



# It's Your Neighbourhood

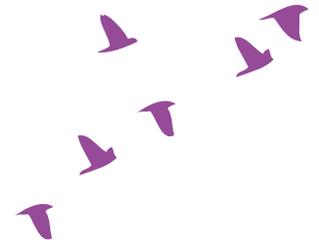
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It's Your Neighbourhood, a flagship programme of Keep Scotland Beautiful, is a community environmental improvement campaign managed in partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) under the Britain in Bloom campaign.



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It's Your Neighbourhood is designed to attract volunteer-led community groups which are cleaning and beautifying their neighbourhoods, whether through community allotments, after school wildlife clubs, school eco-groups, friends of park groups, or adopting pieces of derelict land. Keep Scotland Beautiful supports and encourages participating groups from across Scotland, and rewards them through a series of certificates to acknowledge the good work being done on behalf of their communities.

It's Your Neighbourhood runs alongside the Beautiful Scotland campaign but is non-competitive and is based on the three pillars of community participation, environmental responsibility and gardening achievement.



**Community  
Participation**



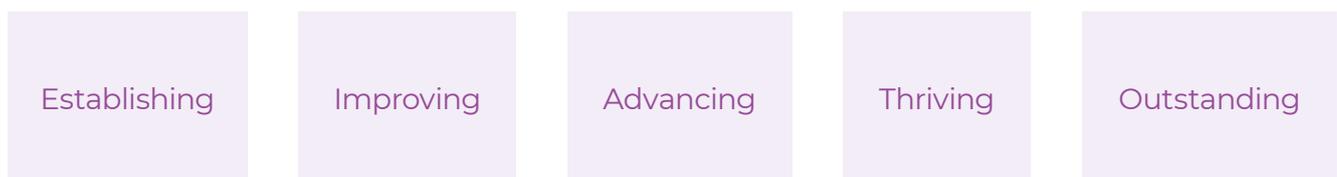
**Environmental  
Responsibility**



**Gardening  
Achievement**

Many It's Your Neighbourhood groups now work with Beautiful Scotland groups to add value to enhancement initiatives in villages, towns and cities all over Scotland.

There are five levels of achievement to encourage groups to progress. These are:



# Certificates of Distinction

We are delighted to award 40 of this year's It's Your Neighbourhood groups with a 2018 Certificate of Distinction. The certificates recognise groups which have consistently grown and improved over the years of taking part in the campaign. To be eligible for a Certificate of Distinction, a group must have participated in the campaign for at least four years and achieved the 'Outstanding' level in the current year, or moved up at least two levels since first entering.



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# Entrants and achievements

## Aberdeen City

### Airyhall School

#### Outstanding

Airyhall School is committed to being eco-friendly and pupils meet regularly to discuss ideas to maintain and improve this. A successful allotment provides produce which children use for cookery sessions and give to parents. A letter to Aberdeen City Council requesting them to stop providing plastic straws with school meals has resulted in this practice being stopped.

### Alcohol and Drugs Action Recovery Garden Project

#### Outstanding

This project is for anyone at any stage in recovery from alcohol or drugs related issues. A sale of crafts and produce from the group's polytunnel has helped raise funds to buy further plants and seeds. The group successfully maintains a raised bed in the city centre, a space dedicated to those who have lost their lives to addiction and related illness.



Alcohol and Drugs Action Recovery Garden Project



Fittie Community Development Trust

### Castlewood Gardens

#### Advancing

Castlewood Gardens was formed to enhance council-maintained areas between two multi-storey blocks that were previously sheltered housing. The group regularly carries out and attends various litter picks throughout the year, including the Clean Aberdeen 24 hour Glitter Pick. The introduction of rhubarb plants has resulted in jam!

### Cummings Park Community Flat

#### Outstanding

The community flat has a community garden which is kept purely by volunteers. With good gardening practices being used, a successful crop of various fruits and an abundance of beautiful annuals have been cultivated. The success of this group has not gone unnoticed and it was awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service earlier this year.

### Denburn Court Resident's Association

#### Thriving

Denburn Court Resident's Association represents residents' views about the maintenance of Denburn Court and the safety and welfare of residents. Despite a challenging location, the group grows fruit, vegetables and has a herb garden. An honesty box is provided for residents who wish to pay for produce. Residents have various ideas, including a mural which work has already begun on.

### Fittie Community Development Trust

#### Outstanding

Fittie stands at the mouth of the river Dee where it joins the North Sea. The village has a unique cottage garden feel, with the majority of residents taking great pride in their own growing spaces. The diverse range of gardens and plant species throughout the village ensure each visit provides a new gem to see!



Friends of Duthie Park

### Friends of Duthie Park

#### Outstanding

Duthie Park is a well-loved and well-used space in Aberdeen City. The group supports activities in the park and carries out various projects, some of which are of an educational and environmental nature.

### Friends of Hazlehead

#### Outstanding

This organisation provides a voice for the local community in the regeneration and improvement of Hazlehead Park. The group is looking at improved provision of the park's toilet areas and continues to develop this with the council. An intergenerational play park is being considered to include dementia and autism friendly areas, outdoor table tennis, skate park and adult exercise machines.

### Friends of Johnston Gardens

#### Thriving

The group was established to help enhance Johnston Gardens, by assisting Aberdeen City Council with planting and maintenance. It is important both to gardener and Friends that the balance that exists in this very mature garden is not upset, and consultation is thorough before changes are made. It is important to the group to maintain the therapeutic benefits of the garden.

### Friends of Seaton Park

#### Outstanding

This group works in partnership with Aberdeen City Council to ensure the park is a rewarding space for everyone to visit. The group has worked on several projects including formalising naturally occurring wetlands, encouraging diversity of wildlife, re-establishing paths to create walking and cycling routes, and refurbishing the much-loved ex-gas board engine (Mr Therm) for children to play on.

