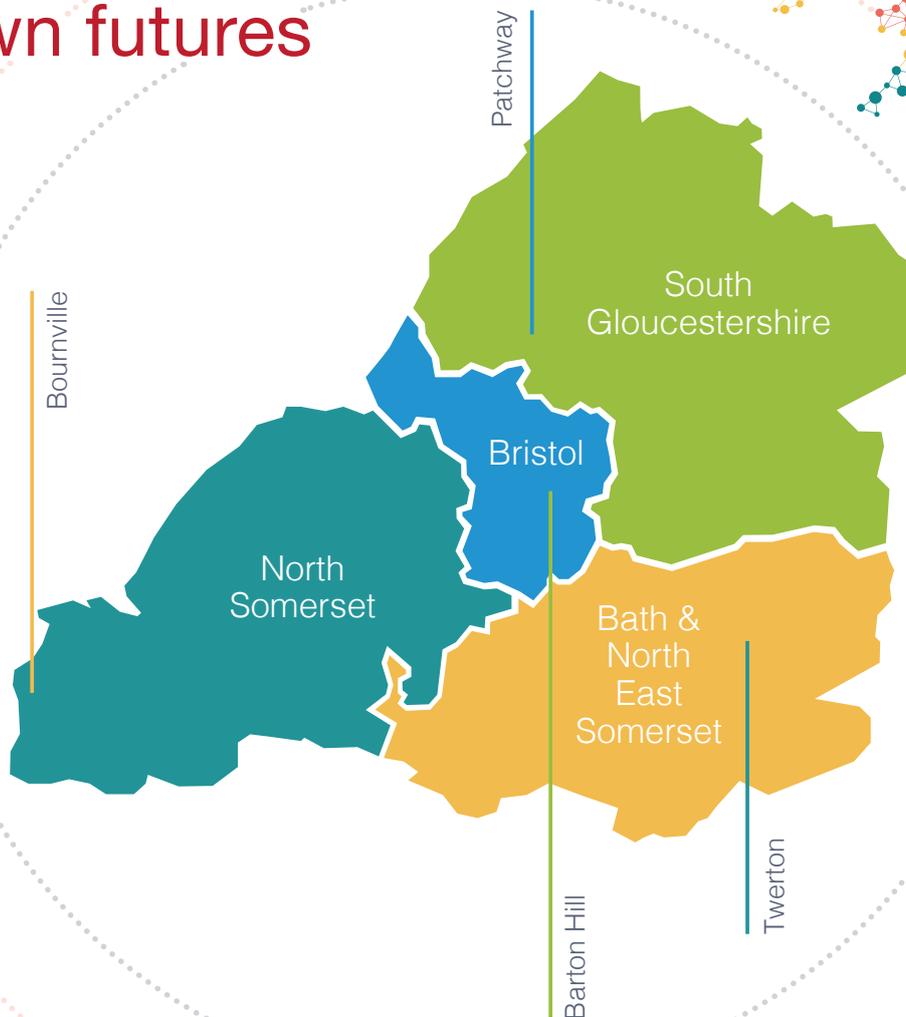


# VITAL SIGNS 2018



Four communities  
deciding their  
own futures



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# Introduction

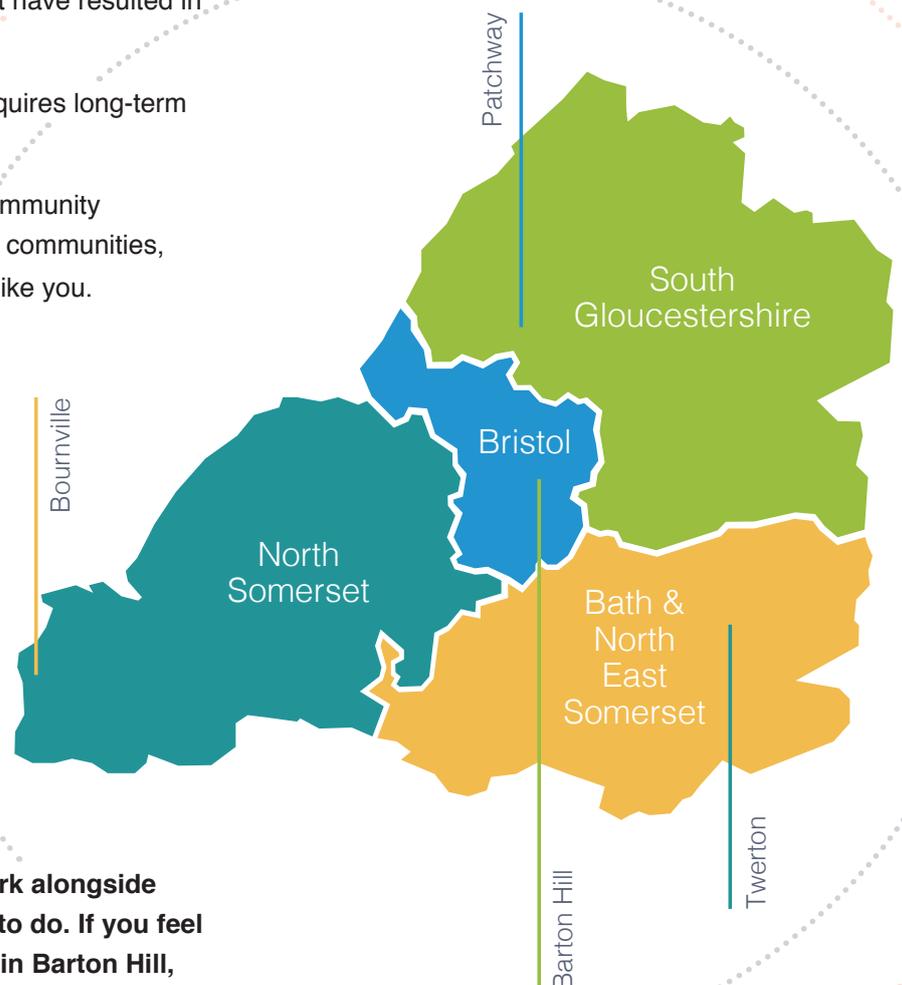
Two years ago our Vital Signs report highlighted that, without positive action, the gap would continue to grow between those for whom society works and people already at a disadvantage. With this evidence and working closely with our generous donors we have been able to support local communities as they develop their own responses to changing needs on their doorsteps.

This 2018 Vital Signs report shines a spotlight on four places in the West of England where we have been listening to local people's needs and aspirations and are thoughtfully using grant funding to help them change and realise their goals, even in these difficult times.

We have been doing this work for over 30 years so we have a detailed understanding of many different communities here. By getting to know each community, and learning about the barriers people face to achieving the change they want, over the years we have seen communities develop initiatives that have resulted in real change for local people.

Such change does not happen overnight; it requires long-term relationships, commitment and investment.

Whilst other funders come and go, Quartet Community Foundation is always here to support our local communities, thanks to the support we receive from people like you.



