

Small Grant Fund Case Study

Balmullo Community Council

What activity did you run?

We used the grant money to purchase 20 apple trees and protection packs to plant in Balmullo.

Five trees were planted on community land behind Burnside Hall in the centre of the village. The other 15 were planted in gardens around Balmullo and Lucklawhill in conjunction with the Fruit Tree for Every Garden in Fife Campaign.

We held an open afternoon on 24th February 2024 in Burnside Hall and invited the community to come and help plant the trees. The other 15 trees were given to people to plant in their gardens around the village, with a stake, tree tie and tree guard with each tree to protect them.

We had some displays about orchards, biodiversity and carbon saving. We had lots of leaflets to take away including a guide on how to plant and care for fruit trees. We also had flower and vegetable seed packets available by donation.

There were also fruit tree-themed colouring sheets for children. We supplied tea/coffee and biscuits.

Who were your main audience?

Residents of all ages living in Balmullo and the surrounding area come along. About half the trees were handed out to families with children to plant locally.

Our activity engaged 35 people in total. 6 local people, including a teenager and the Fife Tree Warden volunteer helped plant the communal trees.

What did you learn?

Those who helped plant the trees at Burnside Hall learned about planting and looking after fruit trees.

Those who visited the event in the hall learned about the link with carbon storage and the link to the climate crisis. The benefits of growing food at home was also a learning point and again about tree planting and care.

Some of the trees were Scottish Heritage varieties, which allowed discussion around what trees will be suitable in Fife in the future.

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Has your project increased your community's capacity to tackle the climate emergency?

The grant has helped us to start some climate change conversations and give local people the chance to take practical action within the village.

They learned that planting a tree is a long-term investment in the future of our village and our community and that the trees will store carbon throughout their lives.

We hope that the five community trees will be the start of a wider orchard project within the community. We learned how to map the trees on the Fruit Tree Campaign Green Map so that we can use that as a baseline for future projects.

Find out more

<https://balmullocommunity.co.uk/groups/community-council/>

“I’m really excited. We always had fruit trees growing up. I’m looking forward to making pies and crumbles”.

“Great initiative”.

“I’m really looking forward to seeing the tree grow”



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