### Friends of Sunnybank Park

#### Advancing

'Keeping the sunny in Sunnybank' – Sunnybank Park is a community park serving the areas of Sunnybank, Froghall, Powis and Old Aberdeen. It is run by a local community-based charity called the Friends of Sunnybank Park.

### Friends of Victoria and Westburn Parks

#### Outstanding

The group was formed to help the local authority bring the park back to a standard that is an asset to the community. On the site of a derelict greenhouse, a very successful wild flower area has been cultivated which is seen from most corners of the park. The group plans to introduce a water supply to the sensory garden area.

### Friends of Walker Dam

#### Advancing

A group maintaining an area of wildlife interest in the Aberdeen area. The promotion of correct feeding for ducks and wildfowl has resulted in the most successful year yet of establishing these creatures. The group continues to employ good gardening practices appropriate to the surrounding area, for example the planting of a mixed hedge.

### Friends of Westfield Park

#### Advancing

The group is passionate about improving and enhancing this park and involving the local community with this. The group has recently held volunteer sessions including a series of litter picks and bulb planting with local primary schools – a great example of clean up and green up! It has also reclaimed overgrown pathways and opened up fenced off areas.

### Garthdee Field Allotments Association

#### Outstanding

The association has 110 allotments and a community garden, comprising an orchard, herbaceous borders, wild flower area, toilet facilities, communal compost bins, a polytunnel and internal paths. Its main priorities are to promote green and sustainable garden practices, food security and spread the advantages of allotment holding into the wider community.

### Gerrard Street Baptist Church

#### Improving

The church is surrounded by hi-rise buildings with stark concrete. The group has made a huge effort, planting a wide range of plants throughout to brighten up this dull environment. It hopes to continue to develop the area and start a gardening club in an attempt to involve more residents.

### Gwen's Garden

#### Improving

The garden is in memory of Gwen Robertson who was an inspiring member of the community. The group is creating a beautiful space that will represent her beautiful outlook on life. It hopes to provide an area where people can come together to promote community spirit and local produce.



Hazelhead Primary School

### **Hazelhead Primary School**

#### **Outstanding**

Awareness of wildlife is good – the school has bird feeders and boxes in its wild garden, and pupils know that both deer and red squirrels, among other wildlife, visit their grounds. Vegetables and herbs are grown and used in school cookery sessions. Litter picks are organised regularly and prizes are awarded to those who collect the most litter.

### **Kittybrewster Nursery School**

#### **Improving**

The school is planning to improve an outdoor space (concrete playground and a grassy area) into a stimulating outdoor learning environment for the youngest pupils, aged three to five. The school aims to get the children, their families and the school community involved in the project.

### **Lord Hay's Court Gardeners**

#### **Advancing**

The group is transforming a grass area into a garden area with seating, wind breaks and seasonal bedding and shrubs. This will hopefully improve the wellbeing of the residents and improve the general appearance of the surroundings. The local council landscape department donated planters which the group plants and maintains all year.

### **Middleton Park School**

#### **Advancing**

The children regularly undertake litter picks in the area and sort and recycle the waste they collect. They grow a variety of vegetables in the garden which are used in the school kitchen, giving the children a good understanding of where their food comes from. A bug hotel has been introduced where various insects have been seen visiting!

### Nether Loirston Growers Association

#### Outstanding

This group has a strong management committee and the support of all growers, including a local primary school. The group helps maintain the community areas by weeding and hedge trimming. As an established and valued part of the community, the group gets involved in the local annual Cove Clean Up and takes a stall at the Cove Gala.

### Oldmachar Academy Parent Council

#### Improving

The parent council is working with staff and pupils to transform a large quad into a place where pupils will want to be. It hopes the quad will become a social area and a fantastic space for outdoor learning. There will be seating, a performance area and a gardening area, as well as planting to encourage wildlife to make the quad their home.

### Skene Square School

#### Advancing

The Green Fingers Gardening Club has been working hard to create a beautiful and green space. The school is taking part in an edible trail in Rosemount and is growing fruit and vegetables in addition to bright flowers. It is working with One Seed Forward to grow potatoes and has a link with the local community centre. It is an RHS school and is very proud to have just achieved its Level 3 award.



Hazelhead Primary School

### Slopefield Allotment Association

#### Outstanding

The association manages the council allotment site on a daily basis and provides a social hub for the plot holders as well as engaging with a local school which has a plot on site. It also takes part in biodiversity projects. This group contributes produce to a local charity which sells allotment produce to the public at local public parks.



Innellan Wildlife Watch Group

## Aberdeenshire

### Kincardine O'Neil in Bloom

#### Outstanding

The group in Kincardine O'Neil has been in existence for 13 years, working alongside local residents, Aberdeenshire Council and the local estate to enhance the village. Partnerships have been achieved with the local authority, the owner of much of the land in the village, the bowling club and Raemoir Garden Centre.

## Angus

### Arbirlot Community Trust

#### Thriving

Arbirlot Community Trust works to improve the local environment in and around the small village of Arbirlot on the outskirts of Arbroath. The group is currently working on improving the local path network that follows the Elliot Burn. It is also working with the local church to utilise the church hall into more of a community hub.

### Forfar Open Garden

#### Outstanding

This is a therapeutic garden nestled beside Forfar Loch Country Park in its own walled garden. It is open to all and also by referral. It has skilled gardeners working hard making it a peaceful place to garden, either on a drop in basis by yourself or as part of regular volunteer days. The group sells plants and welcomes people to sit and enjoy.

**Keptie Friends****Thriving**

The group is re-opening a historic well to feed fresh spring water into the pond, as currently the pond fills only with ground water. The hope is this will tremendously improve the state of the water in the summer months. Already the group is seeing improvements in the bird population, including six or seven herons and, with fresh water, it hopes to see real change for the better.

