

VOLUNTEERING MATTERS

ACTION EARTH 2025



Volunteering Matters Action Earth is an environmental grants scheme that supports volunteers across Scotland in improving local green spaces for nature. Grants of £250 are available to purchase plants, tools & materials. 2025 saw projects carrying out a wide range of high-quality activities with excellent results and great volunteer numbers. Large numbers of volunteers with disabilities and defined health and social issues continued to participate. The environmental impact continues to be enormous. Half of our volunteers were active in the lowest 20% of most deprived areas of Scotland. **Action Earth** is funded by NatureScot and The National Lottery Community Fund. All pictures, statistics and comments in this report were supplied by 2025 **Action Earth** projects.

3,608 VOLUNTEERS

129 PROJECTS



Summary of Key Aims 2025

Volunteering Matters Action Earth:

- ❖ Transforms local communities by creating and enhancing local greenspace and wildlife habitats
- ❖ Supports volunteer groups to take positive action in projects that help address climate change and the nature crisis
- ❖ Works extensively in areas of Scotland most affected by multiple deprivation issues
- ❖ Creates healthier communities through outdoor activities that provide physical exercise and improve the mental health and wellbeing of participants
- ❖ Includes everyone in helping to tackle nature loss and climate change including people who are new to environmental volunteering or have disabilities and/or health issues
- ❖ Increases understanding of both the Nature and Climate crises with grants, advice and support for those taking action at local levels
- ❖ Helps projects to adapt to cost-of-living challenges through advice on sustainable or best practice solutions and providing extensions
- ❖ Promotes our partnership with NatureScot and the Natural Lottery Community Fund, highlighting their funding of the campaign and emphasising their priorities and social media messaging.

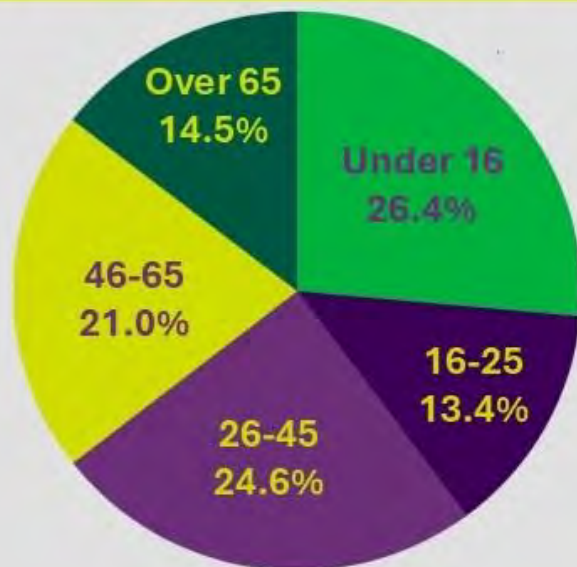
Volunteering Matters Action Earth takes a place-based approach to our work, focusing on the complex needs of communities and how we can address these through the power of volunteering. We connect all sectors of the community to create and support pathways to potential, especially around social isolation, positive mental health & wellbeing and cost-of-living issues.





1,437 Volunteers aged under 26
1,559 New Environmental Volunteers

DEMOGRAPHICS





N151 – Homelands Trust-Fife

Absolutely thrilled to have got the money to get this project moving forward. Has made one volunteer in his 80s turn from a one day a week volunteer to a 5 day a week volunteer! He's also taken on managing two other very regular volunteers who have learning support needs and look to him for direction.

N072 – The Ridge, Dunbar

The turn round was quick and we had great help from the team. We were able to push ahead very quickly and plant just before the winter arrived. Application and feedback processes were easy, with responsive and clear forms.

N160 – Castlebank Horticultural Centre

This is my first time applying for a grant from Action Earth and everything's been great. Communication has been clear and quick and any problems that arose were resolved quickly -- and the support team there were very helpful and friendly!

N103 – Midlothian Wildflowers Youth

Fantastic! We love Action Earth!



Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)

