

# Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge Funding Case Study

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## Riverside Park, Perth

**Owned by Perth and Kinross Council**

**Successful applicant: £6,500 Scottish QE Fund to rediscover hidden gem**

### Clearing the cobwebs of history

Despite its location in the heart of Perth few people knew Riverside Park existed as it was so overgrown. With deep historical roots, the park holds an ancient burial ground as well as a century garden and the grounds of Wellbank House. Local school children, in partnership with Perth and Kinross Council chose the site for a Community Challenge project. They embarked on clearing the site as well as recording historical information uncovered during their work. They found a turreted stone garden structure with leaded windows that the children called 'Bellwood Castle'. Their vision is to restore the onsite 'castle' to its former glory as well as develop a therapeutic sensory garden.

**Fields in Trust funding has helped realise this dream.**



*"I'm delighted that the Council has received this funding from Fields in Trust for Bellwood Riverside Park. It will enable us to carry on rejuvenating this historic park in the heart of Perth, bringing it to life in an exciting project for all the community to enjoy. The funding will be used to create a sensory garden and restore the stone structures in the gardens" Cllr. Alan Grant*

### Involving and educating

Young people, often disengaged from mainstream education, have been actively involved in the planning, delivery, and evaluation of ground clearance and restoration work. The project has engaged the children with their local area as well as the natural environment and the site's heritage. There are further plans to use some of the funding to put together information publications for local visitor outlets, public libraries, schools, and museums. It is planned to have an information board constructed by the young people placed on site to inform about the project, the artefacts they recovered, and the little known site history which they researched.

*Please play on the grass!*