**Kirrie Connections****Thriving**

Kirrie Connections is a dementia friendly Kirriemuir project which also runs a dementia therapy garden in the town. It is open for anyone to enjoy and is a working space where people living with dementia and their carers can take part in gardening activities. Local Cubs and Brownie packs have donated planters and have in return received "Dementia Friends" training from Alzheimer Scotland.

## Argyll and Bute

**Cowal KSB Network – Route 489****Outstanding**

'Route 489' is the local bus route that connects ten rural communities within the Cowal peninsula. The Cowal KSB Network is promoting engagement with the three pillars of It's Your Neighbourhood in a creative and innovative way across all ten communities. Many bus shelters along the route have a planter or a hanging basket to enhance the area and to highlight their participation in the project.

**Innellan Wildlife Watch Group****Outstanding**

This group provides an important learning environment and a haven for wildlife. The school is surrounded by wildlife which allows the children to learn about the creatures in their natural habitat. The vast array of vegetables grown in the grounds are cooked for the children in school, giving them an understanding of their food and where it comes from.

**Shore Sweepers****Outstanding**

As the name suggests, Shore Sweepers is a group of volunteers which undertakes beach cleans along a ten mile stretch of the Cowal Peninsula. Recently it has expanded and is now clearing and planting in neglected areas. The way that Shore Sweepers has embraced the whole community and inspired new people is to be commended.

**Strachur Memorial Hall Committee****Thriving**

Strachur Memorial Hall is set in extensive grounds and is the hub of the community, providing activities for all age groups. There is still refurbishment and restoration of the area to be done, but a huge amount of work has been completed to clear and restore the area, as well as good practice planting.

**Toward Sailing Club (SCIO)****Advancing**

This club is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) situated in an area of outstanding beauty on the Cowal Peninsula. With 60 people participating this year in it's annual beach clean, the club succeeded in cleaning a large area of the beach. Volunteers should be commended for the work they have done to make it a much-valued community space.

# City of Edinburgh

## Friends of Calton and Hillside Area

### Improving

A diverse team of local volunteers work together to help restore and develop the gardens to appeal to people of all ages and abilities – local residents, walkers, joggers, visitors and tourists. The group has been working with the Edinburgh World Heritage Trust and the City of Edinburgh Council to improve and maintain these historic gardens.



Friends of Starbank Park

## Friends of Granton Castle Walled Garden

### Advancing

Friends of Granton Castle Walled Garden, from North Edinburgh, campaign to safeguard and restore a derelict late-medieval walled garden. Despite limited resources the group has made significant progress in areas of the garden that are not out of bounds due to an unstable wall.

## Friends of Main Street, Balerno

### Thriving

Friends of Main Street, Balerno is a community group, formed in April 2017 as an offshoot of Balerno Village Trust. The group is committed to ensuring the planted areas are looked after and well maintained. One of the garden areas produces vegetables, which are sold at the local farmer's market. Any surplus is donated to local charities, mainly the church cafe.

## Friends of St Katharine's Park

### Advancing

The group's aim is to maintain and improve the green space known as St Katharine's Park by working closely with the City of Edinburgh Council parks team. The group improves the appearance of the park with regular litter picks and park maintenance duties that include flower planting, tree planting, maintaining paths, installing park benches and other park facilities.



Newhaven Heritage Community Gardens

### Friends of Starbank Park

#### Outstanding

The group was set up in 2013 by some local residents who wanted to improve the council owned park, which had become somewhat rundown and overgrown. Members have great horticultural knowledge and expertise along with a good eye for design and planning. The park was awarded the Best Neighbourhood Park Award at the Horticulture Week Custodian Awards.

### Lochend Community Growing Project

#### Outstanding

The project, known as the 'secret garden', is a community gardening project in Lochend tucked away on a formerly derelict piece of land behind a block of housing. In the 52 raised beds there are a huge variety of vegetables and herbs being grown, along with flowers.

### Newhaven Heritage Community Gardens

#### Thriving

Newhaven is one of the villages of Edinburgh and possesses a rich heritage going back over six hundred years. With an enthusiastic group of 20 plus volunteers of all ages, Newhaven is just full of colour and vibrance. The children get involved with the planting and the elderly can be found pottering around at their leisure.

### The Lions Gate

#### Advancing

This is an urban permaculture project based at the Edinburgh Napier University Merchiston campus. It is working with students, staff, local community volunteers and researchers to develop two derelict spaces within the campus into inspirational, biodiverse gardens that nourish the planet and contribute towards improved human health and well-being.



Ardler Environment Group

## Clackmannanshire

### Sauchie Community Group

#### Advancing

Sauchie Community Group carries out a range of community functions working out of Sauchie Resource Centre. The group has used half barrels for the main street and planted a large number of daffodils at the entrance of the village. Funds are limited and it has been reliant on donations of plants and cuttings for the barrels. The group now has funding applications in place.

## Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar

### Grow Your Own Community

#### Thriving

The project runs a Community Garden and Allotments site for 40 growers. It is also setting up eight community growing hubs across the islands for 100 growers. It works with all the island schools to develop food growing facilities, supported by a full-time gardener.

## Dumfries and Galloway

### DG1 Neighbours

#### Thriving

The aim of the group is to maintain and develop the legacy of the street design project where the council, Sustrans and the community worked together to improve a run-down area. The group is working to further enhance the defined areas for the long-term benefit of everyone.

# Dundee City

## Ardler Community Garden

### Outstanding

This garden was created in an unloved, ugly space between the medical centre and the community centre. It has become a secluded haven filled with greenery and interest as beautiful fruit and vegetables grow throughout the season. Local groups and residents have taken on growing spaces with the support of a dedicated volunteer and council staff.

