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The Mayor's Guides of Bath

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The Mayor of Bath's Corps of Honorary Guides has been providing free walks to visitors to the City for 92 years. This talk will cover the history of the Guides, the various backgrounds of the guides and their role in Bath providing an opportunity to step into the shoes of the people who show Bath to the World: how they plan their tours, what themes they stress, and what most interests the people on their walks. It might even change where you take your visitors, and what you tell them.

Lindsay Flower is a retired physiotherapist and anatomy demonstrator who trained as a Mayor's Guide in 2017. She previously served as Training Manager in the Guides and is Chair of the Somerset and Wiltshire Advanced Motorists (SWAM) where she enjoys taking Associate members through their Advanced Driving Test.

Hugh Williamson had a career in oil and gas exploration before retiring to Bath in 2016. He trained as a Mayor's Guide in 2021 and now edits their newsletter, Guidelines. A tree enthusiast, he creates trails and leads walks for the Bath Urban Treescape team.