

CSGN DEVELOPMENT FUND 2013-14 - 2014-15 – Projects Awarded Funding April 2013

This document provides details of all projects receiving funding from the CSGN Development Fund in 2013-14 and 2014-15.

This includes a number of new projects awarded funding in the latest round of applications, and a number of existing projects, to which funding was committed in the previous round of applications.

New Projects for 2013-14

The following projects have been awarded funding following the latest round of applications to the CSGN Development Fund. This document outlines the total grant awarded to projects over the two financial years 2013-14 to 2014-15. Not all projects are receiving funding for both years. Further details are available on request from Forestry Commission Scotland.

Glasgow and Lanarkshire

CSGN602 – The Friends of Glasgow Botanic Gardens have been awarded £133,371 to create a new 'tree hub' in Glasgow Botanic Gardens that will serve as a gateway to Scotland's National Tree Collections. A new, all abilities 'tree trail' through the gardens will also be delivered with interpretation panels and QR information for all visitors. In addition, new written and web materials will be produced to promote the tree collections to a wide audience, in particular schools and local communities. A programme of outreach will also be undertaken to promote the tree collections across the CSGN area (and beyond) as part of a wider education strategy. This project follows on from one funded through the 2012-13 Development Fund to prepare detailed plans and proposals for the hub.

CSGN616 – The Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership has been awarded £46,215 to take forward delivery of the next phase of the Seven Lochs Wetland Park across almost 20 square kilometres of land between Ruchazie/Easterhouse in Glasgow and Stepps/Glenboig/Coatbridge in North Lanarkshire. The creation of a Seven Lochs Wetland Park vision and masterplan was funded in previous rounds of the CSGN Development Fund. This next phase of the project will see improvements on the ground beginning to be delivered and the development of new volunteering, social enterprise and employment and skills training opportunities. Physical improvements are likely to include: lowland raised bog restoration; woodland and tree planting and management; improvements to local path networks; new wetland habitat creation; and the environmental enhancement of vacant and derelict land.

Edinburgh

CSGN606 – Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust has been awarded £38,079 to deliver a programme of habitat improvements at priority locations along the Edinburgh off-road cycle network. The works were identified in a Habitat Improvement Plan prepared as part of a CSGN Development Funded project in 2011-12 and will be delivered through a combination of contractors (for larger scale works) and local volunteers. The grant will also support a programme of volunteer and community engagement sessions, including local schools.

West Lothian

CSGN621 – Central Scotland Forest Trust has been awarded £75,000 to develop and deliver a programme of woodland, greenspace, wetland and path improvements in the Dedridge Burn and Murieston Water corridors in south Livingston. Working with West Lothian Council and local community groups a masterplan and detailed works specification will be prepared that aims to reconnect the currently fragmented green and blue spaces and paths in the area.

Some of the physical improvements planned include: management of existing, neglected woodlands; planting of small, new areas of native woodland; pond restoration and new wetland creation; creation of new swales and wildflower meadows; and path upgrades and the installation of new signage, interpretation and seating.

North Ayrshire

CSGN624 – North Ayrshire Council has been awarded £70,000 to undertake a programme of improvements to the path network and greenspaces linking the town of Irvine with the Irvine Innovation and Industry site (I3). The improvements planned include: the design and construction of new, link paths; upgrades to existing paths; wildflower and tree planting; and the installation of new signage and interpretation. The improvements were identified in the Irvine Bay Green Network Study that was funded through the CSGN Development Fund in 2010-11 and build upon work undertaken in the area with support from the Development Fund in 2011-12 and 2012-13. The project will also create a new link between National Cycle Networks routes 7 and 73, making Irvine and the I3 site much more accessible by walking and cycling.

