

South Ayrshire College & Ayrshire College Partnership

Belleisle Park

How it all Started

- Belleisle Park Heritage Lottery Fund.
- Ayrshire College.
- Procurement – Community Benefit, Morrison Construction

Set Up

- Welfare Units
- Materials and Tools
- Scaffold
- Course Content
- Risk Assessments & Method Statement
- Communication

Works Undertaken

- Wall of the Walled Garden - £ 220k in 2017



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- Sundial



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- Low Wall



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- Step Works



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- Feed Store, Buttresses & Planters



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Challenges & Obstacles

- **Communication:**
internal/contractors/public
- **Health and safety**
- **Weather**
- **Covid**
- **Timing**

Wins

- South Ayrshire Council – money saving/"over and above" repair work/positive public perception/local workforce
- Ayrshire College – "real" training ground/alternative to college setting/"whole" work experience

Awards

- 2019 – Heritage Brickwork Repair programme with Morrison Construction and South Ayrshire Council highly commended in the Employer Connections category at the College Development Network Awards
- 2019 – Green Flag and Green Heritage award
- 2023 – John Mather Award



Prestigious award given to two apprentices

08 March 2023



Our first two female apprentice bricklayers in Scotland, Billie Murray and Chantelle Muir, are set to be announced as recipients of the John Mather Award at Ayrshire College this Thursday.

Each year, students within Ayrshire College receive the award which consists of new tools to enable them to make their way into the world of work without the fear of financial difficulties for essential equipment.

The award is organised by The John Mather Trust to continue John Mather's lifelong interests in arts and culture, entrepreneurialism and employability skills in the West of Scotland. Trustees make grants of up to £10,000 to a number of organisations each year, though larger amounts or multi-year funding can also be considered.



to work in partnership with Ayrshire College, first spotted in their work in the college and offered both their first taste of level 6 apprenticeship in bricklaying. The duo became the first bricklayers in the company in Scotland in September 2022, and are now working on new hire developments.

Polytunnel – October 2020

- Wet weather alternative
- Additional techniques
- Spacing requirements for covid regulations



How the Initiative has Developed

- Extended from a 2 yr programme to 7yr programme
- Additional “General Construction” course started 2021/22 in Belleisle
- Masonry Repair Course raised from a Level 5 to Level 6 course
- Developed a further 7 year programme at Corsehill.



Corsehill Estate 2023 to 2030

- 7 year project to renovate stonework and walls within the estate
- Signage
- Need for self contained work site.
- "Start from scratch"
- Hoarding with mural planned for early 2024.