49.6% of Projects in lowest 20%

44.8% of Volunteers on lowest 20% projects

N130 - Carrickvale Management Committee

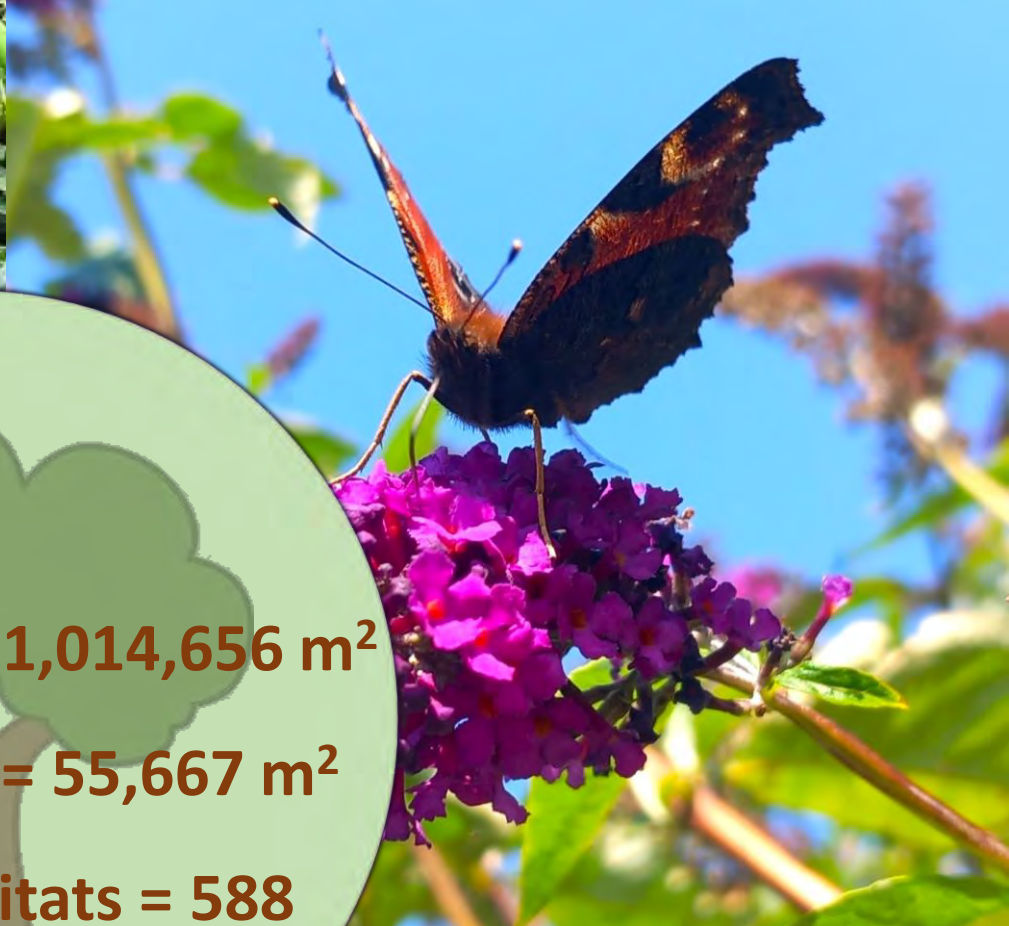
Action Earth have been fantastic every step of the way and have been very knowledgeable when I've been seeking advice. Such a lovely organisation to work alongside.

Top Six Regions



32,572 Volunteering Hours
9 Hours per Volunteer





Area Worked = 1,014,656 m²

Area Planted = 55,667 m²

Wildlife Habitats = 588





9,561 Trees Planted

Action Earth and Health in 2025



1,022 Action Earth Volunteers Identified as having Health Issues

Category	Number
People with mental health issues	438
People with learning disabilities	270
People with physical disabilities	147
Those who are socially isolated due to a health issue	177
Diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular disease, other life limiting condition	192
Other Health Issues	73

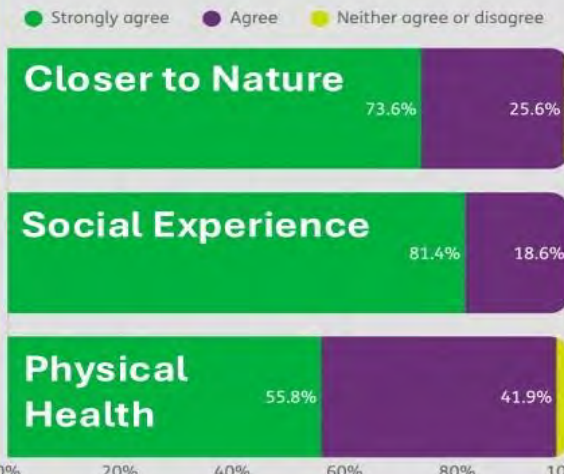
N011 – Eat Sleep Ride

Our experience with Action Earth has been fantastic. The staff have been really lovely, helpful and responsive throughout. The process was clear, the communication supportive, and we felt encouraged at every stage. It's been a pleasure to be part of a fund that truly values community-led environmental work.

N111 - Mountain Ash Club / Buddies at Rowan Court

Action Earth is a really great fund to help reduce social isolation and get older people outside. Being at one with nature is fabulous.

HEALTH BENEFITS



N137 – Care for Carers

*It has been a very rewarding experience. We have found **Volunteering Matters** support very responsive and understanding of our charity. Your interest shown in visiting our allotment which will allow us to demonstrate the impact our project will make on carers well-being and to the local environment as the project develops.*

Total Claimed = £31,063.37

**Total value of projects was
£98,423.29
(a multiple of 3.17)**





N152 - Friends of Jenny's Well

Another very positive and impactful project made possible by Action Earth.

N086 - Wellbeing Works Dundee

Action Earth helped 3 volunteers in particular to grow and develop beyond our hopes and expectations after their activities. They subsequently undertook an environmental residential activity in the Highlands. This would not have been achievable without Action Earth providing the entry point to conservation and environmental volunteering.

Achievements in 2025

Another excellent year for **Action Earth** with a range of dynamic and unique activities that were funded to make space for nature.

We continued to support diverse communities across Scotland, demonstrating that we are all involved in tackling the climate and nature emergencies. 3,608 volunteers participated on 129 **Action Earth** projects. 49.6% of our projects were in the 20% most deprived areas of Scotland. 39.8% of our volunteers were aged 25 or under. 28.3% of our volunteers had disabilities and/or defined health issues.

