Onthank Tenants and Residents Association

This project was supported by the CSGN Community Projects Fund 2013-14. The Fund is focused on projects undertaken for the benefit of, and/or involving children and young people under 16 years of age and is intended to support small-scale, community led projects that deliver green network improvements on the ground; increase community use of the green network and/or increase community involvement in the maintenance and enhancement of the green network locally.

Onthank Tenants and Residents Association, East Ayrshire was awarded grants for two separate projects. The Association was awarded £1,500 to improve the entrances to Onthank and Mount Carmel Primary Schools and three further spaces in Onthank. The grant was used to supply 10 large trees. Both schools have adopted a tree each and will follow its development as part of their learning.

Onthank Tenants and Residents Association were also awarded £3,000 to work with children from the Primary Schools to create designs for two planting areas based on the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. The grant helped with the purchase of plants, planting boxes and tools.

The children in the community were involved from the outset by creating a drawing for the Commonwealth Games and the winning drawings were displayed by the planters where the flowers have been planted. The children were also invited to take part in planting the plants in the planters.

“The advice I would give to other groups is to always make sure approval has been given by the local authority prior to carrying out any sort of project in the community. Involve as many people as possible and get them to take pride in where they live”

The Residents Association feels that Commonwealth Games in Bloom has given the area and community a nice brighter outlook for everyone to enjoy. “On the day of planting several members of the community came over and commented on how nice it was to see something good being done in the community”

“I have received many positive comments from residents and the place over the last four years has come on leaps and bounds, trees, planted and baskets and planters have made a huge impact thanks to CSGN and EAC funding” David Murray, Housing Officer