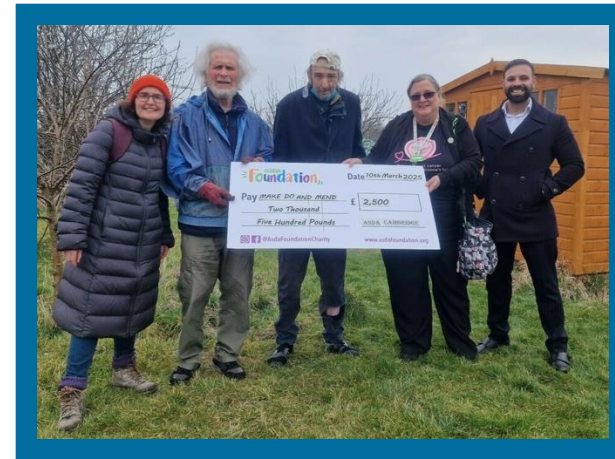


OUTDOOR COMMUNITY SPACES FUNDING IN ACTION



IMPROVING COMMUNITY SPACES WHERE PEOPLE CAN MEET AND BE TOGETHER



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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

We're excited to share our very first *Funding in Action Report*. This marks a big moment for us — allowing us to share some of the amazing outcomes of our Outdoor Community Spaces programme, our first insight-led funding initiative of 2025.

This report reflects not only the outcomes achieved, but also the values that drive our work: empowering local community groups, building inclusive communities, and championing the power of accessible outdoor spaces to bring people together.

Over the past year, our research showed that communities are seeking safer, more accessible public spaces — with loneliness and isolation emerging as key concerns. We know that spending time outdoors and connecting with others has a powerful impact on health, wellbeing, and quality of life.

That's why we launched the Outdoor Community Spaces Fund — and the response was remarkable, enabling us to award £529,977 to 303 local groups dedicated to revitalising outdoor spaces in their communities.



Karl Doyle

Grants of up to £3,000 were used for range of projects, from cleaning up a green space, to delivering collaborative growing projects, to transforming an unused area for local people to use.

It's been truly inspiring to see the tangible impact this funding has made at a local level – bringing communities together and creating greener, more accessible spaces for everyone to enjoy. A heartfelt thank you to the incredible community groups leading this work — we hope you enjoy reading about some of the projects we've been proud to support.

TIRPHIL COMMUNITY CENTRE

TIRPHIL, WALES

Tirphil Community Centre in the Upper Rhymney Valley offers a warm and welcoming space, supporting and improving the lives of residents through activities such as crafts, cooking classes and gardening.

The hub told us it is in a highly deprived area with a high percentage of disabled people, elderly and families struggling with the cost of living. In addition, the area has hilly terrain and there are poor transport links.

The group received an Outdoor Community Spaces grant to develop a food growing and conservation area, making it more accessible for disabled users and helping to support with the cost of living and leading a healthier lifestyle.

The new garden has become a hub of activity - offering volunteering roles, hands-on learning about sustainable food growing, and a peaceful space that boosts mental wellbeing. It's not just a garden—it's a place where people grow food, friendships, and confidence.

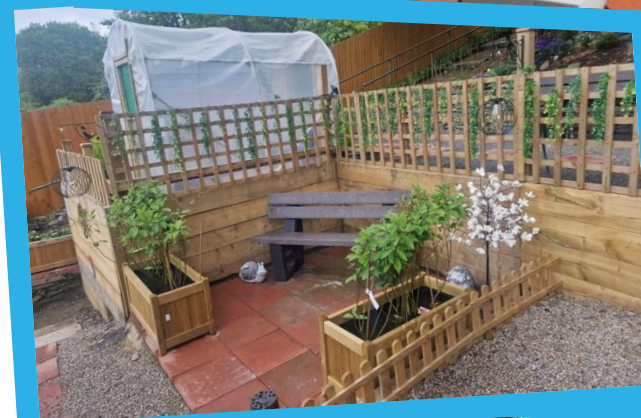
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Our community hub is a lifeline for local people, with us supporting babies up to our oldest resident age 100! The newly developed garden allows residents of all abilities to enjoy all aspects of the outdoor space and improve many aspects of life. It gives residents a purpose and pride in the community and a reason to engage and instil healthy habits into their lives for longevity, while also addressing social isolation and mental health.

