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INTRODUCTION 1

Enhancing the vitality and sustainability of Staple Hill high street.

South Gloucestershire Council, in partnership with Staple Hill and Mangotsfield Parish Council, have collaborated with Bath & North East Somerset Council and YOU&ME Architecture over the past year to develop this Place Plan for Staple Hill high street.

While Staple Hill continues to function as a successful local centre, there is an opportunity to better celebrate its story and reinforce a stronger sense of place for residents and visitors alike.

The high street benefits from a strong local economy, a thriving independent business sector and low retail vacancy rates. Its mix of shops, services and community facilities makes it an important local destination. Staple Hill's younger, more diverse population, higher levels of disability and greater reliance on walking, cycling and public transport highlight the need for accessible, inclusive and well-connected public spaces.

Public consultation has informed which improvements matter most to Staple Hill residents and visitors, working together to create a plan built around the ideas, needs and priorities of the local community.

Informed by public engagement with residents, businesses and stakeholders, this plan includes design ideas and recommendations for projects to improve the high street, with an action plan for short, medium and longer-term priorities.

South Gloucestershire Council and Staple Hill & Mangotsfield Parish Council, along with the community, will use this plan to scope projects, identify potential partners and help to attract funding.



View of Broad Street parade



Broad Street shops in their current condition



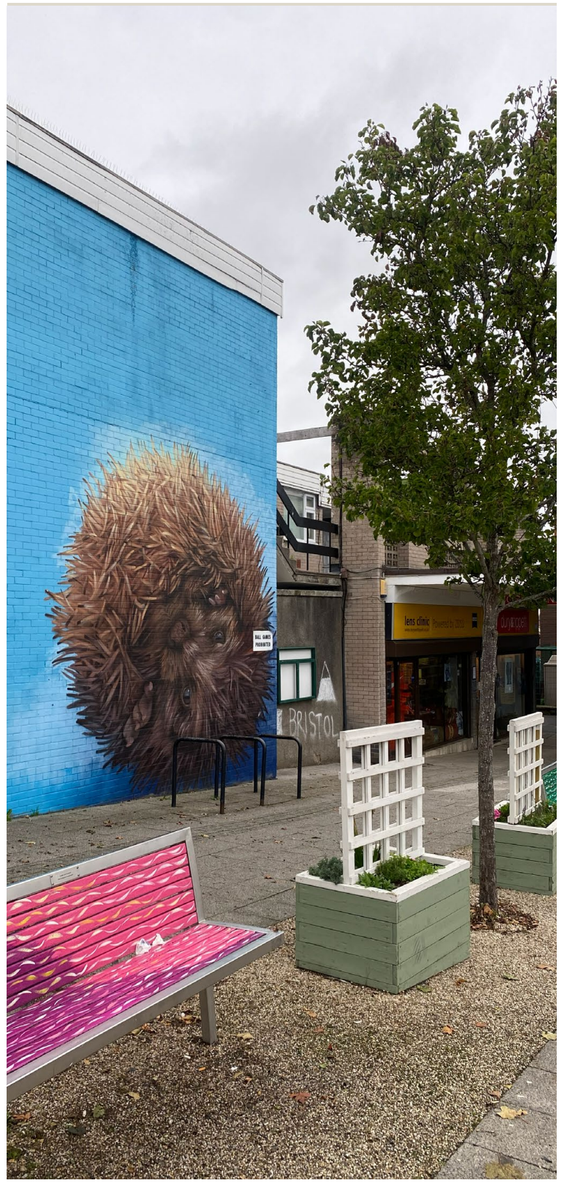
Fountain Square

Earlier funding has delivered a range of smaller cultural and placemaking improvements in Staple Hill including:

- "Help us Thrive" grants were awarded to six different businesses as part of an initiative to support high street recovery following Covid-19. Funded projects included the mural in Fountain Square, and an indoor skateboarding facility.
- The Vacant Unit Grant Scheme (funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund) was launched in 2021 to help new and existing businesses open in vacant properties on the high street.
- Greening the High Street grant scheme (funded by UK Shared Prosperity Fund) awarded the parish council with funds to support community planting on the high street and Fountain Square in 2024.
- Shop Front and Accessibility grants were awarded to businesses to improve access into and within their businesses, as well as making them more accessible in 2026.

