



**Central Scotland Green Network  
Community Project Fund 2012-13  
Details of Project Outputs and Achievements**

**Ayrshire**

CSGN CPF12-272 – The Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership has been awarded £942 to promote the 2013 Irvine Valley Walking Festival. The funding will be used to support publication of the programme and event costs.

CSGN CPF12-292 – Breaking Ground, has been awarded £2000 to purchase a polytunnel to allow the group to propagate and grow on seeds and plants that can be used within Eglinton Park in Irvine. The polytunnel will allow the group to be less reliant on purchasing and provide a way for them to be even more involved in improving the park through skills development and increased planting and growing opportunities. The seeds and plants will be used to create an adjacent wildflower area on what is currently a neglected area. The meadow will provide a haven for insects and demonstrate to visiting schools and groups what can be achieved through simple, but subtle changes to the local environment. This work builds on last year's CSGN-funded community gardening project.

CSGN CPF12-597 – Onthank Tenants and Residents Association, Kilmarnock has been awarded £2000 to install large flower planters and plant trees in three underused, local green spaces as part of their M.A.D. Gardening Project (make a difference).

CSGN CPF12-676 – The Friends of the Plantation group has been awarded £1994 to plant trees at Holm Plantation. The Plantation is situated in Ardrossan and Saltcoats with the Stanley Burn flowing through the park. Over many years due to flooding, vandalism and reduced maintenance, the Plantation fell into decline. The group was given permission by North Ayrshire Council to carry out and coordinate conservation activities to make the woodlands a safer place to visit, restore the original landscape which contained hundreds of trees, introduce soft landscape features that would improve the local environment and biodiversity of the site and engage the community into taking a more active role in their local area. The group will engage the help of local school children, a Duke of Edinburgh Award Group and the community with a planting day which is being planned for late February 2013.

CSGN CPF12-709 – Ardrossan Nazarene 150 Project, in partnership with Greenway Consulting (Scotland) Community Interest Company (CIC) and the Ayrshire Community Trust, has been awarded £1850 to create a peaceful community garden, where neighbours can meet and grow their own food, on what is currently a derelict site in Ardrossan. The Ardrossan Green Spaces 150 Project, which aims to engage disadvantaged young people in regenerating gap sites in the town into usable community green space, will recruit, train and manage volunteers from the immediate vicinity to create the garden.

CSGN CPF12-928 – Scottish Wildlife Trust, Ayrshire Members' Centre, has been awarded £2000 to improve access from nearby social housing to existing paths in Corsehillmuir Wood Wildlife Reserve in North Ayrshire. Funding will enable a graded entrance ramp to be created along with the installation of fencing, gates, way-markers and signage to help route people away from agricultural crops and sensitive habitats.

## **6 projects, £10,786 funding awarded**

### **Glasgow Clyde Valley**

CSGN CPF12-109 – Friends of Rouken Glen Park group has been awarded £2000 to help buy-in professional design expertise for its proposed garden within Rouken Glen Park, Eastwood. This will transform a largely disused and partially derelict training garden into a fully accessible, stimulating garden which to “delight all the senses”.

CSGN CPF12-336 – Howwood Primary School Parent and Teacher Association has been awarded £1842 to create a Community Garden within the school grounds. The garden will provide a place for children and the community to get together, meet one another, work with each other and learn from each other on a gardening project. Whilst each class will be responsible for looking after their part of the garden, the idea is that members of the community will help maintain the planters and teach the children about growing plants, vegetable and flowers. Funding will go towards seven large planters, one for each class in the school, a greenhouse, benches, a compost bin and a water butt.

CSGN CPF12-380 – Rotary Club of Allander has been awarded £2000 to work on a section of the Clyde Coastal Path in East Dunbartonshire. Building on work funded last year by the CSGN in West Dunbartonshire, this phase will complete a long distance route from the Mull of Galloway to Milngavie which will become part of the International Appalachian Trail Scotland.

CSGN CPF12-497 – Lamont City Farm, Erskine has been awarded £1400 to create the Charlie Doran Memorial Garden at the Farm. Charlie Doran was a founder member of Lamont Farm and its farm manager for many years. The Memorial Garden has been identified by the management committee, volunteers and supporters as the most appropriate way to celebrate his life, his love of animals and his contribution to the Erskine Community. The funding will be used to buy plants, tools and a memorial plaque.

CSGN CPF12-576 – Torrance Greenspace Group has been awarded £2000 to plant ten extra heavy standard trees around the Torrance War Memorial as part of its Street Trees Enhancement Project.

CSGN CPF12-791 – Urban Roots, Toryglen has been awarded £2000 to undertake the management and thinning of 1.6 Ha of Malls Mire Community Woodland. This is the only woodland in the southeast of Glasgow and is of great value to local people. The thinning will improve an area used by the community as a social space and to host 'Forest School' sessions, opening it out so that it is safer and allows people to move more easily through the trees. The grant will also be used to create a 'wind-firm edge' to improve the stability and safety of the whole woodland as well as creating more diverse habitats.