## Ardler Environment Group

### Thriving

Currently the group has able bodied people and two wheelchair members who help enormously with cutting back and planting in the four large tubs in the centre of the community area. It is re-laying the garden first started 14 years ago with fresh planting and small trees. The group also carries out work with local schools.

## Attic Community Garden and Orchard

### Thriving

This garden provides much needed social opportunities and develops the gardening skills of local people. It has enhanced and improved the biodiversity of the area and supplies fresh flowers and produce for the community lunch and other community events.

## Bonnie Dundee

### Outstanding

This group's work is evident all over the city centre, where it has added a splash of colour to many a dreich spot! A major talking point is the beautiful flower bed in the playpark adjoining the Overgate Shopping Centre, which was planted by children.

## Dundee Miley Group

### Thriving

The 'Miley' is an area rich in flora and fauna. The group has engaged with local schools, encouraging the area to become an educational resource for the pupils. Regular litter picks are held in the area and the provision of green dog poo bags at various points has proved successful.

## Friends of the Barnhill Rock Garden

### Outstanding

The group welcomes new members, their friends and the local community to its gardening team, talks and summer visits. Recycling and composting of garden waste, nesting boxes, red squirrel feeders and a 'bug hotel' show the group's desire to aid conservation. A fernery has been established and Friends propagate plants in the nursery for use in the garden.

## Menzieshill Gardening Group

### Thriving

This community centre based group is very sociable, organising garden visits as well as gardening alongside each other with the obligatory tea and biscuits! It encourages wildlife, with fauna friendly plantings on both sites, and care is also taken to net crops to avoid bird damage.

### **Ninewells Community Garden**

#### **Outstanding**

The group's mission is to promote physical activity and good health through community gardening, in an environment where horticulture supports wellbeing, therapy and rehabilitation. The garden is run by volunteers with the support of a garden facilitator, and is available at all times for public, patients, staff, community groups and garden volunteers to attend.

### **Queen Street Community Garden**

#### **Outstanding**

This beautiful oasis of colour, situated in a busy thoroughfare in Broughty Ferry, is cared for by a group of pupils from nearby Grove Academy. This year they have chosen to commemorate WW1 and have planted poppies in an area of the garden in honour of the fallen. The garden is well thought out, with plants and flowers chosen to suit the area.

### **Riverside Nature Park**

#### **Thriving**

This oasis for flora and fauna is approximately one square mile of reclaimed land and was once part of a landfill site. A composting toilet has been provided by the Riverside volunteer group. The lochen on the site is home to many migrating birds and, to date, as many as 150 species have been spotted in the area.

### **Shiell St Green Growers**

#### **Thriving**

This former waste land area is looked after by pupils from the eco-group at Grove Academy. Local residents and groups have proved very helpful for the group by donating bulbs and allowing them to use an outside tap. A pond is attracting new insects and frogs to the area.

### **St Francis Primary School – The Patch**

#### **Thriving**

St Francis Primary School has established a school allotment to grow fruit and vegetables and learn about biodiversity. The school classes use the allotment to grow plants and find out about nature and wildlife.

### **Tayview Community Garden**

#### **Outstanding**

The purpose of this group is to bring the community together, develop skills and provide support and comfort to the more vulnerable members. The food grown on the site is shared amongst the community and any excess given to causes in need. This area has pulled the community together on both a gardening and social level.

### **The Maxwell Centre – Every1's Garden**

#### **Outstanding**

The centre is totally inclusive, in other words everyone is welcome. Situated in an area of severe deprivation, the centre is not only a garden but also provides self-help groups and cooking skills for those requiring support. The club provides a safe area for children to learn about gardening during school holidays.



Riverside Nature Park

### The Unicorn Gardeners

#### Advancing

These gardeners look after and maintain the many planters situated in front of HMS Unicorn. They are involved with groups of young people, such as Sea Cadets, using their skills in the care and maintenance around HMS Unicorn.

### Uppertunity – The Circle

#### Advancing

Uppertunity provides a personal development programme and inclusive social opportunities for adults with additional support needs. The facility has several areas, from gardens to courtyards which attract various activities such as yoga and meditation classes.

### Whorterbank Community Garden

#### Thriving

The Whorterbank Community Garden was completed in August 2017 on a hidden green area of Lochee. There is an orchard and nuttery, together with 14 raised beds that are being tended by local residents to grow food. The group also has lots of soft fruit in the form of a hedge and a currant island.

### Whorterbank Tattie Patch

#### Outstanding

The Tattie Patch was just a rough, weedy space in a severely deprived part of Dundee. A kids' club is run there and the children wanted to grow some vegetables, so the group dug it over, put in a path and planted it up. The tattie harvest was so good it was featured on the STV news, and lots of local people got some to take home.







Milngavie in Bloom Allander Road Neighbourhood Group 'before'

## East Ayrshire

### Netherthird Community Development Trust

#### Outstanding

This garden is situated in a previous mining community close to the Ayrshire coalfields. It opens under Scotland's Gardens and has been visited by the charity's patron and her husband, Camilla and Charles – Duchess and Duke of Rothesay. The project is managed in an environmentally friendly manner with care to avoid the use of pesticides and care in the creation of wildflower areas.

## East Dunbartonshire

### Cairnhill Woods Group

#### Thriving

The group not only maintains and manages valuable community woodlands but also helps improve the local community, leading on various projects such as Bloomin' Westerton, Westerton garden suburb and more. It is also working to have the woods designated a Local Nature Conservation Site.

### Milngavie in Bloom Allander Road Neighbourhood Group

#### Advancing

This is a group, mainly from Allander Road, which under the auspices of the highly successful Milngavie in Bloom, is renovating a neglected garden area. It is a huge undertaking and requires working with and getting permission from the local council. The group hopes the project will involve more local residents, resulting in a community asset which can be enjoyed by everyone.

