

CSGN DEVELOPMENT FUND 2012-13 - 2014-15 – Projects Awarded Funded – May 2012

The following projects have been awarded funding from the latest round of the CSGN Development Fund.

This document outlines the total grant awarded to projects over three financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15. Not all projects are receiving funding for all three years. Further details are available on request from Forestry Commission Scotland.

GLASGOW

CSGN400 – The Friends of Glasgow Botanic Gardens have been awarded £27,720 to develop a project plan for the use of tree collection at the Botanic Gardens as a hub in Scotland's National Tree Collections and how this hub and collections outwith the Gardens can be developed to 'Connect People with Trees' as part of a wider education strategy.

CSGN454 – The Urban Roots Initiative has been awarded £73,418 to support the transformation of an acre of vacant land in the Toryglen area of Glasgow into thriving community market gardens and orchards. The land is being made available by Glasgow City Council and the CSGN grant will support the employment of a coordinator who will develop and implement site proposals in partnership with the local community and volunteers.

CSGN463 – The Dalmarnock Centre has been awarded £198,688 to establish a new social enterprise employability and green skills training in forestry and woodland creation and landscape maintenance. Work will focus on providing training, work experience, apprenticeships, skills and qualifications for unemployed people from the deprived communities of Dalmarnock, Rutherglen and Parkhead and will see local greenspaces, including Auchenshuggle Wood, Cunningar Loop and within the Commonwealth Games Village, enhanced.

CSGN465 – The Glasgow & Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership has been awarded £25,000 to undertake a study and develop a delivery action plan for how woodland creation at the catchment scale can help the Glasgow Clyde Valley area adapt to the effects of climate change, such as flooding caused by extreme weather events.

CSGN466 – The Glasgow & Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership has been awarded £36,500 to finalise and implement the green network vision and masterplan for the Seven Lochs Wetland Park at Gartloch-Gartcosh on the boundary between Glasgow and North Lanarkshire. This work follows on from grants for development work in 2010-11 and 2011-12 from the Development Fund and will see a detailed implementation plan, funding strategy and communications plan put into place for the development of the area.

CSGN474 – The Cassiltoun Trust has been awarded £133,544 to deliver a two year employability programme that will provide training and skills development for local unemployed people through a programme of path improvements within Castlemilk woodlands. The project will therefore deliver qualifications, training, work experience and job search support for participants in the scheme, while also enhancing access to the woodlands for recreation and healthy exercise for local residents.

CSGN475 – The Gorbals Health Living Network has been awarded £27,000 to deliver a programme of greenspace improvements in the Laurieston area of the Gorbals. A community placemaking programme will engage local residents in identifying priorities, developing proposals and then implementing local environmental improvement projects. This will likely include site clear-ups, installation of seating and path improvements, tree and flower planting, and the creation of new community growing spaces.

CSGN480 – Govan Workspace Limited has been awarded £50,000 to create a new riverside path link on the south bank of the River Clyde between Water Row and the back of the Old Govan Church, off Govan Road. This will see the recreation of an historic right of way, lost when the Harland and Wolff Shipyard was closed in the 1960s, on a prominent derelict site adjacent to the church, and opposite the new Riverside Museum.

CSGN481 – Glasgow City Council has been awarded £35,000 to take forward an assessment of the value and ecosystem effects of approximately 1,000 hectares of woodland in the City and to complete a survey of approximately 15,000 trees within the City's open spaces, parklands and cemeteries/crematoria. The results from this work will help the Council to plan the long-term, sustainable management of the City's woodland resource.

CSGN487 – Glasgow Housing Association has been awarded £18,000 to undertake a feasibility study and develop a strategic masterplan for an integrated green network in Barmulloch, encompassing the Red Road housing scheme. Barmulloch and the Red Road scheme are areas of high social deprivation and suffer from a greenspace deficit and the presence of a number of derelict land sites. The masterplan will engage local communities, businesses and landowners to develop a costed, phased plan for improvements to the quality of the local environment, as part of wider economic development and regeneration proposals.

