



CUMBERNAULD LIVING LANDSCAPE

PROGRAMME UPDATE 4

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WHAT IS THE CUMBERNAULD LIVING LANDSCAPE?

Cumbernauld Living Landscape aims to enhance, restore and reconnect green areas of the town. Parks, woodlands and gardens are crucial to the well-being of both people and wildlife and we need to ensure they are at the heart of the town's future. These green spaces provide clean air, water and retreats from the busyness of everyday life. Without them, neither wildlife nor people can flourish.

The project vision is shared by neighbouring landowners the Scottish Wildlife Trust, North Lanarkshire Council (NLC) and Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS). Its development is supported by the Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN). The Cumbernauld Living Landscape project aims to:

- **Create** and maintain a high quality natural environment for wildlife to flourish and people to enjoy.
- Link the network of greenspaces in Cumbernauld and **re-connect** people to their natural environment.
- **Promote** Cumbernauld as a good place to live, work and do business due to its many and varied greenspaces.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

RECLAIMING THE LANGRIGGS - North Lanarkshire Council have continued their very successful project in the Cumbernauld Village Langriggs. Following community consultation a landscape action plan was initiated and is now being delivered. Paths have been resurfaced and garden areas created for wildflowers and butterflies.

Cumbernauld Village Action for the Community (CVAC) has taken collective responsibility for the Langriggs. With the support of the Council they have set up allotments, created an orchard, re-laid hedges and planted 100s of bulbs. CVAC now has an environmental volunteering group who help with the future development and maintenance of the Langriggs. Working together NLC and CVAC have successfully reclaimed this once unloved and historic greenspace for the community.



CVAC VOLUNTEERS MAINTAINING HEDGES



FORESTRY OPERATIONS TO ENHANCE BIODIVERSITY

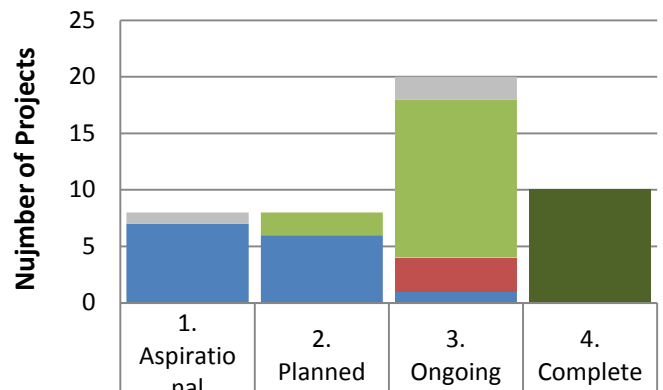
ENHANCING BIODIVERSITY IN URBAN GREENSPACES – The Scottish Wildlife Trust has undertaken a major project to enhance the much loved Forest Wood Wildlife Reserve. Funding from landfill tax credits through the Biffa Award has enabled the Trust to restructure the woodland to allow natural regeneration and peat bog restoration. The project is creating new wildlife habitats by planting hedgerows, digging ponds and sowing wildflower meadows.

These improvements ensure that Forest Wood and the surrounding areas continue to be home to some of the best wildlife in Cumbernauld. By creating a mosaic of habitats and a cascade effect woodland the biodiversity value of this area is now much improved.

PROGRAMME PROGRESS

The programme partners have been really successful at delivering Living Landscape projects and 30 of the 47 projects are either ongoing or complete. Many of these have led on to follow-on projects, which have expanded the original portfolio. The graph on the right shows what stage the projects are at and their progress.

Of the 5 priority projects identified for 2013/14 the Cumbernauld Connections, Living Window and Peatland Project have submitted grant applications. NLC have approved a 1 year graduate position that can assist with the development of the Growing Space project and the programme leaders have scoped a woodland heritage project which will be developed further with community stakeholders.