## East Lothian

### Climate Friendly Aberlady

#### Improving

Climate Friendly Aberlady is a volunteer lead community environmental project, hoping to make the village a more pleasant place to live, work and grow. Newly established vegetable boxes are growing a variety of fruit and vegetables.

### Glebe Greenspace Project

#### Outstanding

This is a group of enthusiastic people aiming to transform a piece of green space into an area enjoyed by the community. A variety of flowers, fruit and vegetables are evident within the green space, with the group extremely proud of its efforts.

### Growing Matters

#### Advancing

Growing Matters operates under a 25 year lease in Gilmerton House Kitchen Garden. This six acre walled garden is where the group aims to maintain and improve mental and physical well-being through contact with growing, the soil and plants.

### The Ridge

#### Outstanding

This walled garden is hidden down a close off the High Street on land leased from East Lothian Council. The garden is cared for by part-time staff, volunteers and clients referred by local GPs or social workers. Stone masons have worked hard restoring the wall to its former glory and it provides an ideal background for the growing plants.



Milngavie in Bloom Allander Road Neighbourhood Group 'after'

# Falkirk

## Communities Along The Carron Association (CATCA)

### Outstanding

This is a volunteer community group regenerating the River Carron and 16 communities along it. The group does this via education, community engagement, connecting communities and through physical transformation. Conservation, community gardening, improving green spaces, reducing litter and flytipping are part of CATCA's volunteering work.

## Community Green Initiative (CGI)

### Outstanding

CGI is a volunteer group working for the environmental clean-up and enhancement of the greenspaces of Dunipace and Denny. It is the originators of the Green Dog Walkers (GDW) project. The group runs litter picks, highlighting whenever possible the issue of dog fouling and promoting GDW. It is working with pupils on waste minimisation and neighbourhood improvements.

## Friends of Nailer Park

### Advancing

Friends of Nailer Park is a group of community volunteers in Camelon who care about the area in and around Nailer Park and the community centre. They are working to make the park and open spaces more attractive, with improved facilities including bulb and tree planting, litter picks, gardening and play activities.

## Friends of the Earth, Falkirk

### Outstanding

During the year, the group has continued to maintain the same four small gardens within Falkirk town centre which it first adopted in 2011. The largest area is used to grow a wide selection of crops which are used in the group's Soup and Stovies Day. Litter is minimal in all areas and the hard work of everyone involved is clear for all to see.



Blooming Daisie

# Fife

## Anstruther and Cellardyke Community Council

### Advancing

Anstruther and Cellardyke Community Council acts as a facilitator to individual ad hoc resident groups and other local organisations to add floral enhancements to the villages. Plants are sourced from the local Pathead Nursery and baskets and planters funded by the community council are put out along the main promenade walkways in Anstruther.

## Bloomin' Lovely

### Advancing

The Comrie community nestles among the Old West Fife mining villages. The group has worked hard to achieve so much in a short space of time and it's commitment and involvement is to be admired. The fundraising has given the village new attractions such as the green gym and the new play park.

## Blooming Dairsie

### Outstanding

Dairsie is a small village, with a very busy main street. Since 2013, this small bloom group has strived to improve the overall look of the village with floral enhancements. The community garden has a variety of fruit and vegetables growing as well as herbs. These were used in term time by the garden club and also incorporated into teaching cookery skills.

## CLEAR Buckhaven

### Outstanding

The whole ethos of CLEAR is the community. The hub in College Street is a bustling place selling local produce raised in the growing spaces. CLEAR is known for planting fruit trees. There are well managed orchards within the town and 'wild plantings' in open areas. There is very little that can be said apart from 'outstanding'!

## Crombie Residents Association

### Thriving

The group has organised planters around the village and a litter pick. The plans for the community growing area have been achieved – the polytunnel and meeting hut are in place. A Woodland Trust award has enabled the group to plant shrubs and trees around the garden and village. The polytunnel will serve to grow plants for residents and for the production of vegetables.

## East March Street, Kirkcaldy, Community Gardens and Allotments

### Outstanding

The group is developing allotments and community gardens on former Fife Council waste grounds on East March Street in Kirkcaldy. It has made the most of the entrance areas at both sites to plant up marigolds and other flowers provided through community links.

## Halbeath Environmental Improvement Group

### Thriving

The group has managed to successfully green it's village with limited resources and in a challenging environment. The group has expanded its planting areas in the last year, and this year it is installing two memorial benches and planters to commemorate past residents and one young boy killed in a motorcycle accident.

### Hayfield Community Centre Growing

#### Outstanding

The community centre is a valued and well used asset in this community. The levels of commitment from the group are apparent in it's ability to overcome adversity and maintain enthusiasm. The garden has provided residents with a welcome green space in their community.

### Kinghorn Harbour Residents and Environmental Group

#### Thriving

The group provides planters and bedding, including a large shipwreck planter on the front at Kinghorn Harbour. The group compliments work done by the larger Kinghorn in Bloom group which carries out planting in the rest of the village. The group also carries out quarterly beach surveys and clean ups on behalf of the Marine Conservation Society and SEPA.

### Kirkcaldy Old Kirk Trust

#### Outstanding

This trust was formed by a group of local people to maintain the old parish Kirk as a community venue and heritage centre. The beds are well tended, with a variety of plants in evidence including wallflowers and begonias. An area of shrubbery has been planted with prickly shrubs to discourage anti-social behaviour.

### Links Road Neighbourhood Watch

#### Outstanding

The group works hard at improving the green space it has in the street and takes pride in the planters which are very colourful. All the planters have been replaced over several years. There is a great community feel to this project, with people becoming more neighbourly as a result of the initiative.