CSGN CPF12-823 – The Friends of Old Station Park group has been awarded £2000 to create a 'wild' space for imaginative, informal play on an embankment in Old Station Park. The Park is part of a wildlife corridor in the West of Glasgow. The embankment project aims to provide a natural place for children to play imaginatively and explore their environment to counter-balance the formal play space which already exists. Funding will also be used to create a growing space to encourage wildlife, improve the Park visitors' experience and provide storage space for tools presently kept in a local shop.

CSGN CPF12-853 – Kilmardinny Playpark and Loch Scheme (PALS) has been awarded £2000 to upgrade a 200m length of path through woodland within the Kilmardinny Loch Local Nature Reserve, a well-used area of greenspace in Bearsden. The work will create an all-weather, circular route through a small area of woodland and along the lochside. The improved path will allow visitors to experience some very striking veteran trees that are not obvious from other existing paths.

CSGN CPF12-858 – Lochwinnoch Millennium Events Group (LMEG) has been awarded £2000 towards its 'Bee Active for Wildlife project' which provides opportunities for young people, their families and the wider community in Lochwinnoch, Howwood and Kilbarchan to create and maintain local green spaces. The funding is being used to buy and plant native bulbs, wild flowers, hedging plants and trees to enhance the local green network as a way to increase community involvement, reduce vandalism and increase biodiversity.

CSGN CPF12-877 – Eadha Enterprises, based in Lochwinnoch, has been awarded £1790 to organise and conduct an Aspen Tree Day to promote native aspen to the wider public and to undertake a tree planting event to involve people in practical conservation work. Aspen is a locally threatened and LBAP species and the project will lead to the creation of a sustainable population of aspen in the Castle Semple Loch/River Calder system and will immediately improve the riparian habitat along the river. The trees will provide a future source of seed and suckers to allow future expansion and will help to stabilise the banks of the river to preserve an important local footpath which is at risk of erosion. The event will be supported by the RSPB Scotland and Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park and advertised by both organisations.

CSGN CPF12-924 – Forth and District Initiative Group has been awarded £1547 to create a wooded area and wild flower meadow at the heart of the village of Forth, near Carluke, which will enable all ages to learn and enjoy woodlands and wild flowers whilst encouraging wildlife. In particular, children from the local school asked for a woodland to be planted near to their school so that it can be used as an outdoor classroom. The funding will be used to purchase and plant a number of large trees.

## **11 projects, awarded £20,579 of funding**

### **Forth**

CSGN CPF12-27 – Hawkhill Community Group has been awarded £1888 to develop the Hawkhill Community Garden in Alloa. The local community, many of them young people, will design and create the garden. It will include an area for wildlife and a seated area so older community members can sit in and enjoy the garden too.

CSGN CPF12-355 – Westquarter Wildlife Group, Falkirk has been awarded £2000 to create a 'Woodland Wander' in the Glen. The work centres on the clearance of *Rhododendron ponticum*, which is now widespread throughout the woods, and path improvements. Working with TCV volunteers, the group will use the funding to

remove and treat Rhododendron from specified areas to allow appropriate trees and ground flora to be re-established, to brash trees and Laurel adjacent to paths and woodland thresholds to provide a more open and welcoming woodland for local people and visitors, and to address the sections of deteriorating path.

CSGN CPF12-375 – Bespoke Community Development CIC has been awarded £2000 to build additional cycle features at Bespoke Cycle Trails in Falkirk. This is a 13km network of cycle trails built by Callendar Estate which is attracting a lot of use. These new features, which will be built as opt in features, will allow users to progress from beginner to more advanced mountain bikers. The CSGN funds will be used to purchase/hire materials, tools and equipment and will be carried out by Bespoke volunteers.

CSGN CPF12-439 – Communities Along the Carron (CATCA) has been awarded £2000 to create a heritage and nature trail along the River Carron between two local footbridges on a scenic part of the River Carron at Denny. Working with a local school, the group will use the funding to install two benches and interpretation panels about the flora, fauna and local heritage of the area.

CSGN CPF12-591 – Larbert and Stenhousemuir Environmental Response group (LASER) has been awarded £2000 to install two interpretative, bespoke benches to commemorate the former Carron Iron Works. The seats will be designed in part by the local secondary and will be positioned along the path along the lade which used to supply water to the furnace area of the works.

CSGN CPF12-800 – Alva Glen Heritage Trust has been awarded £1983 to increase volunteer capacity in the management of the woodlands in the Glens of Alva. The Trust's objective is to change the woodland to a more semi-natural environment, improving it for both amenity and biodiversity. The Trust will buy tools and first aid equipment to enable more volunteers to be engaged in environmental action and in appreciating the outdoors. The grant from CSGN will help the group to manage and re-plant the existing woodland, remove non-native species and make the glen more appealing to both local people and visitors.