**We hope this report shows you how we work alongside local communities but there is much more to do. If you feel inspired to work with us to support people in Barton Hill, Twerton, the Bournville estate, Patchway or anywhere in the West of England contact Ronnie Brown our Philanthropy Director on 0117 989 7700 or [ronnie.brown@quartetcf.org.uk](mailto:ronnie.brown@quartetcf.org.uk)**

# Barton Hill

## Bristol

Barton Hill is a community in Lawrence Hill ward, east of Bristol city centre. The site of the former Great Western Cotton Factory, it is a mix of residential streets, green spaces and a trading estate. On measures of the Index of Multiple Deprivation, it is among the most deprived areas in the country. Barton Hill is diverse with 55% of residents from non-white ethnic backgrounds and a large proportion of residents born in Somalia. The resident population is also young, with more than a third aged 0-15 compared with the national average of 19%.

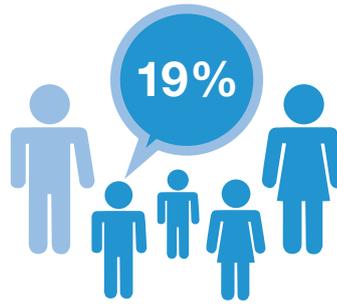
## Vital Initiatives

Independent community organisations are vital to engage local residents and develop community resources. Barton Hill Settlement has been supporting the neighbourhood and fostering local services for over a century. Similarly, Wellspring Healthy Living Centre supports the health and wellbeing of Barton Hill's residents, including offering services for people from diverse backgrounds.

In 2018 we awarded a grant of £8,000 through our Funding the Future initiative for Barton Hill Settlement and Wellspring Healthy Living Centre to explore how they can develop their work together and investigate whether a merger would benefit local people.