### Muchty in Bloom

#### Outstanding

A small, hardworking group which tends 40 planters and one small plot, plus several areas of verge planting. This season, most of the group's plantings are red, white and blue to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW1. Two of the larger planters had yellow begonias to mark the Glow Gold campaign for Child Cancer Awareness.

### Our Place Auchmuty

#### Advancing

Our Place is a Big Lottery programme targeting seven specific areas in Scotland. Auchmuty is one of them and it's ethos is to improve the local environment. The heavy clearing in the community garden has taken place, clearing bamboo and recycling the arisings into path mulch.

### Ravensraig Walled Gardens

#### Outstanding

Ravensraig Walled Gardens are a hidden gem within Kirkcaldy. The site is well maintained with tracks and footpaths around the area. The communal areas are colourful and contain a wide array of pollinators. The orchard area looks fantastic, and the pulling together of people involved in the site to raise funds is a fantastic achievement.



Castlemilk Day Nursery

## Glasgow City

### Castlemilk Day Nursery

#### Advancing

This group has worked together to regenerate an area in the nursery garden. Space has been turned into a growing area with wildflowers, herbs and potatoes. The nursery children and their families held their own farmers market to sell the produce they had grown to the local community, with profits going back into the future work of the garden.

### Croftburn Allotments

#### Thriving

A very environmentally responsible community. The large on-site pond is fairly well established now and the additional small-scale ponds on many of the plots all encourage frogs and pond life. The committee asks that all plot holders grow organically with permission needed from them for any chemical additives on plots.

### Dundasvale Community Garden

#### Advancing

The group continues to create and develop a sustainable little oasis. It grows a wide selection of plants, including a wildflower patch from seed and makes good use of the small space available. The group is continually improving the garden space for both the community and wildlife to enjoy.

### Friends of Pacitti Community Garden

#### Outstanding

Through support of local businesses, groups, and by grants and fund raising, unused backcourts were transformed into an area for use as a garden for the community. All ages and abilities now use the resource for art, photography, music, and flora and fauna plus some vegetable projects.

### Friends of Southern Necropolis

#### Thriving

The group's aims are to share and promote the historical, educational, ecological and environmental assets of the Southern Necropolis cemetery in the Gorbals area of Glasgow. The group, in great detail, tends the green space, trees and local wildlife ensuring that attention is given to the need to attract bees, butterflies and insects.

### G3 Growers

#### Thriving

G3 Growers is a voluntary community gardening group based at The Back Garden just off Brechin Street. It has a communal garden and shares all work and produce with members.

### Gateway Residents Association

#### Outstanding

Gateway Residents Association's purpose is to transform the communal lane between the back gardens of the houses on Prospecthill Road and Valeview Terrace. Plants and flowers from each garden creep over the top of the wall, adding an attractive and personal touch to the lane. Hanging baskets, planters, tartan bunting and fairy lights create an ambient space for residents.

### Include Me 2 Club - Allotment Angels Community Garden

#### Advancing

The group engages with children, young people and adults with additional support needs and disabilities to be more involved in their communities. It is based across both East Renfrewshire and Glasgow and delivers a variety of activities, programmes and events.

### Kingsway Community Garden

#### Thriving

This well-established group adopted an old football field which is surrounded by multi-storey flats. It has created a colourful garden which undoubtedly improves the look and feel of the area.

### OUR LANE Project – how to improve your neighbourhood in simple steps

#### Thriving

The group has developed a community space in the stalled back lane of two blocks of tenements. It has planted runner beans and pumpkins and has been growing mushrooms with the support of Grow Wild – another natural learning experience for the children.

### South Seeds Alison Street Community Garden

#### Advancing

South Seeds has done an amazing job of engaging with its very diverse local community. It has provided a little safe haven and oasis, welcoming all and providing fun gardening experiences for many to learn from and enjoy. A selection of healthy edibles and ornamentals have been grown from seed.

### The Courtyard Community Garden

#### Advancing

This is a small open growing space headed by two silver birches and a mischievous magpie. The gardeners here are growing herbs and vegetables that can be freshly harvested and handed straight to the accompanying café kitchen for production. Bird feeders and bird boxes have been installed, along with log and twig piles creating homes and habitats for wildlife.

## Turning Point Scotland - Glasgow Homelessness Service

### Outstanding

Glasgow Homelessness Service offers three different types of support. There is a round the clock drop-in service for advice and assessment, a short term residential unit for crisis intervention for those who need to withdraw from chaotic behaviour for a short period in residential accommodation, and a longer term residential facility which helps develop life skills for those needing to resettle into the community.

## UofG Gardeners

### Improving

A relaxed group with an ethos of sharing knowledge, helping each other to learn new things and enjoy nature and gardening, based on University of Glasgow campus. The group hopes that its events, information and projects will inspire staff to make their gardens and spaces around them beautiful, making the most of the environment and growing.



Urban Roots

## Urban Roots

### Outstanding

Urban Roots is a community led environmental charity working across the Southside of Glasgow. It empowers local people to make choices and lifestyle changes that are beneficial for them, their communities and the environment. The garden has been thoughtfully designed and has a very good layout, creating a vibrant, cheerful and welcoming growing space.

## Woodside Community Garden

### Outstanding

This group is passionate about maximising the potential of its growing spaces, encouraging more residents to visit and enjoy the precious commodities of the green space peeking between high-rise flats. Since construction, the gardens have not only been host to an array of edible produce and flowers, but also a site for creative arts activities and strengthening community cohesion.

## Yorkhill Greenspaces

### Advancing

This group has worked wonders in a short space of time to improve its community spaces. It has undertaken a huge amount of community engagement and successfully obtained funding and support from several sources.



