

The River Park - FAQs

What is the 'River Park'?

For the purposes of this project, the River Park is the river valley within Levenmouth, Fife. It's roughly 4km-long from the Cameron Bridge and Methilhill side of Levenmouth along to the coast at Leven and Methil.

The river valley goes by many names – some people to the south of the river call it the Dam. For the purposes of the project, we call it the River Park. However, everyone should continue to call it what they like – it's for you to explore and enjoy!

Who will look after the park when the project is finished?

Once the project is completed, Fife Council's Levenmouth Area Communities Team will take responsibility for the upkeep of the River Park. Additionally, they will oversee the training of local people in the skills necessary to maintain the park through the Green Skills Academy project.

Why are you cutting down some trees and bushes in the park?

Some trees and bushes are being removed to make way for new paths, open spaces, and improved access. This has been designed to improve how the natural environment functions. We are committed to protecting wildlife during the tree removal process. Any tree removal will be carefully timed to avoid the bird nesting season.

However, we will be planting more trees than we are cutting down. This allows for a more diverse range of plants, creating better habitats for wildlife and making the space even greener and more enjoyable for visitors.

When trees are cut down, why are some tree stumps (around 1m high) left behind?

Initially the tree is cut down leaving behind a stump, however the stumps will also be removed. The process of tree removal is easier when done in this way.

When will the work be finished?

The major construction work for the Nature Network and River Accessibility projects aim to be complete by spring 2026. There will be activities, events and smaller-scale improvements running in the park and surrounding area until spring 2029 through this programme.

How can the community get involved?

Community engagement has been fundamental in shaping The River Park, ensuring that local voices influence its design and development. We will continue to work closely with the community through events, activities and

volunteering opportunities throughout. Your input helps make this space the best it can be for everyone. If you'd like us to keep in touch with you, please complete this short form: [link to River Park Programme Expression of Interest](#)

How will the park support local wildlife?

The project is designed to increase biodiversity by introducing a wider variety of plants and habitats, such as woodlands and wetlands. These improvements will create better conditions for birds, insects, and other wildlife to thrive.

Will there be new paths for walking and cycling?

Yes, the park will include new paths connecting to the new rail stations, bridges and linking to the wider active travel network, making it easier and safer to walk, wheel and cycle in the area.

How can I stay updated on the project's progress?

You can stay informed by keeping up with our posts on [social media](#) and visiting the project's official website, where updates and news will be regularly posted: www.theleven.org.

How is the project funded?

This project has secured almost £3 million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and £850,000 from the Levenmouth Reconnected Programme for its delivery phase over the next 4 years. Additional match funding has also been secured from Fife Council, Diageo, SEPA and Green Action Trust. Further match funds secured will be announced in due course.

Who are the partners?

The River Park Programme is led by Green Action Trust, who are also leading on a few of the projects. The other project leads are Fife Council, Fife Coast & Countryside Trust and Archaeology Scotland. SEPA and Diageo are partners on the River Park Steering Group and Historic Environment Scotland are partners in an advisory capacity.