Overall time worked by volunteers was 35,572 hours - an average of 9.03 hours per volunteer, demonstrating that most volunteering was not just a one-day experience.





Planting and Habitats

Action Earth projects continue to reflect a wide range of activities – from small-scale projects that improve local greenspace to major pieces of work that redevelop community landscapes. Pollinator highways and bee corridors featured in 2025 applications as projects sought to create inter-linked networks of nectar-rich planting that would allow biodiversity to flourish and flow. Hedgerows, plants, wildflowers and bulb planting were more numerous than tree planting this year as people sought to create easily achievable, natural habitats for wildlife. More small ponds and bog gardens were also created than before - especially in community woodlands and gardens.

GENDER OF VOLUNTEERS

Female 1,906 (52.8%)

Male 1,666 (46.2%)

Non-binary 36 (1.0%)

N125 – Friends of King's Park

We are delighted to have the opportunity to develop a small pond which we couldn't have done without you. The team were so excited when we spotted our first frog!

N040 - Cyrenians

Friendly and helpful with useful prompts.

34,300 Facebook Reach
1,177 Followers of Facebook



Good organic results on a site now pushing users towards paid-for content. We averaged about 2 posts per week over the year with more in the latter stages as project feedback came in. All posts mention **NatureScot** and the **National Lottery Community Fund**. Most post also featured the hashtag #MakeSpaceForNature.

Total Followers are now 1,177 a rise of 77 since last year.

The highest views for posts in March 2026, the final month of the campaign, were 3 Hares Woodland creating orchard protection around their trees in Penicuik (2,182 views), Edinburgh and Lothian Regional Equality Council carrying out planting with New Scots, Polish and Chinese volunteer groups (860 views) and Ninewells Hospital's Community Garden in Dundee being improved by volunteers with mental health issues who installed plants and improved woodland (782 views).

Satisfaction

● Average ● Good ● Very good ● Excellent

FORMS & PROCESS

17.6%%

74.6%%

ACTION EARTH TEAM

12%%

30.3%%

57.7%%

Team satisfaction score was 100%, and Process satisfaction score was 97.7% based on responses of "Good" or better.

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N029 – St Paul's Youth Forum

It has been a positive experience and has allowed us to deliver a fun and engaging nature based project. It has which continued to interest the children – who especially like to check on the pond and plants looking to see if there is any wildlife there yet. It will continue to offer engagement for many years to come.



N102 - Livingston Community Shed

As a group of pensioners we are very happy when an organisation treats us as adults.

N148 – Knocknagael Green Hub

First time engaging with Action Earth and we found this a positive experience.



N059 – Braes Friendly Growers

We really enjoy being part of Action Earth. They are connecting communities across the country and showing that we can all learn from each other.

N023 Friends of Centenary & West End Parks

We have to thank you for the help and continued support given to the group. With this help we have been able to start and complete projects which would otherwise have been left.

N088 - Budhill and Springboig Allotment Association

We appreciate very much that your team understand that projects involving volunteers do not always have things go to plan and that we have to adapt constantly to achieve our objectives!

N041 – Safer Communities Youth Action Project

This was an important learning experience for the young people and encouraged them to engage with nature in a positive and appreciative way.





N062 – Gartmorn Dam Country Park Development Trust

This was an excellent learning experience for the young people whilst making an important contribution to tackling climate change at a community level. The group have created an important local legacy. Both the community and our local nature will benefit from the creation of this new orchard.

N093 - Granton Community Gardeners

Thank you! It's always a good experience and great support with this fund.

N081 Friends of Stonehouse Park

We love this funding opportunity! It gives us the chance to improve our park space year on year for the whole community to enjoy.



N074 – The People's Project Dumfries

The advice and support is always excellent. Any queries are dealt with very efficiently.





N129 – The Highbacks

Our experience with Action Earth was very positive. The support and simple process made it easy to deliver our project. The funding helped us run gardening sessions, open days and resident consultations, increasing community engagement and improving our local green space.

N014 - Penicuik Guerrilla Gardeners

Smooth and straightforward. Great support for small community based projects.

N045 Victoria Park Community Trust

Action Earth are a pleasure to work with and we greatly appreciate their support.

N149 – Cassiltoun Housing Assoc. (Castlemilk Park Project)

Our experience with Action Earth has been very positive. The support process and systems were clear and easy to follow. Thank you again for your support.

N035 - Friends of Easter Craiglockhart Hill

Thank you for your ongoing support - it is wonderful to have a grant scheme that aligns so well with what our group is all about.