Watten Community Council

## Highland

### Gairloch Sitooterie Wildlife Observation Garden

#### Thriving

Four years ago, 2-3 metre high gorse bushes obscured the view along the Pier Road in Gairloch. A local couple cleared a stretch, prompting the council to hack down most of the gorse. Community energy began to gather, fund raising started and the first area began, with benches, plants and containers donated.

### Raasay Walled Garden

#### Thriving

The group is restoring the historic Walled Garden behind Raasay House on the Isle of Raasay, to the east of the Isle of Skye. Neglected for many years, the group got part of the garden back into production in 2017, supplying local businesses and the community shop with fresh local produce. It is continuing to look for ways to make a sustainable future for this fantastic community asset.

### Watten Community Council

#### Outstanding

This group works with groups and volunteers from the community to enhance public spaces within the village. Over the years it has developed a nature trail, planting native trees and shrubs in a previously neglected bit of woodland. It is now creating small insect friendly areas to encourage bees and other pollinators and is involved in the local school's environmental projects.

## Inverclyde

### Belville Community Garden Trust

#### Outstanding

Since 2014, this garden has been going from strength to strength, encouraging young people who have experienced trauma or difficulties in education to volunteer and feel ownership and pride in the garden. The group works with schools as outreach or on site, teaching about the food cycle, reducing young people's 'food prints' and encouraging their green fingers.

### Colourful Kilmacolm

#### Thriving

This group works hard for the good and enjoyment of the community. Particularly impressive is its commitment and enthusiasm. There is a real sense of civic pride and colour. The group is mindful of plant choice in respect of the growing seasons, and plants offer colour year-round.

### Greenock Cut Conservation Volunteers

#### Thriving

The volunteers carry a lot of conservation work and biological surveys to improve the local area for wildlife and the public. Work includes path maintenance, habitat creation, pond clearance, invasive species control, drainage work, beach cleans, litter picks and biological recording.

### Inverclydebuzz

#### Outstanding

Inverclydebuzz was formed a year ago by local beekeepers and concerned residents worried about the plight of bees and pollinators. The group is trying to plant patches of wild flowers across the derelict land within Inverclyde, creating a 'corridor' of forage, developing beautiful spaces, as well as saving our bees.

### Inverkip Church Eco-group

#### Thriving

The group works to promote caring for creation through global, spiritual and practical living – everything from printing orders of service on environmentally friendly paper, focusing more on the environment in worship, to planting insect-friendly plants in the church garden and organising litter picks and beach cleans in the village, which members of the community come to support.

### Wellington Allotment Gardens Association

#### Outstanding

This group is truly deserving of its Outstanding award. Coupled with the undoubted technical expertise, it is worth noting that the best community projects succeed as a result of hard work, commitment and enthusiasm. The group has that in bucket loads. Wellington Garden Allotments is a truly magical place, it exudes charm and all manner of wonderful produce.

## Midlothian

### Rosewell Development Trust

#### Thriving

This group has a new outdoor woodland classroom, ensuring the community engages in creative activities in a safe and inclusive environment. The facility enables the group to teach participants the processes of successful cultivation, woodland skills and to create new friendships in the local community.

## Moray

### SPICE – Strategic Partnership for Improving the City of Elgin

#### Thriving

This year, the group is focusing on bringing a splash of colour to the centre of Elgin. This has been done via reintroducing hanging baskets around the main town centre and by creating floral displays at the Town Hall and at the gateway display to the west of Elgin. Litter picks have also been conducted throughout the year, with a focus to encourage schools to get involved.



Largs Organic Community Garden

## North Ayrshire

### Beith Orr Park Neighbourhood Watch

#### Thriving

How this group has transformed a gap site in Beith is excellent. It has created a meeting point for all, with a range of donated seats and a splash of colour. It knows its own limitations, thus concentrates on enhancing this green space whilst planning a container garden around 'Woody the Bear'.

### Largs Organic Community Garden

#### Outstanding

This garden has become a key feature in Largs and greets the visitor with vibrant colour. Using the history of the Battle of Largs as a theme makes the incorporation of a Viking boat totally in character. Originally thought of as edible gardens, there are a wide range of colourful containers with flowers as well as beetroot, potatoes and currants.

**Organic Flowers of Fairlie****Outstanding**

This group has embraced the key areas of It's Your Neighbourhood and its desire to encourage others in organic community gardening must be commended. Within the team, there are a range of skills and by visiting Fairlie their mark is clear. Their willingness to be involved in primary, secondary and tertiary education must be noted, along with their methodology of being inclusive.

**Friends of Centenary and West End Parks, Airdrie****Outstanding**

This is a formal garden with a four-season garden theme. There are herbaceous borders and shrub beds throughout the park and a restored historic monument with centennial commemorative flowerbed adjacent to the flagpole.

**Getting Better Together Ltd****Outstanding**

The community garden offers something that everyone can get involved with, use and enjoy. The group empowers local people to take pride in their community and it continually works towards improving the environment in the area. The group involves a wide range of volunteers with various abilities. This year it has introduced a community shed.

**Glenboig Development Trust****Outstanding**

A community organisation delivering youth work services, older people's services, community gardening and environmental projects, advice and information, community transport, training and employability services, and volunteering opportunities. The trust also operates a community cafe and a post office and hosts a number of community events throughout the year.

**Greenhead Moss Community Group****Outstanding**

The group, which includes volunteers and the Community Ranger Service, maintains the nature park to a high standard, with the creation of wild meadow areas to encourage different wildlife and improve their habitat. There are plans to plant additional wildflowers in and around the area.

**Hope Community Garden Project****Outstanding**

There is a strong sense that the group is a close knit and friendly community who are passionate about their garden. The garden is a tidy, pleasant place which everyone can visit to simply unwind for a few minutes. It's great to see wildlife in the garden, particularly the birds and bees.

