

# Brown Institute Garden

## Introduction

Renfrewshire Council are developing proposals to reimagine the site of former Brown Institute, Renfrew as a new public space and garden. The proposals aim to honour the legacy of the Brown Institute and provide a new civic space for the local community which supports Renfrew town centre as a vibrant and thriving place.

## Garden Design

Initial designs for the new space enhance the site with hard and soft landscaping including pedestrian pathways, seating and a mix of native trees, shrubs and seasonal plants. 'Rain garden' features are also proposed to help with natural drainage.

A key element of the design is reuse of key architectural features from the Brown Institute, in order to maintain a connection to the site's history and to preserve Renfrew's cultural heritage.

Proposals include the reuse of red sandstone brick as part of new seating and to create totem features within the site, as well as integration of signage and plaques from the building.

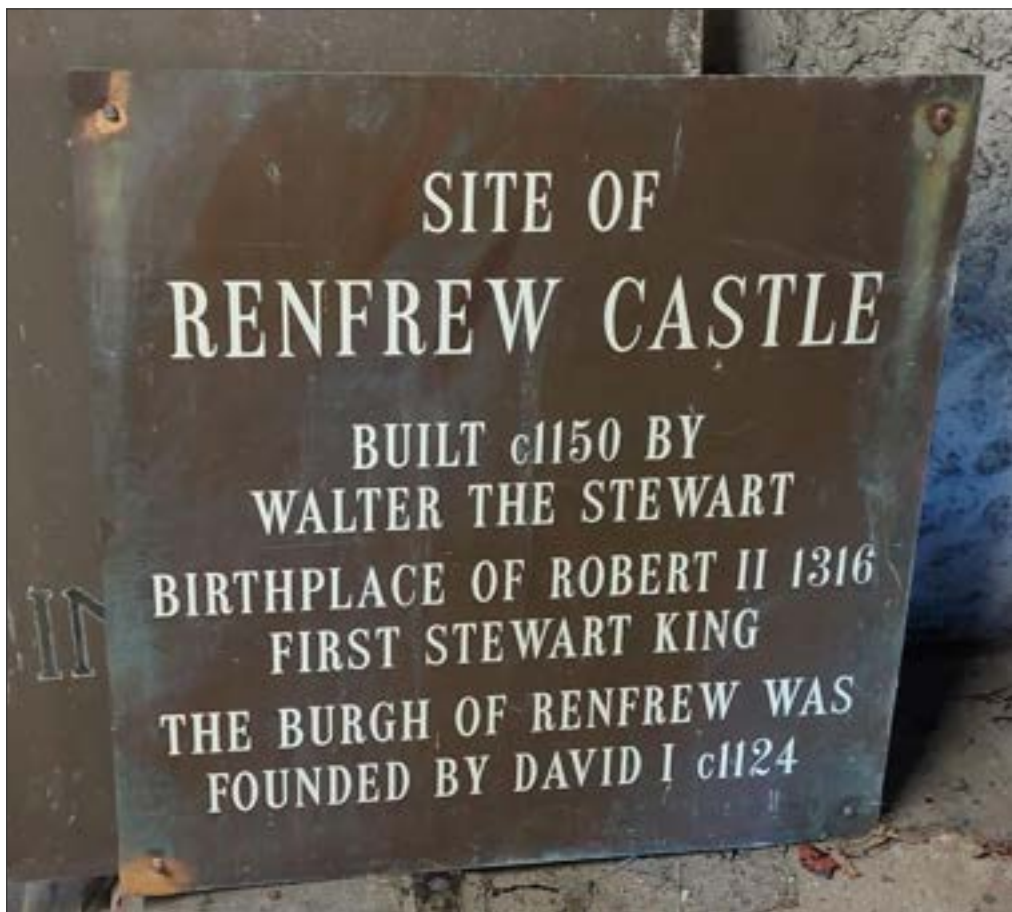
## Have Your Say:

This consultation gives an opportunity to have your say and shape the proposals for the new public space. The outcome of this consultation will be used to inform detailed designs, with a view to delivery in 2026.



## Re-Use of Materials

*Existing stone made into totems and placed within planting areas*



*Plaques from the Brown Institute building to be retained and embedded into the site.*



*Existing sandstone to be re-purposed into new seating*



*Existing stone to be used to create a series of rock gardens*



*Castle-like Wall elements to sit in planting areas*




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## Planting Palette

An indication of some of the planting that will be in the garden


Trees



Oak




Wild Cherry



Silver Birch

Shrubs



Heather



Shrubby Veronica



English Lavender

Grasses



Purple Moor Grass



Grey Sedge



Silvergrass


Herbaceous



Ragged Robin



Periwinkle



Fleeceflower

Bulbs



Dutch Garlic




Coppertips



Snowdrops

Ferns



Autumn Fern



Common Polypody



Hard Shield Fern

## Masterplan 1:100



## Section AA 1:100





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## Proposed Visuals



Re-use of historical plaque



Re-use of stone to create rock garden

## Precedent Images



Introduction of low maintenance plants and shrubs