Coral, Secretary, Tirphil Community Centre

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**£3,000
GRANT**



LOCAL STORE: ASDA BLACKWOOD

LORD STREET IN BLOOM

SOUTHPORT, ENGLAND

Following tragic events in Southport last year, the local community came together to support each other at such a difficult time.

People from all over the country laid flowers and teddies in the Town hall gardens, which became a memorial garden for families and friends to come together to reflect.

Local volunteer-led group, Lord Street in Bloom, spent every day tending to thousands of flowers and tributes left.

Our grant was used to revamp the gardens by installing new planters and filling flower beds full of colour to enhance the space and make the area somewhere to come together and be proud of.

Sharon, Community Champion at Asda Southport, said: *“Lord Street in Bloom Volunteers have made a huge difference to our town centre, turning the Town Hall Gardens into vibrant, colourful gardens where families can come sit and reflect after the tragic events of last year.”*

**£3,000
GRANT**



Our volunteers have planted over 3,000 bulbs and thousands of flowers. It has been an immense job to get everything into the ground also stay on top of the watering. Asda Foundation funding has made a huge difference to our project – it’s brightened up the gardens. Residents and visitors have said what a difference it’s made and how much better it looks now.

Pauline, Lead Volunteer, Lord Street in Bloom

LOCAL STORE: ASDA SOUTHPORT

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR GOODWILL CHARITY OF SCOTLAND

COWDENBEATH, SCOTLAND

Knights Templar Goodwill Charity of Scotland is committed to supporting veterans and individuals experiencing homelessness, poverty and social isolation.

At the heart of its work is a community hub and orchard, which provide a safe and welcoming space where people can access support, learn new skills and connect with others.

The orchard has become a valuable resource, providing a peaceful outdoor environment for reflection and relaxation. However, feedback from visitors highlighted a lack of seating as a barrier to fully utilising the space, particularly for individuals with mobility challenges.

A grant from Asda Foundation enabled the group to purchase recycled picnic tables which can accommodate wheelchairs and push chairs, transforming the orchard into an inclusive space for all.

£3,000
GRANT



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We applied for funding to help make our orchard an inclusive and accessible place where everyone feels welcome, including those with mobility needs and young families. The impact of the grant is already being felt, with people able to engage with the space more fully!

Katie, Operations Manager, Knights Templar Goodwill Charity of Scotland

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LOCAL STORE: ASDA DUNFERMLINE

THE FARMING MOTHER CIC

ST AUSTELL, ENGLAND

The Farming Mother CIC is delivering something truly special — a safe, nurturing animal therapy farm and education centre where families with children who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) can thrive in a supportive setting.

With the support of an Outdoor Community Spaces grant via Asda St Austell, they've brought new life to their space by adding raised beds, soil, and seeds - transforming it into a vibrant, inclusive garden where children can dig, plant, and grow together.

Keeley, Director, said: *"The impact of Asda Foundation's contribution cannot be overstated. It has empowered families who might otherwise feel isolated and overwhelmed to build resilience, forge meaningful connections with nature, and find joy in shared experiences. Thank you, Asda Foundation, for believing in our mission and for your commitment to supporting the lives of children and families in Cornwall. Together, we are sowing the seeds of change and creating a brighter future for those who need it most."*

What an amazing project – we can't wait to see what blossoms next.



**£1,500
GRANT**



I see the limited support available locally for families with children who have SEND and I am regularly amazed by the lengths local CICs go to include these families in their provisions. The work that has taken place on the Farming Mother site over the past few weeks is incredible.

Emma, Community Champion, Asda St Austell

LOCAL STORE: ASDA ST AUSTELL

GRWP CYMUNEDOL #CARUAMLWCH

AMLWCH, WALES

Grwp Cymunedol #CaruAmlwch was founded to tackle local challenges like deprivation, unemployment, and low morale by bringing people together through community-led events and initiatives. One of its proudest achievements has been the creation of an allotment which is now a thriving 'community within a community'.

