Oct
@ 10.30am

Tuesday 15th Nov
@ 1.30pm

Tuesday 29th Nov
@ 9.30am

Monday 9th Jan
@ 1.30pm

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Grow Batheaston

Working together from the ground up



Following the overwhelming popularity of Batheaston's first ever Art Trail last autumn, 40 artists and designers are once again coming together to launch our village's second Art Trail weekend. This will take place on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd October. It consists of a walking route around the village with stops at the studios of local artists. St. John the Baptist Church and the Batheaston New Village Hall provide further exhibition spaces.

Celebrating and documenting the crucial role Batheaston played in winning women's suffrage, our village hall will also be staging a suffragette exhibition. Photos and suffragette artefacts will bring this pivotal period of history to life. You will also notice that the bunting clearly marking out all venues on the Batheaston Art Trail is in that movement's signature colours of purple, white and green.

Inspired by the exhibition in our village hall, you can also take in Eagle House, where many suffragettes found respite after enduring prison sentences. There you can see the one surviving "memorial" tree they planted. You could also drop in on the pop-up café in the garden. Various studios have refreshments on offer. Snack lunches and drinks are also available at St. John the Baptist Church.

"We hope you will come along and make a day or weekend of it," says Piu Bose, ceramicist and cyanotype artist, and one of the Batheaston Art Trail organisers. She adds: "It is the perfect opportunity to explore a new art form or two, as well as to buy some unique gifts that will support local artists and small businesses."

On Saturday 1st October early risers can begin their day by visiting our village's increasingly popular Pop-Up Market. It is run by the community group Grow Batheaston, and takes place at the riverside by the village car park from 9am to 1pm.

Events

FOOTBALL CLUB
Every Saturday
9-11am
Rhymes Field

NETBALL CLUB
Every Monday
7-8pm
Court near the playground

WALKING FOOTBALL
Every Wednesday
5.30-6.30pm
Rhymes Field

COMMUNITY PLANTING
10am-12noon the second Saturday and last Sunday of each month, and 9-11am each Wednesday

POP-UP MARKET
Sat 1st October
Riverside car park
9am-12noon

ART TRAIL
Sat 1st & Sun 2nd October
Batheaston Village

Email: hello@growbatheaston.co.uk
Website: www.growbatheaston.co.uk
twitter.com/growbatheaston
instagram.com/growbatheaston/
facebook.com/growbatheaston/

CONTACT US
JOIN A CLUB
OR VOLUNTEER!



St John's with St Catherine's

If you live in Batheaston, then this is YOUR church, and we'd like you to take advantage of that fact, and continue to support it.

As I write, we are all reeling from recent events, the death of our Queen, the wonderfully choreographed occasions that followed and especially her funeral on September 19th. It was moving to see our community come together for this great event, many watching the service live-streamed at St John's. And now the reign of King Charles III has begun.

Among the many tributes to our late Queen is this one by a former Liberal Democrat leader, Tim Farron. I believe it goes to the heart of Queen Elizabeth's dedication to our own nation and to the Commonwealth. He describes her as a constant to us all and, "constant in her life was her faith in Jesus Christ. Her religion was ... a living, active faith."

Due to great national events, we have had to change some of our plans at St John's and St Catherine's. Here is an update on some of our key forthcoming dates:

- The Revd. Lauretta Wilson is licenced, 7pm October 27th St. Swithun's Bathford (due to a family bereavement she will not begin her ministry among us until mid-October).
- St. John's joins in the Art Trail

Week-End. We will be offering coffees, snack lunches and teas on both days. Sunday October 2nd has a simple Welcome Service at 10am.

- St Catherine's Harvest Service, 3pm Sunday October 2nd.
- St John's Harvest Service and Lunch, 10am Sunday October 16th. Do bring along non-perishable food items for Bath Food Bank (please note, they need to be in date!) To book the Harvest Lunch that follows, just give in your name at Penny's Pantry, or let us know at St John's.
- Sunday Oct 30th 3:00 pm St John's, All Souls Service to remember our loved ones.
- Sunday November 13th, Remembrance. Our service will start at 9.45, followed by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11am.

I am looking forward to meeting up with you on some of these occasions. *Every blessing to you all.*

Revd. Elizabeth Bennett
Associate Priest
Batheaston with St Catherine



Events

HARVEST AT ST JOHN'S

Oct 16th at 10:00 am

ALL SOULS SERVICE TO REMEMBER LOVED ONES

Oct 30th at 3:00 pm

WAR MEMORIAL FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Nov 13th at 9:45 am

CONTACT:
REVELIZABETH1@
GMAIL.COM

Penny's Pantry & Community Café

Penny's Pantry (PP) is a not-for-profit organisation, run by local volunteers to expand affordable food choice and social activity for local residents.

Penny's Pantry is swinging along nicely on Wednesday mornings, with our regular team of local volunteers and residents always on hand for a cuppa and a chat.

