

CSGN DEVELOPMENT FUND 2014-15 – Projects Awarded Funding March 2014

There has been a further allocation of funding for the CSGN Development Fund (CSGN DF) in 2014-15. The funding from Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) was only available to applicants that had previously received funding from the CSGN Development Fund.

Glasgow

CSGN722 –Glasgow City Council has been awarded £100,000 to work in partnership with the West of Scotland Housing Association and others to deliver the Camlachie Multifunctional Greenspace Project on an area of contaminated vacant and derelict land in the East End of the city. The area was a former bus park and is situated at the heart of the Clyde Gateway regeneration area. The project is one of 20 Commonwealth Games Greener Legacy Projects identified by the Glasgow City Council. Key objectives of the project also include creating a high quality greenspace for use by local residents and improving the biodiversity value of the site. (This new funding is in addition to £75,000 already committed from the CSGNDF to this project in 2014-15 in a previous round of applications).

CSGN710 - The Cassiltoun Trust has been awarded £59, 200 to deliver a further phase of their employability programme based in Castlemilk Community Woodlands. This project will provide opportunities for a further 30 individuals to gain skills and support them to improve their employment prospects. The project aims to help over 40% of the participants into employment with over 80% gaining additional qualifications. The training will also deliver improvements to the local woods and path network benefiting local residents and other woodland users.

North Ayrshire

CSGN720: North Ayrshire Council has been awarded £17,700 to extend the Connecting Communities - Kilbirnie Green Network project. This will extend improve and connect local sites to create a green network for the town of Kilbirnie, increasing their value in terms of recreation and biodiversity and making them more attractive and accessible to the local community. The project will also extend the 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.

Fife

CSGN717: Fife Council has been awarded £16,845 to further develop the Fife Pilgrimage Route. This project follows on from the previously funded CSGN project which looked at the possible development (and route options) of a long distance pathway across Fife, from St Andrews to Dunfermline, called the Pilgrims Route. This phase of the project will implement works that have been identified within the urban areas of the route and will focus on path improvements in and around Crosshill, Lochore, Balcurvie and Kennoway, Fife. The improvements will also enhance access from these communities to Lochore Meadows Country Park.

CSGN 718: Fife Council has been awarded £28,950 to continue the Core Path & Green-space Team. This project will focus on improving and upgrading green-space within areas that are in or are close to areas of multiple deprivation. The four project sites include: Lyne Burn, Dunfermline, North Kirkcaldy Green Networks, Benarty Links to Lochore Meadows and green-space improvements in Buckhaven. Work will include tree planting, woodland management, path building and up-grading, clearing invasive species, way-marking and interpretation. The work will be carried out by 8 young, unemployed people who will be taken

on for a 6 week work experience programme. This programme will then lead on to 4 of them being given the opportunity to start a 6 month period of employment with the Council.

Falkirk

CSGN723: Communities Along The Carron (CATCA) has been awarded £20,000 to upgrade a section of path which will complete the 6 mile walking/cycling Carron Loop connecting the communities of Larbert, Stenhousemuir, New Carron and Camelon. It is part of a bigger project led by CATCA, in partnership with Falkirk Council, CSGNT and local community groups, to open up access along the River Carron and to join up disconnected communities. By completing the route, local communities will benefit through the provision of more direct active travel options to get to major health facilities, public transport nodes, shopping/leisure facilities, green-space, educational establishments and places of work. Previous CSGN funding allowed an all abilities bridge (Dales Bridge) to be installed in Denny, improving access along the riverside.

Total Funding for all these CSGN DF Projects in 2014-15 = **£242,695**

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