

ADEPT President's Awards 2024

Entry form

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Award category Shaping Places for People

Project Title Radstock Regeneration Action Plan

Local authority entrant Bath & North East Somerset Council

Partner/s if applicable Radstock Town Council

Headline summary (150 characters max.)

In Partnership with the Town Council, a Regeneration Action Plan has been developed for Radstock Town Centre identifying opportunities & projects.

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Radstock RAP Summary.pdf

Shaping places for people: How was this project an innovative response to a significant concern? (150 words max.)

Issues facing the town centre include a highway network that compromises the pedestrian environment & sense of place, limited development opportunity sites, poor town centre connectivity and poor parking offer for those that need to use a car. There is also limited connectivity between villages and towns in the Somer Valley.

There are opportunities for place branding, high street renewal activities such as community & cultural events and markets, improving the skills of the local workforce and improving town centre public realm, heritage assets, facilities & infrastructure. There is also potential for increased tourism, creating new employment opportunities, given the towns heritage and encouragement of use of sustainable travel modes.

This project is being delivered in partnership with Radstock Town Council, local businesses and other organisations to deliver what is needed to improve the vitality and viability of the town.

Shaping places for people: Please give evidence of the quality of outcomes obtained from the project (for example improved/more efficient services, increased inclusivity for residents, futureproofing the service). (150 words max.)

Regeneration of Radstock Town Centre will provide the following outcomes:

1. Town Centre Community facility Improvements - access funding to purchase & renovate space for a community hub.
2. Outdoor Events - spaces identified with potential for hosting events along a 'trail' involving multiple venues.
3. Cultural programme - delivery of a cultural programme including support for Radstock festival & Radstock Museum.
4. Re-purposing of brownfield sites. A lease has been signed for use of the Old Print Works as a new arts

and creative space

5. Tree planting to take place in the town centre.

6. Green & Blue space improvements - identification of additional space and resources to improve and manage for benefit of the local community and nature.

7. Energy Efficiency Improvements & Renewable Energy use to be encouraged.

8. Wayfinding, Streetscape & parking improvements.

9. Encourage reoccupation of Vacant Units

10. Improve Town centre offer - funding approved for a Changing Places toilet in Tom Huyton Park.

Shaping places for people: Please give evidence of the level of collaboration between place and people services (both within the council and with external partners/providers). (150 words max.)

The Action Plan was developed in partnership with Radstock Town Council (RTC). Drop-in public engagement events were held in Radstock in 2022 & 2023 (4 events) where stakeholders and members of the public were invited to comment on project areas that had been highlighted in the scoping exercise (green infrastructure, vibrant town centre, facilities & infrastructure, property, sites & skills). An online survey was also available on the Town Council website. The events were widely publicised on the council's websites and in the local press and social media.

B&NES is working with RTC on a business plan and access to funding for Trinity Church which is to be redeveloped for community & event space and also with the owners of the Old Print Works which is being redeveloped as arts and creative space which has been established with Little Lost Robot CIC working with Bath Spa University.

Shaping places for people: Please give evidence of the level of buy-in to the project or its goals from members of the local community, health and social care and external organisations. (150 words max.)

A strong partnership between RTC & B&NES has developed the action plan and the projects identified during scoping and engagement. Members of the community, local organisations and businesses were invited to engagement events and provided feedback through online surveys.

A lease has been signed for the Old Print Works for arts and creative space working with Little Lost Robot CIC and Bath Spa University.

Working with Nature Recovery Team and Somer Valley Rediscovered, to identify new green & blue space. Funding has recently been approved by the West of England Combined Authority for improvements to wayfinding in the town centre.

The Active Way project promotes social prescribing into a range of active travel activities, and has a broad cycling, walking and wheeling offer with interventions for all age groups. It will build people's confidence, motivation, knowledge and skills to engage with walking and cycling activities long-term.

Shaping places for people: Please give evidence of the use or consideration of new sources of investment to fund projects. (150 words max.)

A Public Works Loan Board (£350k) approved to purchase Trinity Church. In addition to CIL (£200k) funding and UK Shared Prosperity funding (£150k). An expression of interest has been submitted to the Arts Council Cultural Development Fund (up to £2m) for redevelopment and a Community Ownership fund application will also be submitted.

The Cultural Programme also has UK Shared Prosperity Funding (£100k) and funding from a local grant scheme (Willson Grant) for an arts trail on the Radstock Greenway (£7k). Other funding will be sought to run events and to extend the hours and length of the Cultural Programme Manager.

The West of England Combined Authority Rural Fund has approved £40k for improved way finding and S106 funding has been approved to plant trees in the town centre

Funding from UKSPF, Arts Council & High Street Renewal fund (£35k) has been approved to convert the Old Print Works to arts space.

All categories: please add anything else that supports your award entry

A link to the full Regeneration Action Plan can be found here: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/radstock-town-centre-regeneration-action-plan>