CSGN497 – Glasgow City Council has been awarded £115,000 to plan, design and implement four site specific, multi-functional green network projects across the City, as part of a wider strategy for climate change adaptation. The four sites have been selected on the basis of an earlier report into options for developing the green network as part of a climate change adaptation strategy and include areas with high flood risk, greenspace deficits, vacant and/or derelict land and water quality issues. The four sites will act as pilots and the learning from the project will be developed and applied to a city wide strategy, and the future design of specific interventions.

STIRLING/FORTH VALLEY

CSGN402 – Stirling Council has been awarded £15,750 to undertake detailed site surveys and create path and woodland development plans for the 43 hectare former landfill site at Polmaise. The project was identified as a priority for local communities by the Stirling Green Corridors study supported through the CSGN Development Fund in 2010-11 and the detailed plans will enable applications for funding for implementation to be submitted.

CSGN441 – Forth Environment Link has been awarded £326,000 to support a programme of work to increase, develop and maintain the network of orchards within the Forth Valley area. Support and training will be provided to local communities, schools and private orchard owners to understand, cherish and manage existing orchards and to plant new ones. In addition, Forth Environment Link will manage further annual rounds of their very successful Orchard Grant Scheme for the whole CSGN area that has seen £26,000 of small grants awarded to almost 100 groups to plant new orchards.

CSGN446 – The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has been awarded £64,000 to support the development of the Inner Forth Landscape Initiative which aims to conserve and restore important features of the Inner Forth area from Stirling Bridge to Blackness Castle. Project activity over the next three years will develop detailed, site specific proposals for a range of natural and heritage and landscape improvements such as lowland raised bog restoration, woodland and hedgerow planting, and wetland and grassland creation and management.

AYRSHIRE

CSGN412 – The Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration Company has been awarded £27,000 to enhance the natural environment and create/improve path networks around the partly vacant 350 hectare Riverside industrial site on the edge of Irvine, and to develop proposals for a

number of derelict-gap sites in local towns and neighbourhoods. These projects were identified in the Irvine Bay Green Network Strategic Framework that was developed with support from the CSGN Development Fund in 2010-11 and 2011-12.

CSGN500 – North Ayrshire Council has been awarded £36,000 to improve and connect local sites to create a green network for the town of Kilbirnie, improving their value in terms of recreation and biodiversity and making them more attractive and accessible to the local community. The project will also create a local path network for everyday journeys and recreation providing opportunities for active travel and physical activity. The project will predominantly take place on vacant former industrial sites that are currently vandalised, neglected and a blight on the image of the area.

CSGN510 – East Ayrshire Woodlands has been awarded £25,700 to create a series of “greenspace journey trails” leading from currently vacant, derelict or neglected sites to forest school sites within existing woodlands throughout Ayrshire. As part of the new trails the vacant/derelict sites will be enhanced through native wildflower planting and the creation of living willow ‘gateway’ structures. In addition, new trail interpretation panels will be created and forest school sites at the end of each trail will be enhanced to enable them to be used by more children. Furthermore, Forest School level 2 leader training for 16 adults will be provided to enable more outdoor learning to be delivered to Ayrshire children.

EDINBURGH

CSGN416 – The City of Edinburgh Council has been awarded £10,000 to create Active Travel Information Hubs throughout the City to promote and encourage active travel. The hubs will utilise a 3D model of the City of Edinburgh and will show local paths and cycle networks, visitor attractions, local amenities, parks and greenspaces. They will also suggest local walks and cycle rides and provide updated information on local events and activities.

CSGN425 – The City of Edinburgh Council has been awarded £46,346 to create a natural play facility within Magdalene Glen in the east of the city, as part of a wider programme of transformation of the site into an accessible, attractive greenspace for the local community. The Glen was identified as a priority area for improvement by local communities as part of the Edinburgh Open Space Audit. Investment from the CSGN Development Fund will also support a programme of training and CPD in the use of the site for outdoor learning and a ‘play ranger’ programme for children and their families.