The Council and Parish Council are looking to deliver more place-shaping initiatives that will build on these earlier interventions and incorporate fresh feedback from the local community.

As part of the Council's and Parish Council's commitment to engaging with the local people, this Place Plan has been shaped by a series of new public engagement activities, helping to create a comprehensive vision for Staple Hill high street.



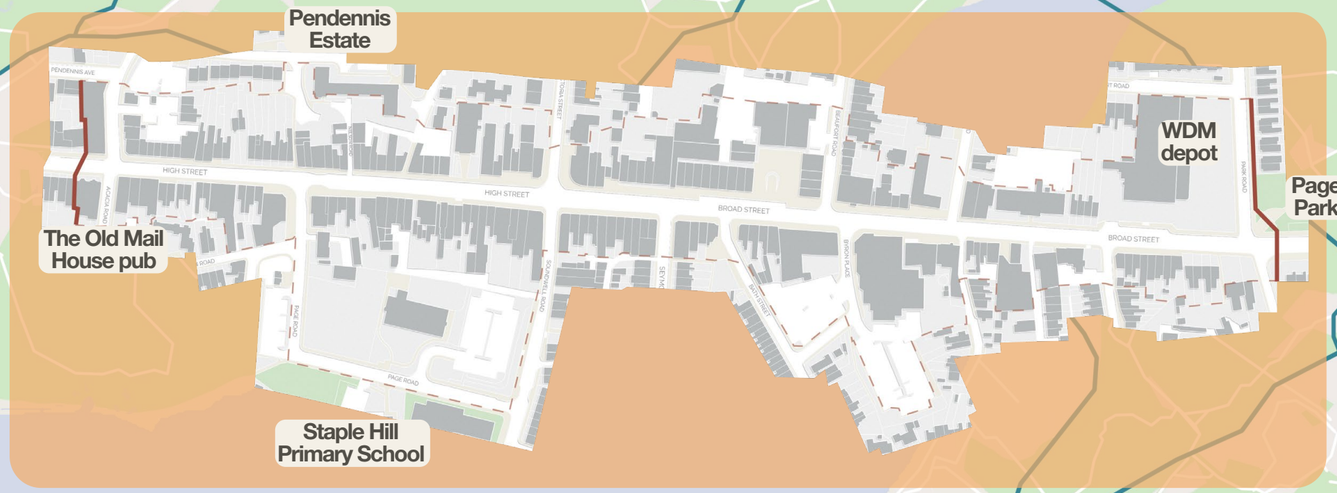








Above left: Fountain Square Mural
Above middle: Fresh Fruit & Veg high street display
Below middle: Portcullis Bus Stop
Above right: Staple Hill Library
Below right: Staple Hill Methodist Church



Site location

Staple Hill sits on the outskirts of Bristol, within the boundary of South Gloucestershire.
Together with Fishponds,Kingswood St George and Hanham, Staple Hill is part of a collection of urban high street areas at the east Bristol fringe.
Just four miles northeast of Bristol City Centre, Staple Hill has a combination of commuting professionals and students whilst maintaining a strong individual identity and community.
Staple Hill high street forms a distinct local commercial centre, with smaller nearby local centres in Fishponds and Downend. Bordering Mangotsfield to the east, the high street and the great asset of Page Park attracts visitors from the surrounding areas and beyond.
As a South Gloucestershire community, Staple Hill benefits from being part of the West of England Combined Authority, allowing the area to be well connected and future focused.
Staple Hill and Mangotsfield Parish Council was formed in 2023, creating a new opportunity for local community representation, improved local services, along with potential funding avenues.

GOD'S HOUSE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

PENDENNIS ESTATE

PAGE ROAD

HIGH STREET

VICTORIA STREET

SOUNDWELL ROAD

THE YOUF CENTRE

FOUNTAIN SQUARE

BEAUFORT ROAD

SEYMOUR ROAD

LIBRARY

SNAP FITNESS

DUCIE ROAD

TESCO

BATH STREET

BROAD STREET

WDM DEPOT

THE FORGE & FERN

PARK ROAD

LYDNEY ROAD

PAGE PARK

Aerial view of Staple Hill high street