As well as being a chance to pick up food at affordable prices, specialist advisors attend on a rota basis to offer guidance on home energy, employment concerns, money matters, community concerns and more. The schedule is as follows:

- **1st Wednesday –**
CleanSlate Team
- **2nd Wednesday –**
Home Energy Team
- **3rd Wednesday –**
Community Police
- **4th Wednesday –**
Ward Councillor, Sarah Warren

Monthly Community Lunch Bookings
Our next community lunch will be held in BNVH on Friday 21st



October (doors open 12.30pm for 1pm lunch). Bookings can be taken directly via the Penny's Pantry team on Wednesdays, through Sarah Sheppard at St John's Church or via Katy Lunn. For those of you who dare, this time there will be a little bit of live music to dance to, so please pass the message on!

Can You Help?
Volunteer Hosts, Drivers and Bakers are always needed, whether occasional and regular. If you can help, please get in touch via pennys_pantry@outlook.com or via our new Facebook page.

Food Donations
We can take food donations on Wednesdays before 10.00am at the Rhymes Pavilion. Your contribution helps build local food resilience and support. So thank you to all contributors to date.

Pop in to say hello if you can, we're quite a friendly bunch!

All the Best,
Immi & PP Team



Events

COMMUNITY CAFÉ
Every Wednesday
10.30am-12.30pm
The Rhymes Pavilion, Coalpit Road BA17NW

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If you've any queries, get in touch via pennys_pantry@outlook.com

With special thanks to Batheaston Parish Council for enabling this health related initiative.

Batheaston Parish Council



Batheaston Parish Council provides recreation and other facilities, maintains some of the local environment, and represents the community



The focus for the Parish Council in the coming months will be the improvement of the Playground.

Councillors are very aware how important the Playground and Park are to the community, as a place where childhood memories are made and friendships fostered, and where parents and others have a chance to relax! We are lucky that we have such a great space in the centre of the village, right beside the primary school.

So – after a number of years without major investment – the Councillors are making this the priority. This began in the winter when some critical repairs were carried out, with the installation of a new slide and climbing net. The main phase of the project is getting under way now. The Parish Council has established a Working Group, made up of representatives of the village – from the Parish Council, Grow Batheaston and fellow residents & parents – all of whom are passionate about the Playground and Park. The hope is to provide new and updated play equipment, improve access and the general environment, and – if funding can

be found – to improve the skate ramp and the all-weather court.

On 1st October, the Working Group are running a Park Party Event – which is intended to serve as an opportunity to engage people in the project, to get their input, ideas and offers of help. It will also we hope serve as a great day for the community to come together, and will feature live music, a BBQ, a skate show, graffiti art, and more. The Working Group has also run an online survey, which is at bit.ly/bathplaypark.

If you have missed these opportunities (and we are aware that you may not receive this newsletter until after the date), then please do feel free to get in touch with either Cllr Alexis Pavlou (Alexis.Pavlou@batheaston-pc.gov.uk) or the Richard Maccabee, the Clerk (clerk@batheaston-pc.gov.uk) if you have any comments, questions, or would like to help.

For all enquiries contact the Clerk, Richard Maccabee, at clerk@batheaston-pc.gov.uk. See our website for more information.

Batheaston Youth Club

Batheaston Youth Club (BYC) is a place for young people to enjoy, learn and to plan activities together for the future in a supportive, purpose-built environment.



GET IN TOUCH!
BE A VOLUNTEER,
RUN A WORKSHOP?
OR HELP FUNDRAISE

01225 859 324

BYC offers a place for young people to meet, play music, sport, games, arts and crafts and sharing time together.

What's On Offer?

We offer space for young people to get together outside school hours. Here are just some of the facilities and opportunities on the doorstep;

- **Sofa Lounge Area**
- **Sports hall e.g. football, table tennis, basketball, pool, dance, arts & crafts**
- **Tuck shop and Kitchen**
- **Computer Corner**
- **Outings e.g. skating, rock climbing, cinema, nature walks**
- **Talks/workshops e.g. cooking/baking, cyber safety, drama, drugs awareness**
- **Confidential support from staff or school nurse**
- **Facility hire for parties/events**

Your Club, Your Village, Your Ideas

Batheaston Youth Club is run by two qualified youth workers, Julie Russell and Belinda Milsom on Tuesdays and Thursdays during

term time from 6.30pm to 9.00pm each week. More than ever, our Youth Leaders understand the impact of lockdown and the effects of being cut off from family, friends and education.

We want to hear from our young people about what activities they would like to do together, in the months ahead. So, if you are a young person reading this, or can put ideas forward on behalf of the young people you know, please fill in the questionnaire on page 15 and return your comments to hello@batheastontimes.co.uk by Friday 19th August. We'll do our best to shape these ideas into local plans for the future.

Events

Term-time Drop-in Sessions
Tuesdays 6.30pm-9.00pm
Thursdays 6.30pm-9.00pm

Contact Us:

01225 859324
Batheaston Youth Club, School Lane, Batheaston BA1 7EP





Batheaston & Bathford Scouts*

Scouting for young people in Batheaston and Bathford *aka 23rd Bath Avondale is provided by 23rd Bath (Avonvale) Scout Group.