We're thrilled to have supported this meaningful project through an Asda Foundation grant, which helped the group create a peaceful, private space within the allotment.

Ann, Chair of the Committee, Grwp Cymunedol #Caruamlwch

"The Asda Foundation grant has enabled us to create a new peaceful 'healing garden', where people may just sit and contemplate, plant a few vegetables or weed a small area if they wish. An area of mindfulness and positivity - a place to be on your own in the fresh air, or chat to others if you so wish, a place to help with both emotional and physical health and boost wellbeing. We would not have been able to achieve this area for well-being without the funding from Asda Foundation."

Since coming to the nature park, my life and mindset and changed dramatically in a positive way. Prior to volunteering here, I hadn't left the house for five months following a nervous breakdown, but being able to walk around the ponds, chat to a friendly person, and help weed other people's plots has given me hope and trust in people and life again, and I'm starting to feel like my old self once again.

Service User & Volunteer



**£2,140
GRANT**



LOCAL STORE: ASDA LLANGFN

CITY OF CHELMSFORD MENCAP

CHELMSFORD, ENGLAND

With an Asda Foundation grant, City of Chelmsford Mencap is working to enhance its community allotment - run by adults with a learning disability - transforming it into a more accessible and welcoming space for all. The grant funded a new greenhouse and shed, the expansion of fruit beds, and vital improvements that are making the site more inclusive.

This green oasis isn't just about growing produce—it's about growing potential. Students lead the project, gaining hands-on experience that builds essential work and life skills while gaining horticultural knowledge. The initiative also feeds into the group's vibrant Pop-Up Café, where the 'Fork to Plate' programme connects the allotment's harvest directly to the kitchen.

City of Chelmsford Mencap continues to be a cornerstone of support in mid-Essex, offering lifelong learning, work placements, and community services that empower individuals and improve lives.



**£2,000
GRANT**



The enhanced space will be brilliant and allow adults with a learning disability to continue making a meaningful difference to our community - improving communication skills, confidence and wellbeing. The wider local community can enjoy the natural surroundings, benefit from ecotherapy and connecting with others and learn basic horticulture skills.

Grace, Services Manager, City of Chelmsford Mencap



LOCAL STORE: ASDA CHELMSFORD

KEEP WASHINGTON TIDY

WASHINGTON, ENGLAND

£500
GRANT

In Washington, a dedicated group of volunteers is transforming their community - one litter pick at a time. Keep Washington Tidy not only organises regular clean-ups but also visits schools, businesses, and local groups to raise awareness about environmental responsibility.

The group told us littering and fly-tipping have long been challenges in the area, so, using an Asda Foundation grant, they purchased essential equipment and protective clothing - empowering more volunteers to join the cause and make bigger impact.

Elizabeth, Secretary, Keep Washington Tidy, said:

Volunteers get immense satisfaction from cleaning up the area, they tell us that it has a positive impact on their physical and mental well-being. they benefit from being part of an active community group with a real and lasting purpose. the children and young people benefit from contributing to society and caring for where they live and the wider environment.



LOCAL STORE: ASDA WASHINGTON

SPRINGBURN WINTER GARDENS TRUST

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

£754
GRANT



Springburn Winter Gardens Trust is on a mission to restore the local A-listed Winter Gardens - bringing it back into community use for the benefit of local people, past, present, and future.

Now moving forward with an exciting vision to create a 'Living Ruin and Urban Croft', the Trust is transforming the space into a vibrant hub for leisure, learning, and play.

With support from Asda Foundation, the group organised a series of community clear-ups and secured garden storage for litter-picking tools and gardening materials - empowering volunteers and laying the groundwork for a greener, more welcoming space.



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The funding is not only helping us improve the gardens—it's also enhancing the health and wellbeing of our volunteers and the wider community. There's a strong sense of pride, enthusiasm, and deep-rooted connection that local people feel toward Springburn Winter Gardens. At our most recent open day, many residents described Springburn in one powerful word: resilient.”

