



## Volunteering in Bristol Parks Ella – Volunteer Coordinator





# Background to my role

- Partnership with the **Bristol & Bath Parks Foundation**:

We want to **celebrate** the incredible **diversity** of parks and green spaces in the Bristol and Bath area. At the heart of our parks are local communities, volunteers and Friends groups and we would like to strengthen these **connections**.

We will **invest** to increase volunteer activity in parks, where this supports community **engagement**, adds value, enhances service provision and to contributes to financial **sustainability**

- Benchmarking
- Volunteer baseline
- Review of why people volunteer in parks





# Progress...

- Meeting volunteer groups and attending workdays
- Volunteer Policy and Charter
- Volunteer Training
- Staff supported volunteering – over 685 hours from June – date.



# Corporate volunteering

- **395hrs** of staff led volunteering has been with corporates
- How can we **target** corporate volunteering more effectively?
- **Feedback**

*"All of my colleagues had a marvellous couple of days with yourselves at Ashton Court. It was a great experience and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and hopefully made a difference to the look of avenue of trees that we worked on."*

*"A very satisfying job to do. Please pass on our thanks to Mark the Ranger, her did a great job of making us feel welcome."*

*"Thanks for your help setting up yesterday, everyone really enjoyed it and I've already received loads of positive feedback from those who attended."*

*"Thank you for the photos and the Tweets. I showed them to our division's director this morning and he was thrilled to see what we had done."*

*"On behalf of the team, many thanks for organising yesterday. We all enjoyed ourselves and it was great to be able to help out the local community"*



# Moving forward together

- BaNES (and South Glos.)
- You
- Local partnerships and visibility

