

**RHS SCOTLAND COMMUNITY FUND 2014/15
PROJECTS SUPPORTED**

MAIN GRANTS

	Project/Location	Description	£ funded
BEECHGROVE PROJECTS - £10,000 to support 4 projects			
1.	East Haven Angus	<p>This project involved the creation of a communal community space on some featureless amenity grassland, incorporating new sea-themed planting, drystone seating and features, and a rescued boat.</p> <p>The project has been successful in bringing together the mainly older community, making them more active and sociable. The group entered the Beautiful Scotland Awards for the first time and were awarded best newcomer.</p>	
2.	The Wee Gardens Dunlop East Ayrshire	A village project to improve a disused park, with new planting and landscape features. The group continues to work together on the project, with community activities planned to engage residents with gardening and maintaining the site.	
3.	Auchencairn Community Garden Dumfries & Galloway	Creation of a community garden in a coastal village, featuring wetland planting, paths, wooden shelter and willow weaving.	
4.	Glenorchy & Innishail Community Garden	A community woodland and orchard in rural West of Scotland, the project involved tree and wildflower planting and path construction.	
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1.	Tarbert Community Healing Garden, Tarbert Health Centre Argyll (N West)	<p>Tarbert Community Healing Garden provides a relaxing and peaceful space within the Health Centre grounds, supporting a rural community. Their ethos is to use growing as a means to relax and offer a distraction from stress. They meet every Saturday morning and currently have 30 regular volunteers.</p> <p>This funding will pay for a Keder greenhouse/polytunnel to enable them to extend their growing space and their growing season, giving them a facility to start off their own seedlings.</p>	£1,305

2.	Can You Dig It West Dunbartonshire CVS (West)	<p>Community Allotment engaging with members of the community, some affected by illness, depression, low self esteem. Project values are working with people in therapeutic way; engaging different groups and encouraging food growing/healthy eating and this project will help them to support an increased number of volunteers at the allotment. They will aim to be self sustaining in the future by raising funds through sales of produce, to buy tools and equipment.</p> <p>This funding will enable the group to buy seeds, tools and equipment, including adapted tools to meet the needs of users with disabilities; this will also pay for first aid training for volunteers</p>	£1,629
3.	SPIRIT Advocacy Garden Project SPIRIT Advocacy/HUG (Action for Mental Health) Inverness (Highland)	<p>This group provides advocacy for people with mental health problems and learning disabilities. The aim is to create an edible, educational and mostly an enjoyable garden by providing; a safe accessible, outdoor space created by members; source of local, healthy, food; place to develop, engage, interact, build confidence.</p> <p>A grant will pay for wheelchair friendly raised beds, pots, planters, with flowers, veg, herbs etc. The garden will act as a 'try this at home' demo for members and be a catalyst for change and an example of greening in an urban and industrial part of Inverness.</p>	£2,030
4.	TCV - Space to Grow Glasgow	<p>Project by TCV in partnership with Cube Housing Association and the Wheatley Group to develop food growing initiatives in local communities. This is based on 2 sites at the Wyndford Estate, Maryhill Hub and Wyndford Drive Sheltered Housing. This project will focus on participants increasing physical activity, growing food and linking to healthy eating.</p>	£2,197
5.	Branching Out & New Buds Carlowrie Academy Edinburgh	<p>This funding will support the delivery of Restart's employability courses, which provide a safe place for people to come and learn about horticulture; provide support and mentoring, create a space for friendships, learning, mental relaxation and physical wellbeing. Since submitting the application, Carlowrie has started the process of becoming an approved centre to deliver RHS qualifications.</p> <p>A grant will pay for plants, seeds, module admin costs, tools, gloves etc.</p>	£2,000
6,	Greening & Growing the HMS Unicorn & City Quay Frigate Unicorn Dundee (East)	<p>This project will encourage local residents and volunteers to take part in gardening and growing activities which will enhance the City Quay area surrounding the Frigate Unicorn in an unloved and drab inner city area. The local residents association and Unicorn volunteers will install and maintain planters and benches throughout the area, bringing people together and working cooperatively within our community, encouraging an interest in growing flowering plants, fruit, veg and herbs. This will hopefully be a catalyst for a wider regeneration of the waterfront in Dundee in the future. The group will also work with Dundee Botanic Garden to explore ideas linking growing plants with sailors' diet in the past.</p>	£1,113

