

Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge Funding Case Study

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Streatley Meadows, Berkshire. Owned by Heart of Streatley Charitable Trust

Preserving their heritage

In the first round of QEII Fields County Funds, Heart of Streatley Charitable Trust were successful in their application for funding. Their newly established Streatley Meadows, bordering the village's main street, is a vital element of the village's cultural heritage, preserving rare Berkshire chalk downland. It was to the borders of the site that the Heart of Streatley Charitable Trust first turned their attention, receiving £3000 from the QEII Fields Funds for fencing, access gates and specialist repairs to their 17th century flint wall.



Using local knowledge and skills

"We have received a grant from the QEII Fields in Trust to help us build an interpretation board. Ivor from Goring works in this area and has said he will help us put it together. Bob from Streatley has said he can help us construct it from locally sourced oak".

and local resources

"Scout's gate was found in a bad state half way back in the field. It was refurbished and relocated at the front of the field to enable a wider vehicular access that the narrow one which exists as farm vehicles have got wider over the years!"



Involving the community

Throughout, the process has involved many members of the local community – consultation over the plans showed 80% of the village wanted the meadow saved for future generations. Despite snow and poor weather they have managed to plant trees, set up new fences, restore their wall and gate!

Please play on the grass!