

## Small Grant Fund Case Study

### Balmullo Social Committee

#### What activity did you run?

Bee in the Park – Balmullo was a free day out for all the family. We held micro talks from local experts covering:

- Farming for nature
- How to organise your garden
- Winter tree safety guidance
- Women's wellbeing sessions
- Conservation updates from local NatureScot rangers

We ran workshops on a range of fun activities including magical willow wand making, burn dipping with Buglife, creative fashion mending, a repair cafe, raptor displays and meet and greet the birds.

We also held outdoor family-friendly woodland survival sessions, archery, foraging and nature walks, mindful yoga in the park, and functional activity sessions for all ages and abilities.

Live music performances ran all day. We offered fresh lunches and sweet treats - not to mention a Green Marketplace where people could grab themselves an eco-bargain from local makers and artists, while enjoying our interactive stalls showcasing local experts in conservation and wildlife!

In the true spirit of this climate action event we encouraged those that are able to leave the car at home and walk, cycle or use public transport!

#### Who were your main audience?

Over 250 people attended. Mainly members of the Balmullo community as well as others from the surrounding areas (for example Leuchars, Guardbridge, Dairsie, Cupar and St Andrews).

“Thank you, we had a great day!”

“Well done to the organisers. It was a super day.”

“Such an informative day. We love our new garden pond.”

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“Great day out for the kids. Hope you’re doing it again next year!”

“Thank you for having the Scouts take part in Bee in the Park. They found homes for all of the ponds. The activity contributed toward developing their community engagement skills”

### What did you learn?

Given the advanced scope and length of our advertising we had hoped to more community members would attend. Some people gave feedback that the event was ‘much better’ than they thought. There was some concern among residents that the content would be for ‘boring eco-warriors’.

This demonstrates a misperception about what climate educational events are and are not. We also learned that many community members are concerned about the impact of climate change and that it is possible to make educational events family-orientated, fun, and inclusive!

Thank you very much Climate Action Fife for the funding. We believe it help to show local residents that there is a space for a different kind of community event. It is important to recognise that fun events can also promote learning about important topics such as climate change mitigation. However, community engagement is a challenge. Further work is required to engage people in the climate and biodiversity crises

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

Many people reported that they had learned a great deal from the talks, workshops, and interacting with individual stall holders. Both adults and children shared that they were fascinated to learn about a variety of subjects.

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