Paul, Chair, Springburn Winter Gardens Trust

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LOCAL STORE: ASDA ROBROYSTON

TIDY RANDALSTOWN

RANDALSTOWN, NORTHERN IRELAND

£455
GRANT

Tidy Randalstown, based in Antrim, is an environmental group on a mission to preserve and enhance the local area for current and future generations.

With over 60 committed volunteers, the group leads initiatives that promote sustainability, including clean-ups, planting, and education around reducing carbon emissions and conserving water.

Each spring, Tidy Randalstown mobilizes its volunteers to rejuvenate public spaces that have suffered during the winter months. An Asda Foundation grant was used to purchase equipment and refreshments to support this initiative, helping to bring people together, increase community pride and demonstrating the powerful impact of local support and collective action.

“Our volunteers work all year round but our spring cleanups act as a kick start in getting the town ready for the summer season as well as giving the wider community the chance to get involved. We were delighted to receive a grant from Asda Foundation to help us to provide essential equipment for our volunteers to use. We also thank Ashley, Community Champion at Asda Antrim for her enthusiastic support and encouragement.”

Linda, Trustee, Tidy Randalstown



LOCAL STORE: ASDA ANTRIM

REFLECTIONS AND LOOKING AHEAD

The Outdoor Community Spaces Fund has been a powerful catalyst for positive change across the UK. It has enabled over 300 community groups to reimagine and revitalise local outdoor areas—creating vibrant, inclusive, and welcoming spaces for everyone to enjoy.

These projects have not only enhanced the physical environment but have also fostered stronger community connections, a sense of pride, and improved wellbeing.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the incredible community groups who brought this funding to life. Your dedication and creativity are truly inspiring, and we're proud to support your work.

This summary offers just a snapshot of the impact made possible through this grant. We look forward to sharing more stories, data, and insights through our social channels and in the full Asda Foundation 2025 Impact Report, coming in early 2026.

To close, we'd like to share a quote that beautifully captures the spirit and significance of this programme.

“Before coming to the allotment, I barely left my house. Now, it's my favourite place. I've made friends, I feel healthier, and I've even started growing my own vegetables at home. It's more than just gardening — it's therapy for me.”

Service User, Mind Aid UK CIC

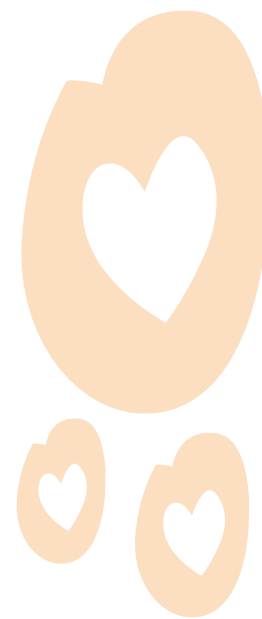


FUNDED GROUPS: ENGLAND



Abingdon Carousel
Action 2 Inspire Oldham
Action Station South Tyneside Ltd
All Saints Community Project
Anchoreach CIC
Apron Creative CIC
Ash Tree Leisure Garden Society
Asian Community Concern
Aspiration Trust
Barnsley Museums and Heritage Trust
Beacon Dementia & Well-being
Beaford Village Hall
Beckton Itchycoo Pond Ecology Group [BIPEG]
Bee Together Community Centre and Garden
Beech Court Tenant and Resident's Association
Beighton Allotment Association
Belgrave Community Allotment and Garden
Big Local Gateshead
Blyth Riverside Resource Centre Amenity Fund
Bootle Action Group CIC
Bosavern Community Enterprises Ltd.
Boston Green Volunteers
Botcherby Community Association
Bowlee Community Organisation
Brading Community Partnership
Brigg Methodist Church
Brighten Ryton Local Environment Group