Ref.	Organisation/Project Name	Project Description	Volunteers	Local Authority	SIMD
N020	Off The Rails Community Garden / New Calm Space	The project created plans for a quiet outdoor wellbeing space featuring plants, benches, chimes and mindful artwork, located away from the main garden. Although primarily focused on mental health, the design incorporated planting that would add greenery, support pollinators and offer small habitats for wildlife. The resulting area provided a calming, nature-rich refuge where adults and children could relax and connect with the outdoors.	18	Aberdeen City	1599
N047	Camphill Medical Practice Ltd t/a Camphill Wellbeing Trust / COMPASS - Navigating healthy, sustainable living	The project enhanced biodiversity around an espalier fruit-tree wall by preparing a 60-metre strip with cardboard mulch, compost and leaf mould to improve soil structure. Volunteers sowed Scottish wildflower seed mixes and planted pollinator-friendly shrubs, creating a rich flowering habitat that supports bees, butterflies and other wildlife. The improved soil and plant diversity increase long-term ecological resilience.	23	Aberdeen City	6769
N097	Miscarriage Services / Pregnancy Loss Memorial Garden	The group organised volunteer maintenance days in the memorial garden, planting trees and shrubs chosen to attract bees and butterflies. Volunteers also weeded and cared for the space, improving local habitat quality and creating a more welcoming green environment. The project supported biodiversity while reducing isolation and improving wellbeing through shared outdoor activity.	72	Aberdeen City	3784
N055	Friends of Forest Drive Park / Climate Fighting Community Wetland	Volunteers created a small wetland scrape in a naturally damp park area, planting native wetland plugs and wildflower species to support amphibians, insects and birds. The shallow water feature improved habitat variety, encouraged new wildlife sightings and is expected to expand as plants establish. The project strengthened local wetland ecology and climate resilience.	17	Aberdeenshire	5123
N105	Hope Garden SCIO / Accessing Hope	Volunteers developed accessible raised beds and paths, planting organic vegetables alongside companion flowers that support pollinators. They also built bug hotels and bird boxes and collected leaves to make soil-improving leaf mould. These actions expanded wildlife habitat, strengthened soil health and made nature-based activities more accessible for wheelchair users and people with reduced mobility.	23	Angus	937
N136	Sustainable Kirriemuir / Growing Together	Adult volunteers, staff and local high-school pupils cooperated to plant and maintain a wildlife hedge. The mixed native hedge provided blossom, berries and dense cover, supporting birds, insects and small mammals. By establishing this living boundary, the project improved habitat connectivity, created sheltering corridors for wildlife and strengthened the site's resilience to climate and environmental pressures.	31	Angus	4129
N138	Hope Kitchen / Planting Heritage Trees for Pollinators	Volunteers hosted a community day in Greenshoots Dunollie walled garden to plant Scottish heritage fruit trees—apples, pears and plums—and install supports and protection. The chosen varieties will thrive locally, increase blossom and fruit for wildlife, and improve pollination of existing trees. The heritage orchard enhances biodiversity, supports pollinators and provides shared harvests for volunteers and local species.	19	Argyll & Bute	2279

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N062	Gartmorn Dam Country Park Development Trust / Gartmorn Community Orchard	A community orchard was established at Gartmorn Dam Country Park, where volunteers and local pupils planted six native fruit trees alongside pollinator-friendly bulbs. Citizen-science activities deepened understanding of climate impacts, tree identification and habitat support. The orchard increased food sources for wildlife, strengthened biodiversity, and provided long-term learning opportunities focused on sustainability and climate action.	20	Clackmannanshire	913
N123	Tullibody Community Garden / Trees for wildlife and people	The project "Trees for Wildlife and People" prepared ground around the garden and planted native trees and shrubs chosen for their value to birds and pollinators. These species provided food, cover and nesting opportunities, while enhancing structural diversity and resilience. The new planting strengthened wildlife habitat and created a more engaging, climate-friendly landscape for visitors.	17	Clackmannanshire	889
N038	The Birchvale Players / Birchvale Bloom & Belong	The Birchvale project engaged volunteers in creating diverse wildlife habitats, including bird and bat boxes, hedgehog houses, mini-ponds and hoverfly lagoons. They planted native wildflowers and developed a Moon Meadow for night-pollinating species. Using peat-free compost and rainwater collection, the project supported climate-positive gardening, increased nectar availability, and expanded shelter and breeding spaces for local wildlife.	16	Dumfries & Galloway	2144
N074	The People's Project Dumfries / Perennial Plant Proliferation or 3P's	Volunteers used new specialist tools to divide and replant established perennial species across the town, increasing floral abundance and extending nectar availability for pollinators. They also added spring bulbs and drought-tolerant plants to revitalise neglected areas, including the Remembrance Garden. The improved planting supported butterflies, bees and other wildlife and enhanced the town's green spaces through climate-resilient species choices.	22	Dumfries & Galloway	392
N094	Newton Stewart Initiative / Tree Planting	The group adapted their original plan and worked with the local Men's Shed to build planters for herbs, flowers and seeds at the Newton Stewart Centre. This created new habitats for pollinators and provided young people with hands-on learning in nature, planting and biodiversity. The project also improved the centre's outdoor area, encouraging greener community activity.	20	Dumfries & Galloway	1786
N067	Charleston Community Centre Local Management Group / Charleston Centre Community Garden	A small community garden was created at the Charleston Community Centre, involving volunteers of all ages and backgrounds in planting food crops and flowers. The project improved local biodiversity, increased pollinator habitat, and provided learning sessions to build gardening and ecological skills. The garden strengthened community cohesion and offered a greener, healthier space in an area facing social challenges.	18	Dundee City	380

