

Name of your Organisation:	Bath City FC Foundation
Name of the project TFN funded:	Reconnecting Twerton
Date Funded by TFN:	27/01/2021
Were you able to undertake your project as planned?	Yes
If no, please outline how the project has changed.	
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	The TFN funding has been critical in allowing us to continue to grow the Reconnecting Twerton Project from a pilot to a full delivery model. We have been able to appoint a part-time member of staff to continue to develop and expand the work that we are doing and are now looking to recruit an additional part-time member of the team. The group size has increased from 6 to 15 members and continues to grow, despite having to postpone some of our face-to-face work because of COVID. Reconnecting Twerton has developed from a project promoting digital engagement to include activity sessions, with the participants setting the agenda for the types of activities that they would like to do. As a result of COVID many of the participants wanted to meet in person and we have hosted outings to local places of interest Laycock and Tynesfield House, lunch meetings, quiz sessions, Talk Sport sessions and other events have been planned. An unexpected outcome of the project is the development of a new partnership between ourselves, Age UK BANES and Creativity Works (a local arts charity). We have developed a joint project which has attracted additional funding. This has also opened up new partnerships and opportunities outside of our traditional sports connections. Although the project arose out of a need to reduce older people's isolation through increasing their digital skills we have found that the digital literacy aspects of the project have not been as key to our participants as meeting face-to-face. We are working on increasing the digital elements of the project and bringing together a film project led by older people. The project leader has trained to drive the local community transport minibus to allow us to take our participants out and about. Many have difficulties accessing local transport and some of the funding has been used to support these outings.

	When the project was initially set up, a steering group of the original partners was formed. This is now being developed and participants are joining the steering group so that their voices are represented and help to drive the project forward.
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	100% which allowed us to put in for additional funding to support the project.
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	15
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	20
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	Yes
If yes, how much were you able to raise?	We were able to raise an additional £25,000 from Grant funders, the Lottery and GWR. We have used the project to develop a key partnership with two other charities. This partnership is also putting in for additional funding as a result of Reconnecting Twerton.
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	Yes
If yes, please can you provide details of the support you received?	It raised the profile of the Foundation and we have had many enquiries about the project as a result of our involvement.
Has the training you received from TFN better prepared you in pitching your organisation to potential funders?	Yes
Has TFN increased your capacity to raise further funds?	Yes
How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?	We wouldn't have been able to achieve our objectives without TFN funding
Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?	We have appointed a part-time Operations Manager to lead the Foundation and now have a permanent office at Twerton Park.

Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?	The process has been very straight-forward and rewarding. We have learnt new skills as an organisation and made significant differences to the lives of the local people that we support.
Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?	On Armistice Day 2021, Radio Bath FM presenter Simon McNeill-Ritchie welcomed a special guest into the studio on Lower Bristol Road. In the Reconnecting Twerton group we are lucky to have as a member 97 year old Normandy veteran, Dennis Lanham. Following the solemn paying of his respect and remembrance at the annual ceremony at the St.Michael's Church war memorial, Dennis appeared live on Simon's radio broadcast to be asked about his recollections and feelings as regards his participation in the allied campaign to liberate Normandy and France in 1944. With typical clarity and eloquence, Dennis held Simon, and no doubt the listeners, captivated with the tale he had to tell. For those group members who don't have a car or may have some mobility issues, one of the things that the Project offers is the chance to go out for a drive to places beyond the reach of the local bus route. There have been numerous trips out into the countryside to enjoy a coffee and a chat at a farm shop while other drives out have involved a return to places which have been very meaningful to individuals. Terry spent the whole of his working life working on the land and enjoyed a return visit to the farm, the fields around Wellow, Priston and Inglesbatch along with a chance to say hello to friends and colleagues he hadn't seen for some time. Back in the late summer, Basil spent a morning having a tour of Larkhall and his family home, school and football club where the soccer bug first bit him. Both Terry and Basil had never seen the newly developed Ashton Gate Stadium so that has now been sorted out! As a group we have enjoyed several get togethers including coffee mornings and quizzes in Charlie's Bar at the Club,, lunch at the Hub and day trips out to places of interest. We were blessed with good weather on both of our drives out to National Trust locations; to Tyntesfield near Bristol in October and Lacock in December. Lovely days and a good time had by all. We look forward to other such occasions in 2022. Sports Talk The first get together of our football mad contingent within the group was a memorable occasion. It was a great excuse to get together over a cup of coffee and a slice of cake to immerse ourselves in our favourite topic which can be an endless source of pleasure! Up for

	discussion on this occasion was the putting together of the greatest ever XI to represent Bath City FC. With thousands of matches watched between the quartet spanning seven decades, there was some fierce debate about who was deserving of a place in the team but consensus was finally reached. We look forward to debating the finest world XI of all time next!
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