Brighter Futures CIC
Bulwark Community Centre
Burnside Centre
C2U Gosport CIC
Caldmore Village Festival Ltd
Camp Hill Community CIC
Carlton on Trent Village Hall
Cartwheel Youth and Community Centre (Elland Community Hub)
CherishED.
Chesterfield Litter Pickers (CLP)
Chorley United Reformed Church Charity
Circularity.org
City of Chelmsford Mencap
ClayTAWC Ltd
Collingwood Centre Ltd
Colne Open Door Centre
Coltman Area Community Association
Community Orchard Greenside
Cooking Champions
Creative Waves Community Arts CIC
Crossley Community Association
Croxteth & Gillmoss Community Foundation
Cuddington Parish Council
Curo Social Enterprise
Dartmoor Forest Parish Council
Darwen Community Helpers CIC
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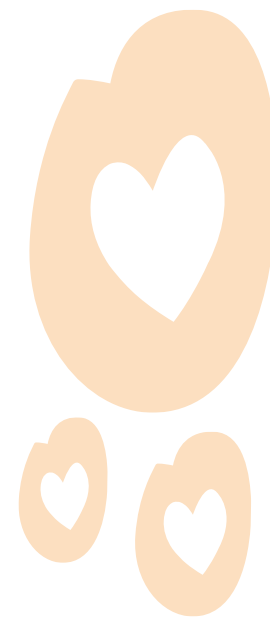


FUNDED GROUPS: ENGLAND



East African Education Foundation
East Liverpool Riding for the Disabled
Eccleston Recreational Parks
Eden-Rose Coppice Trust
Elliott Hall For Youth & Community
Endure Mentoring
Epsom Wells Community Association
Fairfield Links CIC
Featherstone Rovers Foundation
Final Straw Foundation CIO
Forum for Aspull, Whelley and New Springs
Frank Street Community Garden
Friends of Cassiobury Park
Friends of Crofton Park Railway Garden
Friends of Field of Os Pocket Park
Friends of Honley
Friends of Norton Canes Library
Friends of Oak Tree
Friends of Perry Hall Park
Friends of Rhyddings Park
Friends of the North and South Marine Parks
Friends of the Woodland Garden (Peacocks Meadow)
Friends of Valley Park
Full Circle Food Project
Future Foundry CIC Ltd
Gallows Close Centre
Generation Impact

GIA (Gardening In Action) CIC
Good Food Matters
Green City Action
Greening Wymondham
Green's Windmill Trust
Greenspace Volunteers
Growing Local CIC
Growing Mansfield
Grow-Wellbeing CIC
Gwealan Tops Adventure Playground
Happy Somedays
Harpurhey Neighbourhood Project
Hazelnut Community farm
Headspace
Heartland yoga and wellness
Higham Hill Hub CIO
Hollins Conservation Group
Hoole Community Development Trust
Hope beyond Borders
Ignite Life
Inkberrow Millennium Green Trust
Inspire Youth Yorkshire (IYY)
Jigsaw (Bury)
Joie De Vivre Ventures Community Interest Company
Jubilee Craftivists
Just Let Your Soul Grow CIC
Keep Washington Tidy

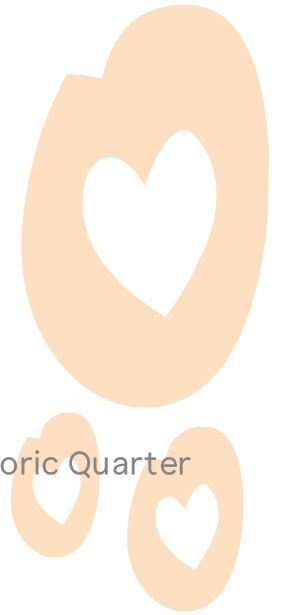


FUNDED GROUPS: ENGLAND



KeepAbility
Kibblesworth Village Millennium Centre
Lancing Community Garden
Layton Methodist Forward Project (Layton Methodist Church)
Leeanna's Wish
LionMouth CIC
Litter Watch
Little Chalfont school PTA
Local Organic Growers
LOOSE
Lord Street In Bloom
Lotus Brook Limited
Make, Do and Mend
ManHealth
Meadowbrook (Wiltshire) CIC
Mid Suffolk Voluntary Organisations Forum
Migrant English Project
Millfield Community Collective CIC
Mind Aid UK.CIC
MK Melting Pot
Nature Play
Newington Community Association
Newlands Community Group
No Fuss Meals for Busy Parents CIC - The Countryside Kitchen
North Blackpool Regeneration Community Interest Company
Oadby Youth Centre
Oxford City Farm