CSGN433 – The Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust has been awarded £87,000 to deliver a 3-years programme of woodland creation and green network enhancement to deliver key objectives as stated in the Edinburgh and Lothians Forest and Woodland Strategy. A work plan has been developed with the support of several partners across the region that identifies long-term, large, cross-boundary projects as well as ‘quick win’ opportunities for woodland management and new planting. The Trust will also provide support and guidance to landowners and tenant farmers to help them take advantage of grant opportunities for woodland creation in both urban and rural settings.

CSGN452 – The Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust has been awarded £30,539 to develop and implement proposals for the greening of a number of vacant and derelict sites within Edinburgh. This follows on from work supported through the Development Fund in 2010-11 and 2011-12 that saw temporary greening of sites taken forward at Craigmillar and Granton. Sites under consideration are located in the North Edinburgh Regeneration Zone, the Western Harbour at Leith and Craigmillar.

CSGN456 – PARC Craigmillar Urban Regeneration Company has been awarded £7,500 to prepare a feasibility report for the delivery of the Park for Health Vision for the Craigmillar/South-east Wedge area of Edinburgh. The report will include a design proposal, a costed and phased delivery plan and a maintenance plan and will provide PARC and the City of Edinburgh Council the information necessary to secure implementation funding to realise the vision for the area.

CSGN498 – The Lothians and Fife Green Network Partnership has been awarded £47,000 to plan and implement a range of pilot green network interventions at sites within the Braid Burn catchment to help mitigate for and adapt to climate change. Interventions considered will include grassland and woodland planting and management, small scale river restoration, soil conservation measures and the introduction of community growing spaces. The results from the project will be disseminated widely and will be used by project partners to design and implement green network solutions to climate change issues far beyond the catchment.

FIFE

CSGN423 – Fife Council has been awarded £66,678 to support the creation of a Core Path Implementation Team for Fife by recruiting young unemployed people between the ages of 16 and 24. The team will be supported by Fife Council's Employability & Skills Team, and Building Services and, over the course of 2 years, will undertake a programme of signage and minor improvement works to the core path network within south-west Fife. These improvement works were identified through an earlier project supported by the CSGN Development Fund in 2010-11.

CSGN447 – Greener Kirkcaldy has been awarded £19,770 to create a new community orchard on derelict and overgrown land within the Ravenscraig Walled Garden in the town. The orchard will then be used to host skills development courses and community events and the intention is to use the new space as a resource for engaging members of the local community to grow, harvest and use their own fruit.

CSGN455 – The Sustainable Communities Initiative has been awarded £5,200 to develop proposals to transform the Widows Land site in Burntisland into an Ecovillage, providing enhanced woodland, wetland and meadow habitats; community growing areas and an education resource for the community. The funding will go towards site survey and the preparation of management plans and a series of community consultation events.

CSGN493 – The Falkland Stewardship Trust has been awarded £23,113 to draw up detailed plans for the "Woodlands on the Edge" project that will bring neglected and underused woodlands along the south side of the Lomond Hills Landscape Partnership area. A key element of the plan will comprise detailed proposals for an employability scheme providing support, advice, training, mentoring and apprenticeships to assist unemployed people to acquire forestry and woodland conservation skills. The scheme will be focused on 16-25 year olds and over 25s from disadvantaged groups who are re-skilling (e.g. armed forces veterans).

RENFREWSHIRE

CSGN440 – Renfrewshire Council has been awarded £8,800 to create up to 15 new ponds alongside National Cycle Network routes 7 and 75, where they pass through Renfrewshire between Paisley, Linwood, Lochwinnoch and Bridge of Weir. The need for such work was identified by the local biodiversity action plan and will be particularly beneficial to a range of amphibians, but particularly the declining Palmate Newt.