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N086	Wellbeing Works Dundee / Grow the Grower	Volunteers built and installed ten bat boxes across sites including Dundee Law, Kinraddie Allotments and Middleton Woods, supported by park rangers. The project formed part of a wider conservation-learning initiative, helping participants understand bat ecology, food sources and habitat needs. The new roosting sites strengthened local bat populations and expanded nocturnal biodiversity in urban and semi-natural environments.	26	Dundee City	1260
N104	Grey Lodge Settlement / Wildlife Warriors	Young adults created a wildlife-friendly garden area featuring a rockery, tree planting, and bird-feeding and nesting features to support birds and insects. The project improved habitat availability, encouraged biodiversity and produced a peaceful outdoor space for elderly visitors. Participants also gained teamwork skills and greater understanding of how to care for natural environments.	20	Dundee City	991
N109	Scottish Action for Mental Health - Dawson Park Community Garden / Bee Banks Boost!	Volunteers stabilised and enriched an existing bee bank by planting pollinator-friendly species selected by wildflower and bee specialists. The work improved habitat quality and provided new nectar sources, while engaging community groups—especially home-education families—in learning about bees and biodiversity. The project strengthened long-term habitat value and inspired continued stewardship.	44	Dundee City	1208
N157	Ninewells Community Garden / Wildlife food forrest	The group prepared ground for new pollinator-encouraging perennials in a wildlife garden and future food forest. On wet days, volunteers researched RHS "plants for pollinators" lists to select species that would provide nectar across all seasons. This careful planning and soil preparation laid the groundwork for a diverse, climate-resilient planting scheme benefiting wildlife and people alike.	27	Dundee City	2369
N159	Uppertunity / Growing Places	In the gardens around a Dundee castle, volunteers dismantled two large, failing raised beds and removed old benches, then began building smaller, more accessible planters and sowing wildflower meadows. New seating was added so visitors can enjoy the enhanced space. The redesign created varied habitats for wildlife, supported pollinators and made outdoor areas more usable and climate-friendly.	15	Dundee City	6274
N131	Netherthird Community Development Group / Food for bees and butterflies	Volunteers planted a wide range of new plants and bulbs in their community, choosing species that offer nectar and pollen for bees, butterflies and other wildlife. The fresh planting enriched habitat structure, extended flowering periods and increased food availability for pollinators. As a result, the local green space became more supportive of biodiversity and more attractive for residents.	10	East Ayrshire	2126
N019	Kilmardinny Community Garden Project / Ponds for frogs part 2 and Bearsden beastie bothy	The team upgraded a leaking community-garden pond by adding a liner, aquatic plants, a solar-powered pump and a safety net, creating a more stable habitat for frogs and other pond life. They also built a bug hotel and assembled hedgehog house kits to diversify shelter options for invertebrates and mammals. These interventions collectively improved local biodiversity and provided practical, visible examples of climate-positive habitat restoration.	26	East Dunbartonshire	6553

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N072	The Ridge Dunbar Garden Volunteers / Herbelicious	Volunteers established a Mediterranean-style herb garden and replanted borders with shrubs and climbing plants to support pollinators and wildlife. The herbs will be used in community cooking projects, linking biodiversity with local food resilience. Plant choices prioritised sustainability and drought tolerance, improving habitat quality while creating an attractive, productive space that benefits insects and supports a circular community economy.	15	East Lothian	3736
N108	Tranent Wombles / Tranent Wildlife Corridor	The Tranent Wombles expanded their Wildlife Corridor by planting wild honeysuckle along two new sites on adopted grassland. The planting supported night-pollinating moths and provided berries for birds. Volunteers also prepared additional ground for future pollinator planting, strengthening biodiversity and ecological connectivity across the town.	18	East Lothian	660
N153	Include Me 2 Club SCIO / Growing Together	The project shifted from Rouken Glen to Cowan Park and the Hub Club, where volunteers focused on biodiversity improvements and wildlife monitoring. They restored growing areas, added pollinator-friendly planting, and installed features such as bug hotels and bird boxes. These actions enhanced habitat diversity, created accessible nature-learning spaces, and encouraged participants of all abilities to engage with local ecosystems.	27	East Renfrewshire	4903
N008	Volunteer Edinburgh / Bridgend Ukrainian Gardening Group	The project improved pond habitat and surrounding areas by introducing planting that supported aquatic wildlife and adding fruit bushes to increase food and shelter for species. Volunteers also created an inclusive gardening space for displaced people, particularly from Ukraine, to connect with nature. Guest speakers shared advice on caring for soils and habitats, building local skills in biodiversity-friendly gardening and climate-aware land stewardship.	16	Edinburgh City	1380
N025	Friends of Orchard Park / WildEdinburgh - Plants for Pollinators	At Orchard Park, volunteers managed a 450 m ² wildflower meadow, adding 85 native wildflower plugs to boost floral diversity and pollinator habitat. The work strengthened habitat connectivity as part of the Edinburgh Nature Network and NatureScot's urban biodiversity strategy. Participants gained skills in scything, planting and meadow ecology while contributing to climate-positive, resilient green-space management.	35	Edinburgh City	6925
N035	Friends of Easter Craiglockhart Hill / Wildflower propagation station	At Easter Craiglockhart Hill LNR, volunteers built a wildflower propagation station with a cold frame, nursery bed and seed-tray shelves. They propagated large numbers of native seedlings from existing populations, protecting them from harsh weather. These young plants will be planted out to strengthen wildflower diversity, improve habitat resilience and support pollinators across the reserve.	19	Edinburgh City	5576