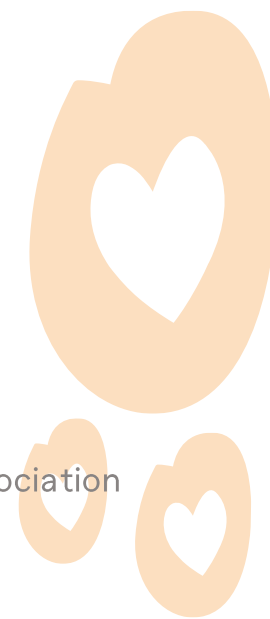
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Pelsall Community Association
Phoenix Cultural Centre CIC
Pitch 2 Progress CIC
Poulton In Bloom
Pretoria Road Allotment Society
Residents Association of Paradise and The Ramsgate Historic Quarter
Regeneration Scheme
ResidentsRUs
Riverside Community Association Limited
Roberttown in Bloom
Rockingham Estate Tenants and Residents Association
Roots to Branches Forest School CIC
Sincil Community Land Trust
Sisters of Support
Slough Fort Preservation Trust
Spark Burntwood
Springbank Community Group CiC
Stacksteads Countryside Park Group
Tameside's People 4 Wildlife
Team Rise Place
Telegraph Woods Nature Recovery Group
The Bolton Woods Centre
The Bridge East Greenwich CIC
The Drop In Bereavement Centre
The Farming Mother CIC
The Friends of Chorlton Park



FUNDED GROUPS: ENGLAND

The Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods
The Friends of Hednesford Park
The Friends of Rowntree Park
The Gateway Collective CIC
The Good Shepherd Centre
The Growing Space (Wincanton) Ltd
The Inclusive Hub
The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Helens (Church St Helens)
The Real Junk Food Project Brighton
The Shaw Lane Foundation
The Space
The Together Centre
The Walpole Parish Foundation and Recreation Trust
The Well Piece Community Garden
The Box.TV (Bolton) CIC
Tidy Up St Leonards
Together in the Community
Torridge Growing Together CIC
Townend Community Garden
Townsend Community Association
Tregovenek
Truro Nourish Hub CIC
Tydd St Mary Playing Field Committee
UDevelop CIC
Unit 12 CIC
Urban Health UK
Veterans Response CIC

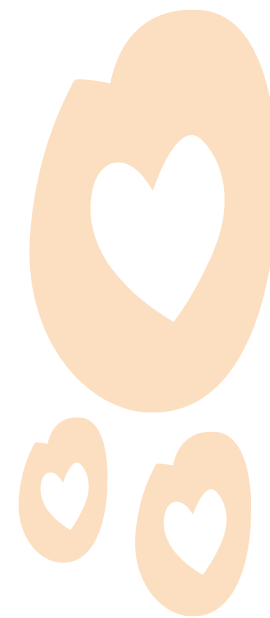
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Walsall Arboretum User Group
WAVE Adventure
Wecock Community Association
West End Impact
Whaplode Playing Field Association Ltd
Whitehall Park Supporters Group
Wilberfoss, Kexby and Newton Playing Fields Association
Wild and Fruity Community Garden
WildSpaceProject CIC
Williby Roc's CIC
Willoughby Road Allotments
Windmill Hill Community Centre CiC
Woodland Tribe CIC
Woodvale and Ainsdale Community Association
Wrenthorpe Environmental Society
Wycombe Multicultural Organisation
Yarm Wellness
Zero Mile Gardens CIC
Zion Community Garden (Morley Community Church)



FUNDED GROUPS: SCOTLAND

Abernethy in Bloom
Allison Cargill House, Girlguiding East Lothian
Amisfield Preservation Trust
Aproxima SCIO
Ayrshire Communities Education and Sport
Balmacara
Blooming Bairns
Bridge of Don Men's Shed
Camperdown Growing Collective
Community Open Gardens Shortlees
Dalry Community Sports Club
East Renfrewshire Additional Needs Parents Action Group
Families of Auchinairn Coming Together
Forfar Open Garden
Friends of Coldstream Primary School
Friends of Inchyra park
Friends of King's Park
Friends of Linn Park
Friends of Maryhill Park
Friends Of Monkland Canal
Gairn Community Garden
Greater Pollok Services