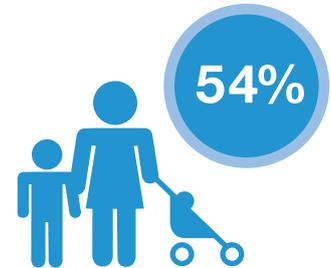
## Vital Statistics

### Barton Hill Area



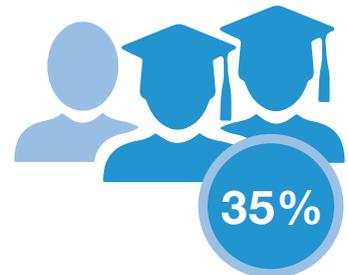
In nearly a **fifth** of households, no-one has English as a main language

More than **half** of households with children are lone parent families



**30%** of children in Barton Hill live in 'out of work' households compared with **17%** in Bristol

**35%** of residents have no formal qualifications

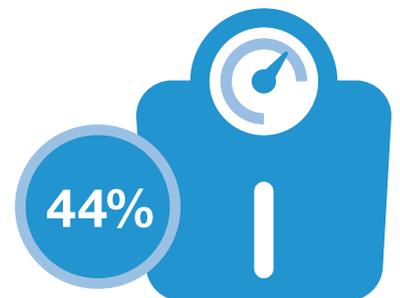


### Lawrence Hill Ward



A **fifth** of residents report difficulty getting by financially

**44%** of 10-11 year olds are overweight or obese



In a community research project by resident-led charity Up Our Street, **69%** in Easton and Lawrence Hill said there needed to be more evening activities for young people

# Twerton

## Bath & North East Somerset

Twerton is a ward on the edge of Bath, west of the city centre. With around 6,000 residents, nearly half the households (48%) live in social housing. Twerton is a mainly white British neighbourhood (89%) with a high proportion of lone parent households. Male life expectancy is 74 years, seven years lower than the Bath & North East Somerset average and the joint lowest in the West of England. Twerton has no community hub but is home to well-established local organisations including Bath City Farm, First Steps and Southside Family Project.

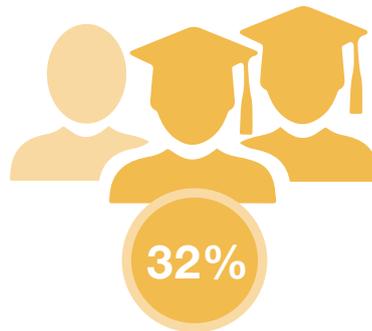
## Vital Initiatives

We've supported work in Twerton for years. Since 2013 we've awarded 44 grants worth over £240,000 to Twerton-based projects, slowly building capacity by developing local organisations and services. Recent research commissioned through Quartet and other funders identified how key organisations are keen to work more closely together and potentially develop a longer-term response to local needs.

To make this happen will cost around £400,000; we are currently working with other local funders to agree how best we can support local organisations to bring the community together and make it stronger.

## Vital Statistics

### Twerton



A **third** of residents have no qualifications, placing Twerton among the **10%** most deprived in the country on measures relating to education, skills and training

**23%** of 10-11 year olds in Twerton are classed as obese



More than **one in four** children live in out of work households compared with **14%** in England

Buying a house is out of reach for many: in Twerton the most affordable houses cost **£61,000** more than a resident on an average salary can borrow for a mortgage



Local organisations feel that the voice of residents is **not being heard** as loudly now as in the past

# Bournville Estate

## Weston-super-Mare

Often cited as one of the most deprived areas in the country, the Bournville estate is a community in Weston-super-Mare South ward. Construction of the estate began in 1927 but much of the housing dates from the 1950s and 60s; more than half (56%) is social housing. The area is home to a mixture of long-term and more transient residents. The estate has a strong community hub, the For All Healthy Living Centre, and a number of smaller local groups supporting residents' health, wellbeing and learning.

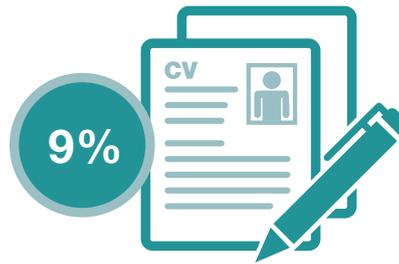
## Vital Initiatives

Over ten years we've distributed £1m in grants on the Bournville estate through the Fair Share programme to support local organisations, including the For All Healthy Living Centre. The programme has given residents the power to make their own choices about what projects to fund.

Today, our focus is on providing new responses to changing needs. Following the decline in statutory funding for youth projects, since 2011 we've awarded £76,500 in funding to groups like XTND-Improving Futures and Our Way Our Say to raise the aspirations, educational attainment and skills of children, young people and families.