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N040	Cyrenians / #MOTHS 2 THRIVE	Schoolchildren learned about moth biodiversity through activities identifying macro and micro species, exploring their ecological importance, and creating suitable habitats. They developed methods for recording data and designed an educational information board on moth lifecycles and habitats. The project raised awareness of insect conservation, pollinator roles, and the need to protect nocturnal biodiversity.	41	Edinburgh City	2809
N068	Linking Leith's Parks / Linking Leith's Parks: Meadow planting	Volunteers planned the planting of 200 wildflower plug plants across three meadow sites in Leith, complementing seed sowing completed earlier in the year. One meadow session and one maintenance session were completed, and plug plants were purchased in preparation for installation. The project supports Edinburgh's wider habitat-linking strategy and strengthens pollinator pathways across urban parks.	60	Edinburgh City	1269
N078	Leith Community Growers / Under the Orchard Trees	Despite weather disruption, volunteers created a new wildflower meadow at the orchard entrance by clearing ground, laying cardboard mulch, adding fresh soil and sowing a Scottish native seed mix. The meadow will provide rich nectar sources, improve pollinator habitat, and enhance the orchard's welcome for visitors. Multiple community sessions ensured broad involvement in this long-term biodiversity project.	56	Edinburgh City	2210
N085	Friends of Campbell Park / Wild About Campbell Park	The project converted 20 m ² of mown grassland into a wildflower area by planting plug plants of 18 native species in specially prepared sandy soil. This new wildflower habitat increased nectar availability, supported pollinators and enhanced species diversity around the park's sports-pitch amenities. The work contributed to more climate-resilient green space management.	144	Edinburgh City	6827
N093	Granton Community Gardeners / Swift bed and breakfast	The project improved five local patches with wildflower seeds and prepared to install three swift nest boxes near an existing colony. Volunteers also added bird feeders and delivered conservation sessions to raise awareness of swifts, sparrows and starlings. These actions expanded insect resources and nesting opportunities, supporting red-listed birds and strengthening local biodiversity.	44	Edinburgh City	868
N095	Volunteer Edinburgh / Creating joy on Leith Walk	Volunteers refreshed the enclosed vennel by clearing the area and planting wildlife-friendly flowers to attract pollinators. They also installed a bird feeder to support local birdlife. The improvements brightened the previously neglected passageway and provided small but valuable habitats for insects and birds while creating cleaner, greener access for local users.	10	Edinburgh City	2597
N101	Edinburgh & Lothians Regional Equality Council (ELREC) / Community Tree Planting	Volunteers from diverse community groups planted 226 trees to create wildlife habitat, support natural flood management and strengthen local biodiversity. The event also raised climate awareness by teaching participants about native species and collaborative action. These efforts expanded woodland cover, improved ecological resilience and contributed to both environmental and mental-health benefits for volunteers.	25	Edinburgh City	1999

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N121	Sandy's Community Centre / Action for wildlife	The project ran three volunteer days to build a dead hedge and create a wildflower meadow. Volunteers installed stakes, collected branches to fill the hedge, and prepared and seeded meadow ground. Bulbs and seeds were also planted to enhance nectar sources. The dead hedge and meadow provide valuable habitat and corridors for wildlife, while children learned about climate change and nature's importance.	26	Edinburgh City	1064
N130	Carrickvale Management Committee / Community Garden Project	The project transformed a former cast-iron-filled space into an accessible garden and wildlife initiative. Volunteers installed raised flower and vegetable beds, created a wildflower area with a beehive, added bird boxes, seating and a child play/education area, and built paths for access. These changes significantly increased habitat for pollinators and birds while providing a safe, inclusive green space that supports community wellbeing.	8	Edinburgh City	2178
N137	Care for Carers / Caring Allotment	Unpaid carers and those they support began developing a community allotment in North East Edinburgh. They created a compost area and planted pear and plum trees, with plans for raspberry canes. These steps laid the foundations for a biodiverse, productive space that will provide habitat for pollinators, local food for carers, and opportunities to learn sustainable growing skills.	17	Edinburgh City	4718
N147	Jock Tamson's Gairden / Claiming your stake	Volunteers learned how to build a dead hedge using prunings from routine maintenance, creating approximately 36 metres of habitat for birds, insects and amphibians. They also coppiced overgrown hazel to start a five-year rotation and installed an additional bat box while clearing flight paths to existing boxes. These actions diversified woodland structure, reduced waste and improved nesting and roosting opportunities.	20	Edinburgh City	2134
N004	Friends of Inchyra park / Canines in the wild	The group worked with secondary school pupils to create a wildflower border and plant spring bulbs in Inchyra Park. Their efforts boosted floral diversity and nectar availability for bees and other pollinators, addressing local concerns about pollinator decline. The new planting complemented existing park projects, delivering long-lasting environmental benefits while engaging young people in practical biodiversity action and climate awareness.	15	Falkirk	536
N013	Muiravonside Community Growing area / Wildflower pollinator project	Volunteers planted a wide range of heritage and pollinator-friendly flowers, including night-flowering species, to provide nectar across the seasons and support nocturnal insects and bats. Although biodiversity changes were still emerging, the project increased floral diversity and potential habitat for pollinators around ponds and woodland edges. Seed-saving plans aimed to maintain resilient, non-hybrid varieties and share benefits across plots in future years.	33	Falkirk	4906

