

# Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge Funding Case Study

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**Baschurch Playground, Shropshire.  
Owned by Baschurch Playground Trust**

**£2,500 for new  
play  
equipment**



*Fewer than a quarter of children regularly use their local 'patch of nature', compared to over half of all adults when they were children*

Baschurch Playground Trust was among the first in Shropshire to take advantage of the funding available through the QEII Fields Challenge. They had been planning to redevelop their playground; protecting the site under the QEII Fields Challenge was a vital step towards doing this. The funding was made available with the support of the Lord-Lieutenant and generous donors in the county.

*"Fields in Trust's grant has given a great boost to our plans to completely redevelop the playground, making it even more fun and a great place for families to enjoy themselves outdoors. It will also be made more accessible."*, said Bernard Leeden, Baschurch Parish Councillor and member of the Playground Trust.

Providing space for children to play outside is important for their health and development. Fields in Trust is delighted to be able to invest in sites such as Baschurch Playground to help develop the trend for exciting, outdoor childrens play.

*Adults stated that they played outdoors 40% of the time as children, children today only did this for 10% of their time (Natural England, 2009).*

*Please play on the grass!*