



Accessible and protected heritage



Attractive, wildlife friendly planting



An accessible and wildlife-rich river



Health and fitness facilities



A space for young people



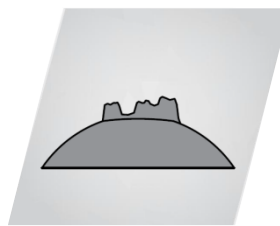
Riverside path to the countryside



Events space

# Castle Park

## A Heritage Lottery Fund Bid for Castle Gardens and Sworder's Field



### History

Castle Park will celebrate heritage with better access to Waytemore Castle. A specialist conservation plan will protect the ruins and allow people to safely climb the castle mound.

Education will be at the centre of the project, with a scheme of interpretation allowing people to learn about the heritage and the history of the park.

A new masterplan will give the castle a prominent position within the park landscape, as well an increased focus upon the River Stort, war memorials and the Victorian drinking fountain. Archaeology surveys across the park will explore any buried remnants of the past.



### Wildlife

A long term tree strategy will be adopted to manage the level of shading along the River Stort corridor, increasing habitat diversity and bringing wildlife into the heart of Bishop's Stortford. Improved visibility will allow people to interact and enjoy the river, which at the moment is largely hidden from view.

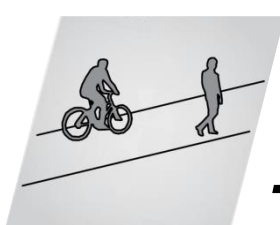
The landscape in Castle Gardens will be enhanced with attractive, designed wildflower displays. These will be both visually stunning and also hugely beneficial for wildlife.



### Activities

Castle Park will become a hub for events, as an open and recognisable space in the town centre. These will celebrate the heritage and biodiversity of the park, but also the various activities of groups around Bishop's Stortford.

Existing buildings in Castle Gardens could be repurposed to provide an improved community space alongside a café and toilets. In Sworder's Field, new and upgraded facilities will provide a range of different activities. This will include a focus on a space for young people.



### Landscape

New entrances will promote Castle Park as a destination point in the town centre, whilst a revised path network will allow movement between the different areas of the park.

A continuous path beside the River Stort will become an enjoyable sustainable transport corridor connecting the town with the wider countryside and with Bishop's Stortford North.