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N017	Polmont Together / Back to nature	The project built on earlier habitat work by installing additional bat boxes and a variety of bird boxes, including tailored designs for robins, wrens and treecreepers. Volunteers also planted bee-friendly pollinator species around two formerly derelict areas. These combined actions diversified nesting opportunities and food sources, helping wildlife return and strengthening the ecological value and resilience of the local landscape.	22	Falkirk	3313
N041	Safer Communities Youth Action Project / Youth Action: Helping nature in our community.	The project supported young people in learning about biodiversity by building and installing bat, bird and bug boxes across woodland, towpaths and parks. Participants also created bird feeders, removed invasive species, and planted trees, gaining practical conservation skills. These activities expanded habitats for native species and strengthened ecological recovery while promoting youth-led climate action and environmental awareness.	20	Falkirk	766
N043	Blooming Bairs / Bring nature to elderly residents in High Flats	Residents improved neglected planters beside Falkirk High Flats by clearing litter, planting flowers, herbs and shrubs, and taking shared responsibility for ongoing care. The new planting increased nectar, pollen and shelter for wildlife while transforming the area into a more welcoming, biodiverse space. The work supported wellbeing, mobility and social connection among participants as they maintained the improved environment.	60	Falkirk	1115
N059	Braes Friendly Growers / Composting at the garden bothy herb garden	Volunteers improved an underused composting and herb-growing area by adding soil-enhancing microbes and planting resilient Scottish seeds. The project strengthened soil health, supported pollinators through herbaceous planting, and encouraged a more equitable, climate-resilient seed system. These actions helped transform previously neglected ground into a productive, biodiversity-supporting garden space.	10	Falkirk	4301
N112	Rainbow Muslim Women's Group / Flower Power	Volunteers aged 13–65 planted flower beds and seeds around the community hall and local wildlife centre to improve sustainability and visual appeal. The new planting increased nectar and habitat for insects and birds, while demonstrating how simple greening actions can enhance biodiversity in urban spaces. The work strengthened community stewardship of local nature and created more attractive, climate-friendly surroundings.	16	Falkirk	872
N134	Under The Trees / Really Wild	In Falkirk woodlands, volunteers joined a wellbeing group that combined gentle conservation tasks—such as tree planting, habitat creation, litter picking and dead-hedge building—with nature walks and wildlife exploration. They planted new trees, replaced guards and created invertebrate habitat from wind-blown brash. These actions improved woodland species diversity, enhanced habitat structure and promoted climate-positive land management while supporting participants' mental health.	22	Falkirk	5795

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N135	Polmont Sports Centre Community Group / Sporting splendour	Three community groups designed and planted insect-friendly planters outside their venue: mini-gym toddlers and carers, walking footballers, and chair-yoga participants. Each group selected and cared for seasonal plants that support pollinators. The planters created small but valuable wildlife gardens, increased nectar resources, and connected people of different ages to practical biodiversity action through ongoing, low-maintenance gardening.	18	Falkirk	5194
N001	Forth View Tenants and Residents Association / The Fruity Meadow Project	The project enhanced a neglected area between blocks of flats by planting apple and pear trees alongside bulbs and other plants. This increased local tree cover, food sources and shelter for wildlife, and created a richer habitat close to the seafront. The new planting improved biodiversity, supported pollinators, and transformed a dull communal space into a greener, more attractive environment for residents.	15	Fife	78
N006	Fife Employment Access Trust CIC / Coastal Garden	Volunteers used historical research to guide the re-creation of a small coastal garden in Silverburn Park. They reintroduced native coastal species such as sea thrift, catmint, wild thyme, self-heal and betony, restoring habitat structure and food sources for pollinators and other wildlife. This work both honoured the site's heritage and strengthened biodiversity, helping the designed landscape adapt to current environmental challenges.	15	Fife	2918
N048	Ore Valley Housing Association / The Waters Edge Project at Carden Mill Brae	The group worked to improve environmental quality near a busy road by planning tree and hedgerow planting to reduce pollution, create habitat and enhance biodiversity. Their efforts aimed to establish a green boundary between play areas and water edges, supporting wildlife food sources and safer public space. Collaboration with schools and local groups strengthened community engagement in conservation.	15	Fife	1704
N113	Levenmouth Rail Campaign / Greening Fife's Old Coastal Railway	The "Greening Fife's Old Coastal Railway" project saw volunteers prune previously planted fruit trees, clear new planting spots and plant 25 additional fruit trees along the former Methil-Thornton line, plus a small number of snowdrops. These actions extended habitat corridors for wildlife, increased blossom and fruit for pollinators and birds, and improved the ecological value of the Fife Coastal Path.	15	Fife	7
N114	CLEAR Buckhaven & Methil / Making Byron Park Biodiverse	Volunteers enhanced a major park in Methil by propagating and planting wildflowers, native trees and fruit trees, and installing bird and bat boxes on mature trees. This combination of structural and floral diversity created richer feeding, nesting and roosting opportunities, strengthened habitat connectivity, and supported pollinators, birds and bats in a highly accessible urban greenspace.	19	Fife	148