CSGN CPF12-831 – Alloa Park Residents Association has been awarded £2000 to realign a footpath along a section of the Black Devon River at the Alloa Park Development. Many local people use the riverside walk, following improvements to the access point to the river funded by CSGN last year. However, in one section the path is close to an unstable section of banking which also tends to be flooded when the river is high. The funding will be used to create a new safer route away from the bank.

CSGN CPF12-838 – Friends of Plean Country Park has been awarded £2000 to hold volunteer days over the Autumn and Winter months, under the banner "Make a Difference and More at Plean Country Park". Working in conjunction with the Stirling Council Ranger Service and Forth Valley Orchards, the group will run four volunteer action days which will include training on path drainage, vegetation clearance, orchard-pruning, repairing drystone dykes, laying a hedge and creating a wildflower garden.

## **8 Projects, awarded £15,871 of funding**

## **Fife**

CSGN CPF12-244 – CLEAR(Community-Led Environmental Action for Regeneration) has been awarded £1183 to plant a variety of native trees, native heritage fruit trees and wild flowers at the Braes of Buckhaven, a town in Fife's Levenmouth. As well as yielding a free source of healthy food, the planting will provide a beautiful natural backdrop to the town and help maintain stability of the slopes to mitigate erosion.

CSGN CPF12-472 – Craigenalt Rural Community Trust has been awarded £2000 to upgrade the Burnside Path at Kinghorn Loch, Fife. This will provide all-year-round access to the network of paths surrounding the loch.

CSGN CPF12-743 – The Ecology Centre at Craigenalt has been awarded £1760 to improve derelict land at the east end of Kinghorn Loch, Fife for the benefit of the community, visitors and the local economy. The site is currently overgrown and abandoned attracting antisocial behaviour. The Ecology Centre intends to build a new base (on part of the site) in coming years but in the meantime wishes to work with local volunteers and trainees to create an attractive recreational space that people can walk to from Kinghorn. The funding is being used to plant trees and shrubs, create habitats for wildlife, present training opportunities for the young unemployed people that the group works with and to offer volunteers a greater say in managing the site.

CSGN CPF12-943 – Rabbit Braes Development Group, has been awarded £1574 to get local children involved in building bird and bat boxes to be put up in Rabbit Brae, in the Templehall area of Kirkcaldy, and to have a general clean-up of the area to improve the look of the park before the summer starts. It is hoped this will allow the group to run wildlife walks through the park - day and night - to see the different wildlife and to instil a love for the environment in the hearts of people living in the area.

### **4 projects, awarded £6,517 of funding**

## **Edinburgh and the Lothians**

CSGN CPF12-103 – Sustaining Dunbar has been awarded £2000 to produce a leaflet and install signage to raise the profile of the Dunbar Growing Trail which highlights the various community gardens and food growing projects in Dunbar. The leaflet will illustrate the activities which take place at the community gardens and also indicate where wild food can be found growing wild. The signage will illustrate the types of food being grown, tell the story of how each site was established as a community garden and explain the benefits of growing your own food. A cycling/walking route will also highlight safe routes to the gardens.

CSGN CPF12-304 – Friends of Cammo group has been awarded £1826 to carry out improvements to the Pinetum at the Cammo Estate in Edinburgh. This project is part of an on-going series of works to improve the habitat and amenity of the Estate. The area has extensive areas of mature woodland (including an overgrown Pinetum containing several exotic 150-year-old specimen conifers) and grassland but little in the way of hedgerows, shrubs or flowering plants. The funding will be used to plant hedgerows, create areas of wildflower and to commence management of the Pinetum by replacing trees, clearing scrub, and providing additional space for young "endangered" species of conifers.

CSGN CPF12-413 – Bellsquarry Community Council has been awarded £1996 to reinstate a length of well-used path in Bellsquarry Birchwood, Livingston and to plant wild flowers on the meadow to the south of the pond and along the pond edge.

CSGN CPF12-537 – The Granton Community Gardeners group has been awarded £2000 to support North Edinburgh Harvest, a community gardening project in North Edinburgh. The funding will be used to purchase a range of tools, so that the group can accommodate more people working in the garden. It will also enable the garden to be improved to allow easier access to the vegetable beds for older or disabled people.

CSGN CPF12-937 – GreenFerry Trust has been awarded £2000 to improve the nature conservation value of Hopetoun Road Community Woodland and to provide a high quality landscape that the local community can experience and enjoy. The Community Woodland is the largest significant area of semi-natural habitat in South Queensferry. The project will involve planting native woodland tree species to increase tree diversity and native wildflower plugs and shrubs to encourage a more diverse scrub layer, removing scrub species such as Bramble and Wild Rose and pruning and thinning the woodland edges to improve habitats for planting. This work will be carried out in a series of five volunteer action days which will be delivered by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV).

**5 Projects, awarded £9,822 of funding**

**Total Number of projects supported – 34**

**Total Grant Funding Awarded - £63,575**