The Batheaston Bonfire Night Returns
On the very night, November 5th, 1605 that the Gunpowder Plot was foiled, bonfires were set alight to celebrate the safety of the King. Since then, November 5th has become known as Bonfire Night.

The 23rd (Avonvale) Bath Scout Group has been running the Batheaston Bonfire Night celebrations for the last 10 years, and the event has grown significantly over that time.

The pandemic was a considerable challenge, but in true scouting style the team found a way to keep the event running. In 2020 we hosted a watch-from-home event and 2021 we put on another watch-from-home, this time with restricted numbers actually present.

This year the team is planning a big event for everyone - just like our earlier displays. We are already gearing up to put on a spectacular show. It will have a lantern glow, a massive bonfire and a professional fireworks display. And this year we have a few additional surprises lined up.

The firework display is worth the visit on its own. However, the main reason families and friends go to the event is for its social side. The children

are entertained watching the fireworks displays and bonfire in a safe environment, while the adults catch up with friends and enjoy the hot chocolate, beer, mulled wine and hotdogs.

The event will take place on Saturday 5th November at 6pm in Batheaston Village. The fireworks will be launched this year from the event field and not from the side of Solsbury Hill.

Please visit www.23rdbathscouts.org for more information and tickets. These will give you a great view of the fireworks and a fantastic family evening out, while supporting our scouts' only fundraising event of the year.

See you there.

- **Beavers for 6-8 year olds**
6.00pm -7.15pm on Thursdays
- **Cubs for 8-10.5 year olds**
Monday 6.30-8.00pm
- **Scouts for 10.5 – 14.5 year olds**
Thursday evenings

Follow on Facebook @23rdBathScouts or visit our website <https://23rdbathscouts.org/>

WERN

Batheaston Village Agent – WERN
(West of England Rural Network)



I've been busy after the summer break catching up with lots of faces, both old and new, at Penny's Pantry and at the now regular community lunches at Batheaston New Village Hall. On Friday 16th September Penny's Pantry team served a tasty meal of Somerset Chicken followed by Apple Crumble, much enjoyed by all. The next community lunch is scheduled for FRIDAY 21st OCTOBER. Everyone is welcome, and a £5 voluntary contribution is appreciated. Just sign up at Penny's Pantry, make contact at St John's or leave me a message on 07876 035600, e-mail katy@wern.org.uk. The more the merrier!

Volunteers needed

To strengthen our catering team, the Pantry is looking for more volunteers to cook, prepare food or help clear up. Again, just get in contact if you could help.

The Parent/Carer Support Café (BNVH term-time Fridays, 10.30 – 12.30) is open to any parent/carers of a child with special educational needs, whether diagnosed or not. It's a lovely opportunity to meet others

going through similar issues, particularly concerning getting a diagnosis and/or support. Just drop in - there is always cake and a cup of tea!

Finally, just a reminder that I am here to support anyone over 18. I am always happy to have a cup of tea and a chat and to help find a solution. This service is entirely confidential and free to all residents of B&NES. I can help with such issues as:

- Struggles with finances, debt arrears
- Worries about the increasing cost of living
- Access to benefits
- Support for living independently at home

Katy Lunn

Village Agent – Bathavon North
Tel: 07876 035600
Office Answer: 01275 333700

Please note I work part-time flexible hours so I will respond to your message as soon as I can.

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National Trust

The National Trust is delighted to announce the creation of a ‘green corridor’ at Bathampton Meadows, linking the historic city centre to surrounding countryside.

Over the summer we have been busy finding out more about Bathampton Meadows and getting to know the local community. This will help us develop long-term plans for people and nature in this beautiful stretch of countryside.

We have been soil sampling, to find out the nutrient and carbon levels in the Meadows’ various fields. This shows us what kinds of species would thrive there, before we start sowing seed or planting trees. By repeating these studies in future years, we can measure if we are successfully sequestering more carbon in the soil. Our nature conservation advisors have done habitat surveys, assessing current levels of biodiversity and finding what already lives here. And our partners at Bathscape have led a bat walk, where we - and some very excited children - discovered the great number of bats using the river as a corridor.

Soon we hope to do hydrological modelling to show us where we might want to make water changes – for example by creating ponds. We also plan a geophysical survey, looking for what archaeology might lie beneath the soil.

We’ve also been meeting local people at various events. In September we had stalls at Kensington Meadows Family Fun Day, Batheaston Pop-up Market, and Bathampton Village Show. We have found a great range of ideas and opinions about the management of the Meadows, but one thing that is very clear is how much they mean to so many of you. We will continue to engage with the local community as we draw up a first draft plan. This will be based on your feedback and the results of our various surveys and pieces of research. We will then share this for further consultation.

In the meantime, we have recruited a Ranger to support the Meadows’ management and we will soon be looking for volunteers to get involved in various roles – we’ll tell you more in the next edition!

Helen Selkirk,
Project Manager

GET IN TOUCH
email: bathskyline@nationaltrust.org.uk



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