**Watch US Grow****Outstanding**

Utilising positive environmental action and horticulture, Watch US Grow supports adults with a range of disabilities towards more independent living, employment and increased confidence. Students work through a range of tasks, participating in Grow and Learn or SVQ qualifications as they feel able. They also take part in events in the wider community, promoting inclusion and selling plants through the Watch US Grow pop up shop.

## Perth and Kinross

### Luncarty and Redgorton in Bloom

#### Advancing

A small group based in Luncarty, a village north of Perth. The group is building on its success from last year and has set up various planters and displays for local people.

### Perth Station Garden Club

#### Outstanding

'Nurturing nature' is the group's aim whilst it creates a biodiversity garden from what was completely overgrown and neglected disused scrub land. There are now ponds, an orchard of native Scottish variety apple trees, a wildflower section, raised vegetable beds and a herbaceous border. There is also a bird feeding station beside the group's pride and joy, the summer house (complete with living roof) which is used for meetings, biodiversity blitzes and fundraising activities. The group aims to recycle and reuse at every opportunity in support of the aims of Zero Waste Perth.

## Renfrewshire

### Bee Happy Houston

#### Thriving

One of the highlights of this group is being willing to share its experiences with other nearby groups, including the failures and successes. Another highlight is the proven success of litter picks and being inclusive – not just for 'the old folk' or 'community payback' – but as promoted family events.

### Elderslie Community Council

#### Improving

It is obvious to all that Elderslie Community Council is improving its local environment. Regular litter picks make the village tidy but also raise the group's profile. One cannot but be impressed in the logical and thorough approach in its planning of planters with plant choice and supply.

### Erskine Community Garden

#### Thriving

This group works with over 100 regular volunteers to make Erskine a brighter place to live and work – clearing back overgrown foliage and litter picking in a regular, family friendly way. It works with Erskine Youth Council to encourage young people to take ownership of projects and events.

### Friends of Barshaw Park

#### Thriving

Friends of Barshaw Park is a group of enthusiastic supporters which seeks to support, improve and promote Barshaw Park.

### Grow in Glenburn

#### Outstanding

A community garden based in a heritage site within Gleniffer Braes country park. There are over 30 active participants (individuals, families, couples) who grow fruit, vegetables and flowers in plots, raised beds and polytunnels. The group also works with Barnardo's groups on joint projects.

## Grow Your Own Way

### Thriving

The group works with a network of community gardens, environmental groups and other schools. It is currently expanding to form a nature trail which will be utilised by the local primary and the young people on site. The overall aim is to create a community hub to form a large network.

## Lochwinnoch Sustainable Community Garden Group

### Outstanding

A group of local garden enthusiasts who have re-established the community garden in the village of Lochwinnoch. The group aims to use and develop the garden as a space for contemplation and peace for the public. Additionally, it grows annuals to plant in and around the village in the spring and summer to make the village ablaze with colour and to support wildlife.



Friends of Barshaw Park

## Scottish Borders

### Lauder Primary School Gardening Club

#### Outstanding

The children join the gardening club in the spring term and stay for a full calendar year, so they get to sow, harvest, cook and eat their own produce. The group also likes to share its gardening skills and knowledge with the local community.

### Whitsome Enhancement Group

#### Thriving

A small and enthusiastic team committed to improving the local environment and fostering good community relations. This is achieved by maintaining floral displays throughout the village in spring, summer and autumn. The group also grows vegetables and plants in the Loaning. Its aim is to be inclusive and encourage resident participation.



Friends of the Calder

## South Lanarkshire

### East Mains Community Council

#### Advancing

Village in Bloom is located across five streets in East Mains, East Kilbride. The project sits within the conservation village area of East Kilbride, recognised for its historical importance. Each summer, volunteers (in conjunction with other stakeholders) plant tubs with floral displays, bringing amenity to the village.

### Forth Eco Site

#### Outstanding

This group encourages local people to get involved, either through having their own raised bed to grow mainly vegetables or to volunteer to help with the upkeep of the site. It also plants up all the floral decorations for the village. The group is community funded and tries to use local suppliers. This year it is involved in the new venture of a food cooperative with similar groups in the area.

### Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park

#### Advancing

Despite the small size of the group, it should be congratulated on all its achievements in such a large green space. Wildlife surveys and events are a great way to engage the community in nature and help contribute to a wider national picture. The local nature reserve status, when it is in place, will be another fantastic achievement.

### Friends of the Calder

#### Advancing

This is a volunteer environmental group going from strength to strength. It carries out frequent litter picks, organises the collection of flytipped material, and regularly captures and shares photographs of local nature. Volunteers planned lots of events for 2018, aiming to bring together people of all ages to take care and enjoy the woodlands.

**Grow73****Improving**

This is a community group aiming to get people of all ages and abilities growing their own produce, learning how to lead more sustainable lives and support local biodiversity. Through shared gardening activities, environmental improvements and events it aims to improve the health and wellbeing of the community and make Rutherglen the place to be!

**Greener Cambusbarron****Outstanding**

Greener Cambusbarron was formed in 2012 and came about through work being carried out by the community council. It is a group of community volunteers who are passionate about improving the village in which they live. Their aim is to improve and develop the look of the local environment through planting and regeneration projects.



Friends of the Calder

## West Dunbartonshire

**Clyde Shopping Centre****Thriving**

This year, the centre has focused on improving accessibility for all. This extends to its eco programme and taking a step back to diversify its programme for all visitors. It has carried out a few projects which hopefully improve the overall experience for visitors.

## West Lothian

**Ecclesmachan and Threemiletown Community Council****Thriving**

Ecclesmachan and Threemiletown Community Council represent the two villages and is an active group that has delivered projects benefitting the community and making the surrounding countryside more accessible. It has created attractive entrances to the villages through the creation of floral beds and planters.



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