7.	Edible Buckhaven CLEAR Buckhaven Fife (East)	The group is working on 4 sites along their Orchard Trail to: Plant/extend community orchards; the project will involve planting attractive edibles in public spaces; promote home growing by demonstrating and distributing home growing kits - e.g. potato sacks, tomato/mushroom/salad boxes. This will be accompanied by regular volunteer events to plant and maintain edible beds and tree; training and demonstration events; interpretation to promote the scheme.	£2,200
8.	Greening the Gorbals Gorbals Healthy Living Network Glasgow	GHLN wishes to transform an area on the edge of a neglected park in the Gorbals into a community wildflower meadow, wildlife haven and communal growing space. Volunteers will gain useful skills in working on the space. They will plant native wildflowers and encourage wildlife to visit the site, helping people to learn about insects and food chains. They plan to grow traditional Scottish crop varieties on the site; they also plan to continue with other gardening projects on other sites in the Gorbals, increasing opportunities for volunteering, promoting community etc. They will construct raised beds, run horticultural workshops; use container gardening to support those living in high rise flats and mini multis. The project will support healthy eating in area of multiple deprivation.	£2,000
9.	The Grove Orchard Edinburgh	The group wishes to supplement their existing community garden on vacant land by planting a small orchard, consisting of 11 trees in planters. Planters will be mobile comprising pallet collars, lining material and topsoil. They will under plant with naturalising bulbs, add solar lighting and 2 benches to put amongst the trees to make it more usable in the autumn and spring. A grant will pay for pallets & pallet collars; soil and compost; fruit trees; lining; bulbs; builders sand; secateurs; benches and solar lights.	£1,500
10.	The Hermitage Garden, Autism Initiatives Edinburgh	The aim of the garden is to provide a safe and supported learning environment and meaningful active outdoor experiences for people on the Autism Spectrum. The project offers many activities including food growing, garden maintenance, site design, DIY, woodwork and outdoor cooking. This project will pay for the construction of large raised beds for participants with mobility problems, enabling them to grow vegetables, culinary and medicinal herbs, and more recently, cut flowers for sale to a local florist.	£1,000
MAIN GRANTS TOTAL FUNDING			£16,974
SMALL GRANTS			

