

Gannochy Summer Challenges

Celebrating the centenary of the completion of the first Gannochy homes, Summer 2024 has five weeks of Summer Challenges for Gannochy kids aged up to 12 years old. Take part as an individual or in a team or – it's up to you.

☀️ £50 donation each week to a charity chosen by the winner.

☀️ Bag of goodies for the winning entry each week.



Week 5

5 to 11 Aug

The AK Bell Challenge

Find out about AK Bell and why he designed and built the original sandstone housing. This week's challenge is to invite you tell us what you would do to help others if you had AK Bell's resources today.

Some facts

- Arthur Kinmond Bell was born on 4 October 1868 and died on 16 April 1942, aged 73.
- In 1890, aged 21, AK joined his father's business, Arthur Bell & Sons, and grew the company to great commercial success.
- His 'town house' was Kincarrathie House, now a Care Home beside Doo'cot Park.
- To address the pressing need for quality homes to rent in Perth, AK Bell bought Gannochy Farm and started building 146 red sandstone homes in 1923 and in 1924, the first homes were finished.
- With concerns for Perth's drinking water supply, in 1924 AK commissioned a study of options for sewage disposal in the Tay, a project which wouldn't complete until 1971.
- He built Doo'cot Park Cricket Grounds and created Doo'cot Pavilion in 1925.
- AK purchased Quarrymill in 1933 when it was a sewage works and an unofficial dump and instructed that it be kept "as a place of public resort".
- In 1936, he purchased Linen Manufacturer, John Shields and Co., saving 300 jobs and remodelled the business to save it from closure.
- In 1937, he set up The Gannochy Trust to manage the housing and wider Estate and to provide grant funding for the benefit of young people and communities.
- Late in 1937, AK Bell was given "The Freedom of the City and Royal Burgh of Perth" for his generosity to the people of Perth. In his acceptance speech he finished by saying "I am a great man for fresh air and this room is a bit stuffy. The sun is shining and the sooner we are out in the open, the better".

The Challenge(s):

This week, you have three options, and you can do just one, or all three, it's up to you.

Option 1 – AK Bell built homes in Gannochy which would probably cost 30 million pounds to build today. What would you do to help others if you had AK Bell's resources today?

Option 2 – What do you think is AK Bell's greatest legacy, and if you had the chance, what would you say to him about what he did for the Gannochy Community and Perth?

Option 3 – Draw a picture of a Gannochy scene for AK Bell.

Add your Team name here, and an address where you can be reached (Your team's name will be published on the Gannochy Trust website, but not your address):

Team name and address:

Adult contact name and tel. number:

Current Challenges, last week's answers, and winners announced weekly on Gannochy website. <https://www.gannochytrust.org.uk/gannochy-centenary-summer-challenges/>

Post this completed Challenge at 10 Gannochy Avenue by 5pm on Monday 12th August.

Thanks to Sandra Logan, Haddon Road, for the ideas and inspiration.

Spare Challenge Sheets can be picked up outside 10 Gannochy Avenue.