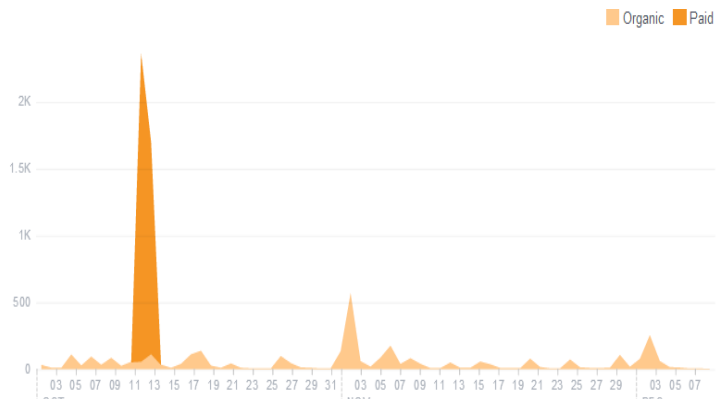


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4. Complete				10
3. On Schedule		2	14	
2. Behind Schedule			3	
1. Not Started	7	6	1	

GRAPH OF THE STAGES THE PROJECTS ARE IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND THEIR PROGRESS

COMMUNICATIONS

The Living Landscape Facebook page continues to be the main focus for our communications. Recently we experimented with a paid posting for the recruitment of the Natural Communities trainee. For this position we were keen to have someone that knew the area and the communities within it. Therefore the promotion was targeted at people over the age of 18 who live in the town and through this we reached over 4,600 people with 171 of these engaging with the post. Whilst there was no measure of the number of applicants that saw the Facebook post, 5 of the 8 shortlisted applicants were connected with the town.



GRAPH OF NUMBER OF PEOPLE VIEWING FACEBOOK POSTS BETWEEN 3RD OCTOBER & 7TH DECEMBER

OUTREACH

The 2013 City Health International conference was held in Glasgow and the Living Landscapes took the opportunity to exhibit and showcase the role greenspace plays in health and wellbeing. As well as promoting our work we asked conference delegates to help us create 400 wildflower seed bombs with kits on loan from Glasgow company Kabloom. These balls of wildflower seed, compost and shredded paper were a hit and the delegates bombarded an area of waste ground next to the Glasgow Science Centre. We are now working with Kabloom to develop a package that we can use at events in the coming year.



CULVERT UNDER M80

SURVEY & MONITORING

Work has continued on creating a baseline for the Living Landscape and we are developing surveys to map the distribution of otters and invasive species along the water courses. Volunteers have been out looking for otter signs and pulling together ideas about how we might run a citizen science project to survey the 6,000 ha area.

As part of their initial scoping they have found some interesting structures that may have been installed to make the M80 motorway less of a barrier to wildlife. Our next steps are to find out if these are being used and if not how could they be improved.

PRIORITY WORK

The following areas will be prioritised from June to August:



The programme is kindly supported by:



PROJECT LIST

The following is a list of projects from the original Living Landscape portfolio and includes new projects developed by the programme partners. If you would like to find out more, contact the Project Development Manager Ian Mackenzie on 07920 839359 or email imackenzie@swt.org.uk.

Title of Project	Project ID	Organisation	Key Contact	Progress Feb 2013	Progress May 2013	Progress Sept 2013	Progress Dec 2013
2020 Vision	CLL34	Wild Media Foundation	Duncan Clark	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
Beautiful Bogs	CLL13	North Lanarkshire Council	Laura McCrorie	On Schedule	On Schedule	On Schedule	On Schedule
Community Growth Areas	CLL10	North Lanarkshire Council	Mark Forrest	Not Started	Not Started	On Schedule	On Schedule
Community Hub	CLL08	Kyle Citizens Community Trust	Mia Crawford	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started
Compost Production	CLL20	Scottish Water Horizons		Unknown	Unknown	Complete	Complete
Core Path Plan	CLL09	North Lanarkshire Council	Hayley Andrew	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete

Cumbernauld Community Park	CLL04	Friends of Cumbernauld Community Park	Barney Kinsler	On Schedule	On Schedule	On Schedule	On Schedule
Cumbernauld Connections - habitat networks	CLL38	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Ian Mackenzie	N/A	N/A	Not Started	Not Started
Cumbernauld Woods Management Plan	CLL14	North Lanarkshire Council	Brian Thomson	On Schedule	On Schedule	On Schedule	On Schedule
Dog Trails	CLL22	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Duncan Clark	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started
Dragonfinder	CLL35	Froglife	TBC	N/A	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started
Eco Housing	CLL23	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Duncan Clark	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	On Schedule
Enhancing and Protecting Native Woodland in Cumbernauld	CLL36	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Duncan Clark	N/A	N/A	On Schedule	On Schedule
Enhancing Biodiversity in Urban Greenspace – Northside Wood	CLL31a	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Duncan Clark	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not Started
Enhancing Biodiversity in Urban Greenspace in Forest Wood	CLL30a	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Duncan Clark	N/A	On Schedule	On Schedule	On Schedule
Enhancing rec opps in urban greenspaces in Northside wood	CLL30b	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Duncan Clark	N/A	Not Started	Not Started	On Schedule
Fair Trade Garden	CLL15	North Lanarkshire Council		Not Started	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Farm Forestry Wood Fuel	CLL02	Forestry Commission Scotland		Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Forest School (S)	CLL24	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Duncan Clark	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started
Forestry / About training	CLL30c	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Duncan Clark	N/A	N/A	On Schedule	On Schedule
Green Energy	CLL25	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Duncan Clark	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started
Green flag award	CLL29a	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Duncan Clark	N/A	N/A	Not Started	Not Started
Greenfaulds Orchard - plans done for peace garden	CLL16	North Lanarkshire Council / Cumbernauld Environment Society	Gerry Lewis	On Schedule	On Schedule	On Schedule	On Schedule
Greenspace Centre	CLL26	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Duncan Clark	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	On Schedule
Growing Spaces	CLL16a	North Lanarkshire Council	Brian Thomson	N/A	N/A	Not Started	Not Started
Heritage Signs	CLL06	Friends of Cumbernauld House Park	Adam Smith	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
Homes for Barn Owls	CLL11	North Lanarkshire Council	Laura McCrorie	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
Land Swap	CLL27	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Duncan Clark	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started
Langriggs	CLL17	North Lanarkshire Council	Brian Thomson	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete

Living Landscapes Brand*	CLL29	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Ian Mackenzie	Behind Schedule	On Schedule	Behind Schedule	Behind Schedule
Living Waters	CLL07	Froglife	Iain Maclean	On Schedule	On Schedule	On Schedule	Complete
Living Window	CLL28	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Ian Mackenzie	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started
Meadows & hedges	CLL05	Friends of Cumbernauld Glen	Karren Morrison	On Schedule	On Schedule	On Schedule	On Schedule
Mosswater Smithstone	CLL01	North Lanarkshire Council	Brian Thomson	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
Native Forestry R	CLL31	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Duncan Clark	On Schedule	On Schedule	Not Started	Not Started
Palacerigg Long Term Forest Plan	CLL18	North Lanarkshire Council	Brian Thomson	Behind Schedule	Behind Schedule	Behind Schedule	Behind Schedule
Peatland restoration	CLL40	Central Scotland Bog Forum	Craig MacAdam	N/A	N/A	Not Started	Not Started
Pine Marten Project	CLL37	North Lanarkshire Council	Gerry Lewis	N/A	N/A	Not Started	On Schedule
Slamannan Plateau	CLL03	Forestry Commission Scotland		Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
St Maurice's Pond	CLL19	North Lanarkshire Council	Brian Thomson	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
Staff	CLL32	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Ian Mackenzie	Behind Schedule	Behind Schedule	Behind Schedule	On Schedule
SUDS (Pond 4b)	CLL21	Scottish Water / Scottish Wildlife Trust	Duncan Clark	On Schedule	On Schedule	On Schedule	On Schedule
SUDS Phase II	CLL21a	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Duncan Clark	On Schedule	On Schedule	On Schedule	On Schedule
SWT Long-Term Forest Plan	CLL30	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Duncan Clark	Behind Schedule	Behind Schedule	Behind Schedule	Behind Schedule
Where have you Bean geese	CLL12	North Lanarkshire Council	Laura McCrorie	On Schedule	On Schedule	On Schedule	Complete
Wildlife Train	CLL33	Scottish Wildlife Trust	Duncan Clark	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started
Woodland Heritage	CLL39	TBC	TBC	N/A	N/A	Not Started	Not Started