## Vital Statistics

### Bournville Estate



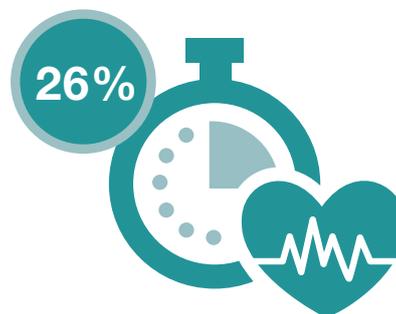
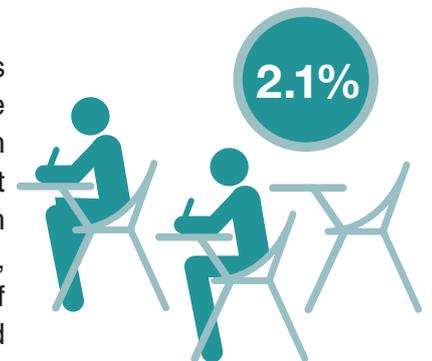
Unemployment is high on the Bournville estate: among young people aged 18-24, **9%** are unemployed compared to **3%** in England

**14.8%** of working-age residents are claiming Universal Credit due to having low or no incomes



More than a third (**36%**) of residents have no qualifications

Unauthorised pupil absences on the Bournville estate are the highest in North Somerset (and third highest in the West of England) with **2.1%** of sessions missed, compared to an average of **1.1%** for England



**26%** of people aged 16-64 are living with a limiting long-term illness on the Bournville estate, double the national average

Estimates indicate the Bournville estate has more than **4 times** the average proportion of green space than comparable areas



# Patchway

## South Gloucestershire

Patchway is a ward in South Gloucestershire, incorporating Patchway town, Cribbs Causeway and the new housing development of Charlton Hayes. Patchway is one of South Gloucestershire Council's 'priority neighbourhoods' for intervention based on levels of deprivation and poorer outcomes for residents. With new, and increasingly diverse, neighbourhoods in the area, community-building is essential to make sure that services match residents' needs and create strong, inclusive communities.

## Vital Initiatives

For over 20 years we've worked alongside Patchway's community hub, Southern Brooks Community Partnerships, to improve residents' wellbeing and offer opportunities. With new housing developments planned, Southern Brooks wanted to engage local people in deciding how their area develops.

We supported Southern Brooks with £5,000 to run a community consultation to develop a new community plan for Patchway, which will act as a blueprint for action and investment in the area. Now, working with our donors, we'll focus on helping residents to realise the goals set out in their plan.

## Vital Statistics

### Patchway Area



The area scores badly on the Index of Multiple Deprivation education and skills measures, with much of the area falling within the most deprived **20%**

**16.3%** of children in Patchway live in 'out of work' households

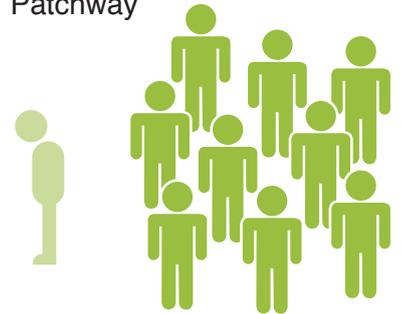


### Patchway Ward



**1 in 10** residents report feeling socially isolated

**43%** of people feel they cannot influence life in Patchway



As a place to live, **60%** rate Patchway as 'good' or 'excellent'

Community buildings are well-used, with **4 in 5** residents having visited at least one in the last 6 months



### South Gloucestershire



Life expectancy is **6 years** lower for men and **5 years** lower for women living in the most deprived areas compared to the least deprived areas

# Vital Steps

We've been working with our generous supporters to make life fairer for everyone in the West of England for over 30 years, but there's still much more to do. As well as the four communities featured in this report hundreds of other places need support. Here are ten steps you can follow to ensure your funding for local community projects does the most good.



At Quartet Community Foundation we work with local donors to help people across the West of England have a fair chance of a good life. If our Vital Signs report has inspired you to help local people to fulfil their potential please do contact:

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## VitalSigns



This Vital Signs report for the West of England is designed to analyse social need and inform philanthropic giving in our region. We hope it will stimulate a discussion around how we can work together to respond to the challenges we face.

Vital Signs is an internationally recognised tool for measuring the vitality of our communities and is used by community foundations across the world.

This report contains findings from current, publicly-available data and research that we have gathered into one easy-to-read report. In 2019 we will publish a full Vital Signs report showing all the data on our area across the ten key Vital Signs themes.

**To see the long version of this report contact Lucy Gilbert on 0117 989 7700 or [vitalsigns@quartetcf.org.uk](mailto:vitalsigns@quartetcf.org.uk)**

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