CSGN482 – East Renfrewshire Council has been awarded £68,000 to take forward the planning and implementation of the Barrhead green network, which will see preparatory work on site to improve access and woodland habitat links created to neighbouring parts of Glasgow. Key outputs from the project will include a comprehensive woodland design plan and site remediation works on the site in preparation for the creation of 1.7 hectares of new woodland on derelict land.

LANARKSHIRE

CSGN430 – The David Livingstone Centre Trust has been awarded £200,798 to take forward implementation of plans for the development of the grounds of the David Livingstone Centre in Blantyre. Grants from the Development Fund in 2010-11 and 2011-12 supported the

production of a detailed masterplan for the site and the implementation of early improvements on the ground. This grant will support the delivery of further elements of the masterplan, through the employment of a Grounds Development Manager, the creation of a number of Modern Apprenticeship posts at the Centre and improvements to signage along the surrounding path network over the next 3 years.

CSGN444 – The Scottish Wildlife Trust has been awarded £45,000 to employ a development officer to drive forward implementation of the Cumbernauld Living Landscape initiative. Funding from the CSGN Development Fund in 2010-11 supported the development of an action plan for the project and funding for this post over the next three years will see a range of activity taken forward, including: woodland planting and management; peatland management and restoration; invasive species removal; the integration of Sustainable Urban Drainage Schemes and other Green Infrastructure elements into sustainable placemaking proposals; and collaboration between partners on a programme of community involvement, volunteering and training/skills development activities.

CSGN478 – The Rural Development Trust has been awarded £76,000 to support a programme of work to maintain, develop and expand the network of orchards within the Clyde Valley area. Working with the Clyde and Avon Valley Landscape Partnership this project will see a series of education, awareness raising and training events about orchards delivered, and both new and existing orchards developed into sustainable enterprises.

THE LOTHIANS

CSGN457 – The Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust has been awarded £26,040 to expand their community growing development programme into East and Midlothian from Edinburgh City. The project provides support to local community groups to create, maintain and enhance community gardening sites.

CSGN460 – Midlothian Council has been awarded £16,680 to develop improvement plans for 5-6 selected greenspaces in areas of multiple deprivation in Dalkeith, Mayfield/Easthouses and Gorebridge, so that they contribute more fully to community life. Initial improvement works will then be undertaken on site according to the plans.

CSGN461 – Edinburgh Cyrenians has been awarded £61,000 to develop new community gardens on NHS sites in the Lothians. This will build upon the work already undertaken by the Cyrenians with the NHS at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital and the Midlothian Community Hospital in Bonnyrigg that was supported with funding from the CSGN Development Fund in 2010-11 and 2011-12. The initial sites under consideration are Tippethill Community Hill Hospital in Armadale and St Johns Hospital in Livingston.

DUNBARTONSHIRE

CSGN494 – West Dunbartonshire Council has been awarded £35,000 to bring about improvements to the green infrastructure of the Vale of Leven Industrial Estate to the north west of Dumbarton. This industrial estate has been developed within the historic estate landscape of Strathleven House, an A listed Palladian mansion. Key project outputs will include improvements to the local path network and a detailed survey of the woodlands around Stathleven House to inform future management plans.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE

CSGN499 – Clackmannanshire Council has been awarded £9,810 to improve the amenity and biodiversity value of the southern end of the Devon Way, immediately adjacent to Alloa town centre. This will see thickets of native trees and shrubs, as well as standard trees, planted by local school children to enhance this traffic-free access route from Alloa town centre and railway station to the Clackmannanshire Community Healthcare Centre and Alloa's leisure centre, and on to the Hillfoots.

CSGN WIDE

CSGN438 – Forest Research has been awarded £76,620 to conduct site investigations and trials to demonstrate the benefits of restoring typical brown-field site types for successful woodland creation in Central Scotland. Further research and trials will then identify the potential contribution that the use of woody biomass production to further improve restored land over the short term, and associated costs and yields of the process. This research will be complemented by an advisory service and a series of targeted workshops that will disseminate the results to stakeholders across Central Scotland and beyond.

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