

Small Grants Fund Case Study



Charlestown, Limekilns and Pattiesmuir Nature Conservation Group

What activity did you run?

We purchased a hot composter and fruit trees for our community garden. The composter is sited in the school. The children are learning how to use it and beginning to understand the principles of composting.

We have also purchased apple trees to create a small orchard within our community garden. Over the past few months, the garden has taken shape. We have cleared ground, built raised and a circle of tree stumps form an outdoor classroom area. Supported by community volunteers, the children have already begun sowing!

On 21st April our garden was launched by all the school children and many of the community members who have supported it. This was followed by an information session the next morning.

Who were your main audience?

Our project has engaged with our whole school community and many community volunteers - around 200 people in total.

What did you learn

Through our garden project the school children are learning how plants and grow their own food in a sustainable way, respecting and enhancing their garden environment. Their learning includes experiencing practical gardening skills and exploring methods like 'no dig' and companion planting. We are creating an area where food production and nature support each other.

Has delivering your project increased capacity to tackle the climate emergency in your community?

Yes. As well as learning how to grow their own food sustainably, our children are learning how food miles contribute to climate change. This project is giving them and their families the tools to make changes and encourage them to create agro-ecological areas in their own gardens too.

We will use our community school garden as a context for developing Learning for Sustainability themes in the school curriculum. There will also be opportunities for intergenerational working and family activities.

Over time, other community groups will be able to use the garden too.

What feedback did attendees give?

Feedback from children

“It's great to grow food and have the opportunity for cooking.”

“The garden has encouraged us to go outside more, to grow and learn.”

“The garden helps us to feel calm and happy.”

Feedback from teachers

“Having a garden group has been great for the pupils to take ownership of leading a project.”

“The garden is a really good context for learning.”

“A great space for working outdoors and learning.”

“It's helped give me the confidence to go out and plant with the children and has shown me that things can be simpler than they first seem.”

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Limekilns School Community Garden