1.	Blooming Bicycles Stirling Cycling Hub Stirling (Central)	The group wishes to install new grow boxes outside their cycling hub at the station, buying new herbs and edible plants; compost/watering can and tools etc. They intend to invite some of their cyclists to a planting session and signage will invite people to grow their own.	£100
2.	Community Polytunnel Forward Coupar Angus Perth & Kinross (Central)	Forward Coupar Angus has been gifted a polytunnel frame from a local grower and the group wishes to prepare for next season by purchasing new plastic, tape and equipment to make fit for purpose. This will help them to expand their growing activities in the future and enable them to grow tomatoes, peppers and chillies to sell at their weekly vegetable stall. This will also enable them to grow seedlings to offer to residents, and expand the range of the produce they can grow.	£300
3.	Medicinal Garden at St Bernard's Well Water of Leith Conservation Trust Edinburgh (East)	This will extend the existing medicinal herb garden near St Bernard Well, a monument and natural mineral well. The group will work with young people from Broughton High School and the grant will fund tools and plants for the project. They will plant native wildflowers which have a medicinal value to create an interesting feature bed along the walkway, an area of high visibility with many passers by each day.	£300
4.	The Richmond Garden at The Waterworks The Richmond Fellowship Renfrewshire (West)	The Richmond Fellowship is a centre supporting people with dementia. This project will enable the group to take on a site at the Waterworks project in Barrhead and start their own community garden. The grant will pay for a storage box, wellies and gardening gloves as starter kit for individuals they support. The group will involve approx. 20 young adults and older people, with dementia and mental and physical difficulties. They will aim to grow foodstuffs to donate to local food banks.	£300
5.	Muddy Buddies Interest Link Galashiels (Borders)	The project involves cultivation of 2 raised beds in Tweedbank to produce root vegetables leading to a 'Souper Supper' for up to 40 people at the end of the project in August 2015. The beds will be cultivated by 4 adults with learning disabilities and 4 volunteers, and this will be the first opportunity for most of the participants to get involved in gardening activities. The grant will pay for tools, gloves and seeds and the project will help the participants to learn life skills, gain confidence, new friendships and enjoyment in gardening.	£163
6.	Hope & Green Shoots Kitchen Garden Group HOPE (N West)	HOPE is a charity which provides food, shelter and companionship to vulnerable and marginalised people in Oban. HOPE runs a gardening group at the Glencruitten Walled Garden, a community garden in Oban, working with people affected by unemployment and mental ill-health. They would now like to grow food to be used in the HOPE Kitchen. In addition to supplementing HOPE's food supplies, this activity will support service users in learning about self sufficiency and promote healthy eating options. The grant money will buy tools, including adaptive ones for those with mobility problems, seeds, seedlings, compost & accessories.	£300
7.	Skills Path Gardening Project Saughton Park Edinburgh	Skills Path is newly established and aims to help adults with learning disabilities gain employability skills through gardening. The Group is working at Saughton Park, working with the Winter Gardens gardeners who are giving the group training to gain gardening skills. Funds will go towards fruit trees, soft fruit bushes, veg, seeds, tools	£300

8.	Playtime Early Years Eco Garden, Ayrshire (S West)	This early years group wishes to enhance and develop the outdoor garden area at their community centre with seasonal plants and a permanent sensory garden. This will help to support outdoor play and learning, linking into the Curriculum for Excellence. The grant will fund the purchase of planters, compost, plants and hand tools. This project will also benefit the wider community using the centre and passing by as it will enhance the local environment.	£284
9.	Strathmiglo Community Garden Fife (East)	Application for start up costs to turn a piece of neglected ground behind the public hall into a community garden. They wish to run weekly learning sessions for the RCHS Caley Award and run weekly nature nursery classes. Grant will pay for tools and wheelbarrow. The area is currently sprayed with weedkiller twice a year, so this will be an immediate opportunity to improve the environment for both wildlife and community, with a vision to grow local produce in the future.	£200
10.	Friends of Figgate Park Edinburgh	The group wishes to initiate a community gardening project to replant 4 flower beds which need improvement. The group will engage with park users to develop volunteering opportunities within the community. They wish to achieve a long lasting display lasting from spring until autumn. Funding will go towards plants.	£200
10.	City Centre Biodiversity Project Bonnie Dundee (East)	This project will build on existing work done by Bonnie Dundee in the City Centre, with the Council. Projects will include development of sustainable planting and biodiversity improvements, planting orchard beds with wildflowers and bulbs; summer bedding plug plants and additional planters. The funding will pay for wildflower seed, bulbs, annuals and perennial plants, bird boxes and bee hotels, promotional material to help promote volunteering with the group. This funding will help the group broaden its focus to include more biodiversity projects and sustainable planting.	£250
11.	PYC Garden Scheme Priesthill Youth Club Glasgow	The group won a clean Glasgow award for their kids' garden scheme and they now wish to work with 16-18yr olds concentrating on youth employability skills, including horticulture. 4 YP will be recruited in Priest Hill to clean up grounds in the area, to help tackle antisocial behaviour. They have a gardener doing basic lawn mowing and maintenance and the young people will support this. Funds will pay for wheelbarrow, brushes, equipment for garden tidy ups.	£300
SMALL GRANTS TOTAL FUNDING			£2,997
TOTAL COMMUNITY FUND ALLOCATED			£29,971