CSGN625 – The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Scotland has been awarded £38,805 to develop the Garnock Valley Futurescape project, that aims to deliver landscape scale conservation across this part of North Ayrshire. A project officer will be employed to work with local communities, farmers, landowners and public agencies to develop a delivery plan for the Garnock Valley Futurescape identifying a range of early improvement projects and coordinating land management in the area to realise multiple benefits. Some of the projects envisaged as part of the delivery plan include wetland habitat enhancement projects, the development of natural flood management projects as part of the River Garnock catchment flood defence strategy, and a series of community engagement and volunteering events.

Fife

CSGN613 – The Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society has been awarded £25,000 to undertake the detailed planning, design and costing, and landowner negotiations, necessary to create a new long-distance walking, cycling and horse riding route between Dunfermline and St Andrews, to be known as the Pilgrims Way. The project will take forward the long standing ambition to develop such a route, previously identified in the Fife Access Strategy and Fife Core Path Plan.

Clackmannanshire

CSGN622 – Clackmannanshire Council has been awarded £32,700 to undertake a series of improvements to public spaces in Alloa, between the River Forth/Alloa Harbour, the Bowmar/Mar Policies Housing Estate and Alloa Tower. Grant funding will support a range of initial public realm and greenspace improvements and the preparation of a masterplan for the area and Heritage Lottery Fund bid to take forward further phases of improvements to reinvigorate and revitalise the neglected and underused public spaces near the heart of the town.

CSGN Wide

CSGN615 – Scottish Canals has been awarded £36,487 to develop a Central Scotland City to City Canoe Trail, utilising the Union and Forth & Clyde Canals. The trail will be 92 kilometres in length and will run from Pinkston Basin immediately to the north of Glasgow City Centre to Edinburgh Quay in the heart of Edinburgh. Grant funding will contribute towards the installation of 30 new pontoons at key access points and locks, the installation of new signage and interpretation along the route, and the production of new printed and web based marketing and promotions material.

Total Funding for New Projects in 2013-15 = **£495,657**

Existing Projects (continuing from 2012-13)

The following projects received funding from the CSGN Development Fund in 2012-13 and were previously announced in May 2012. The funding amounts set out below are those awarded for 2013-14 and (where applicable) 2014-15. Not all projects are receiving funding in both years.

Glasgow

CSGN454 – The Urban Roots Initiative has been awarded £56,069 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 £132,828 to establish a new social enterprise delivering employability and green skills training in forestry and woodland planting and management and landscape gardening. The project will provide 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 £10,000 to undertake a study and develop a delivery action plan for how woodland creation at the catchment scale can help the Glasgow and Clyde Valley area adapt to the effects of climate change, such as flooding caused by extreme weather events.

CSGN474 – The Cassiltoun Trust has been awarded £66,772 to deliver an 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.

CSGN480 – Govan Workspace Limited has been awarded £24,207 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.

CSGN497 – Glasgow City Council has been awarded £75,000 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

CSGN441 – Forth Environment Link has been awarded £221,000 to support a programme of work to increase, develop and maintain the network of orchards within the 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 almost £36,000 of small grants awarded to around 130 groups to plant new orchards.

CSGN446 – The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has been awarded £49,000 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 heritage and landscape improvements such as lowland raised bog restoration, woodland and hedgerow planting, and wetland and grassland creation and management.

Ayrshire

CSGN510 – East Ayrshire Woodlands has been awarded £17,100 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

CSGN433 – The Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust has been awarded £57,400 to deliver a 2-year 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 previous years 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.

Fife

CSGN423 – Fife Council has been awarded £35,220 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 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 £12,840 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.

Lanarkshire

CSGN430 – The David Livingstone Centre Trust has been awarded £133,675 to implement 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.

CSGN444 – The Scottish Wildlife Trust has been awarded £30,000 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 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 £51,000 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.

CSGN461 – Edinburgh Cyrenians has been awarded £40,000 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.

CSGN Wide

CSGN438 – Forest Research has been awarded £56,992 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.

Total Funding for Continuing Projects in 2013-15 = **£1,125,682**

Total Funding for all CSGN DF Projects in 2013-15 = **£1,621,339**

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