



## Case Study

### Port Sunlight River Park

Location: **Wirral**

Size: **28 hectares**  
Client: **Biffa Waste & Unilever**  
the Land Trust's Role: **Project Management**  
From: **Landfill site**  
To: **Community Park**

**The transformation from landfill site to vibrant community woodland was a complex project led by The Land Trust, involving multiple partners and stakeholders.**

**It has been a major success, receiving praise from local communities and is now a well-used green space, enjoyed by people across the Wirral, widening the appeal and image of the area, locally, regionally and nationally.**

The Land Trust provided a cost effective exit strategy for the landfill operator, Biffa, as an alternative to providing ongoing, basic maintenance.

This enabled the operator to enhance its reputation, fulfil its corporate social responsibilities, remove a liability from its balance sheet, and provide certainty on its long term management costs.

Through the Land Trust's model of sustainable management, this park has now become a catalyst to boost the local economy, such as attracting potential employers to the nearby Wirral International Business Park.

The thriving park now provides access to open spaces for people and is a vital haven for wildlife, many of which reside in the adjacent SSSI area.

Day to day management is delivered by Autism Together and enthusiastic volunteers, providing important resources for education, offering regular events, bringing the community together and connecting people with nature and the outdoors.



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