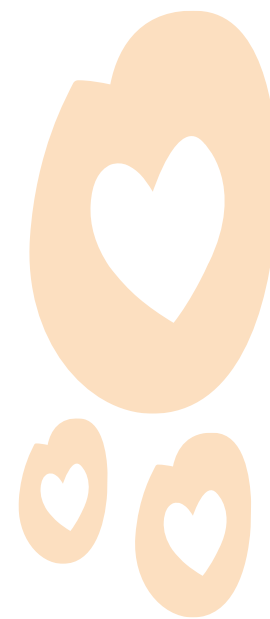
House of Hope (Scotland)
Jock Tamson's Gairden
Juniper Green and Baberton Mains Community Council
Knights Templar Goodwill Charity of Scotland
Lochside Neighbourhood Group
Overmills Allotment Association
Pitlochry Path Group
PLUS Perth & Kinross
Polmont Together
Portlethen & District Community Allotment Association
Priesthill United Reformed Church
Ramekin & Rolling Pin
Roslin Guerrilla Gardeners
Scots Recovery from Childhood Abuse
Scourie Community Development Company
Springburn Gardens Association Ltd
Springburn Winter Gardens Trust
St Angela's Parent Council
The Organic Growers of Bothwell
The Scheme
Touch Community Garden Ltd
Wimpy Park Community Group



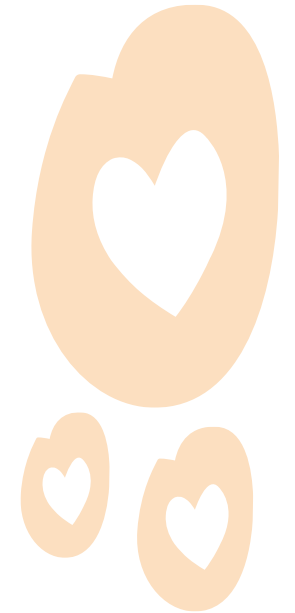
FUNDED GROUPS: WALES

Abercrave Rugby Football Club
Barry Veteran's Group
Beechwood Ministry Area - Alway
BronFair Allotments Association
Canolfan Pentre CIO
Cwmdare For Cwmdare
Cwmni Bro Antur Aelhaearnest 1974
Cynon Valley Organic Adventures
Friends of Cae Derw Parc
Friends of Westshore
Gelligaled Park Community Action Group
Gerddi Rhandir Cymunedol Dwyfor
Grow Cardiff
Grwp Cymunedol #Caruamlwch
Horn Development Association CIC
Jubilee Beau Unicorn Equine Project CIC

Libanus Lifestyle (Wales) C I C
Llanybydder Old School Community Centre
LYNX Workshops
Nantymoel Boys & Girls Club and Community Centre
Pwyllgor Cae Chwarae Aberdaon
Rainbowbiz C.I.C.
Salvaged Creations Wales, I-MAKE, C.I.C.
Simpson Cross Activities Group
Six Bells Community Centre
Splice Child and Family Project Ltd
Stiwdio 37 CIC
The Hangout
The Shed & Beyond (Pembrey & Burry Port Men's Shed)
Tirphil Community Centre
Tree Society Community Interest Company



FUNDED GROUPS: NORTHERN IRELAND



AEON Community Arts
Ardglass Festival Association
Ardmonagh Family & Community Group
Ballynahinch Men's Shed
Boho Youth Club
Conlig Community Regeneration Group
Creggan Country Park
Donaghadee Community Development Association (DCDA)
Erne Gaels GAC
Friends of Antrim Castle Garden
Higher Ground Community Gardening Group Dromore
Kitsch Sisters CIC
Loughries Men's Shed
Mid Ulster Victims Empowerment Group
Newmills Wildlife Gardening Club
Superstars Club
The Sanctuary
Tidy Randalstown
Triax Social Economy Project



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