

# Brandon Hill Park

## Tai Chi Space and Tranquility Garden

Bristol Parks are seeking to improve the area of the former bowling green in Brandon Hill Park. We have been working with the Bristol School of Tai Chi in developing ideas for this space. The proposal is to create a space that could be used for a variety of events, from Tai Chi to outdoor theatre, as well as being a destination for school visits.

Although the space would be available for a range of different uses it would be designed to cater for the practice of Tai Chi. Scheme designs for the area (shown overleaf) show a large practice area displaying the yin yang symbol with a covered walkway to one side, providing shelter, and low level planting and paths around the edge of the main practice area.

The space would be used by the Bristol School of Tai Chi to run regular classes and workshops. Opportunities exist to run sessions for special interest groups like elderly fallers, young people and the local Chinese community.



It is anticipated that the Tai Chi Space could become a national focus point hosting events that would appeal to people from inside and outside Bristol. This would be a first for the UK and possibly for Europe and as such would be viewed with keen interest by other cities and parks around the country.

We are currently seeking support from local groups and individuals who would be interested in joining a group to help move this project forward. Specifically the group would need to apply for funding towards this project as neither the City Council or Bristol School of Tai Chi are eligible to apply for the funding. Sources of funding have been identified but a community group or organisation of the required status such as a Friends Group for Brandon Hill Park does not exist in the local area. If you live within a mile of Brandon Hill and would like to help to improve it by bringing a dis-used space back into use as well as the long term improvement of Brandon Hill Park then please contact Vicki Abel, Project Development Officer (Parks) at Colston 33, Colston Avenue, Bristol, BS1 4UA or by email [bristolparks@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:bristolparks@bristol.gov.uk) or by telephone 0117 922 3719.

# Initial Proposals for Brandon Hill Park