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N144	Lucky Ewe / Orchard and Tree Planting	Lucky Ewe volunteers planted around 3,000 native trees—including hawthorn, rowan, hazel, birch and willow—on their learning farm, with hedge planting ongoing. The new woodland and hedgerows created wildlife-friendly habitat, improved soil structure, reduced wind exposure and increased foraging and nesting opportunities. Over time, the trees will capture carbon, support pollinators and serve as a teaching resource on climate and ecosystems.	75	Fife	2303
N151	Homelands Trust-Fife / Watching Wildlife	Conservation volunteers planted native wildflowers and saplings in a quiet part of the Homelands grounds, aiming to support pollinators and enrich habitat. The colourful, textured planting now provides food and shelter for insects and birds and offers guests—many of whom are wheelchair users or spend long periods indoors—a calming, wildlife-rich view from their windows.	18	Fife	4910
N003	Glasgow Kelvin College / Forest School Volunteering	Volunteers carried out ongoing conservation tasks to improve local biodiversity. They built bug piles and dead hedges, installed bird boxes, and undertook habitat protection to create more nesting and shelter opportunities for wildlife. By removing invasive species and carrying out regular litter picking, they supported native plants and animals, helping local ecosystems recover and remain more resilient to environmental pressures.	24	Glasgow	255
N009	Street Connect / Govan Road Community Garden	Street Connect transformed an overgrown, long-unused plot into a therapeutic community garden with raised beds. Volunteers used plants to create new habitats for insects and other wildlife and planned links to a wider “bee highway” to strengthen pollinator corridors. Although the highway connection was delayed, the garden already offered greener, more climate-friendly space that supports biodiversity and community wellbeing in an urban estate.	27	Glasgow	379
N024	Friends of Victoria Park / A tree for each primary school	Three primary schools took part in choosing and planting native trees—oak, apple and wild cherry—in Victoria Park to enhance biodiversity and teach pupils about climate, heritage, and nature. The project enriched habitat value for pollinators and birds, established a new educational tree trail, and deepened young people’s understanding of environmental stewardship through hands-on planting and learning activities.	20	Glasgow	508
N026	FARE Community Allotment / Pathway to peace & tranquility	Volunteers created a biodiversity-rich sensory pathway made of sixteen textured sections using natural materials, supporting climate-resilient planting and microhabitats. Surrounding beds were planted with bulbs, evergreens and pollinator-friendly species, which attracted birds and invertebrates. The project improved habitat diversity, strengthened ecosystem resilience, and provided an engaging sensory route for children to explore and connect with nature.	110	Glasgow	287

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N029	St Paul's Youth Forum / Blackhill Community Pond	Young people worked with Froglife.org to dig and create a wildlife pond at Blackhill Community Farm, improving habitat for amphibians and insects. They also built six bird boxes and installed raised beds, expanding biodiversity features across the site. The project increased ecological knowledge, strengthened habitat provision, and encouraged youth involvement in nature-based climate action.	55	Glasgow	4384
N045	Victoria Park Community Trust / Pupils plant bulbs in Victoria Park	Around 100 primary pupils planted hundreds of bulbs in Victoria Park and learned about pond ecology through frog-dipping sessions. The bulbs will provide early-spring nectar and pollen when few flowers bloom, improving pollinator support and soil health. The activities engaged children directly in biodiversity learning while enhancing ecological value across the park.	120	Glasgow	4290
N049	Cranhill Development Trust / Hoverfly Heroes	Volunteers created pollinator planters and hoverfly lagoons to support hoverfly populations in the east end of Glasgow. These features provided food sources, shelter and safe movement corridors for hoverflies, helping counter population decline. The project increased biodiversity across gardens and communal spaces while fostering a more supportive urban ecosystem.	20	Glasgow	83
N050	The Glasgow Group of the Riding for the Disabled Association / It's got everything to do with pond life.	Native wetland-friendly plants were added around the pond to increase cover, food sources and habitat diversity for local wildlife. Colourful shrubs on the sloping banks improved visual interest for visitors and adjacent disabled horse riders. The improved area now supports amphibians, pollinators and birds, creating a richer, climate-resilient wetland ecosystem valued by the community.	14	Glasgow	486
N051	Friends of Linn Park / Community Growing	Volunteers collected and propagated local tree and wildflower seeds in a community field, growing over 60 native trees and preparing them for planting across the park. They also maintained hedges, paths and composting areas to support long-term biodiversity. This seed-to-plant approach strengthened habitat resilience, supported pollinators, and encouraged sustainable, locally adapted plant growth.	30	Glasgow	2098
N053	Yorkhill Green Spaces / Planting for bees	Two new "Beds for Bees" were created in Yorkhill and Overnewton Parks, using cottage-garden perennials chosen for high pollinator value. Combined with existing wildflower meadows, these beds formed important stepping-stone habitats for insects moving through the urban area. The project increased food sources, plant diversity and community interest in biodiversity.	18	Glasgow	1390
N058	Fair Deal / Bats Need Boxes	Participants with learning disabilities built 12 bat boxes and planted wildlife-friendly hedging, creating new habitats for bats and other species. With support from a licensed woodlands officer, they installed boxes in Castlemilk Woods and learned about bat ecology, feeding needs and conservation. The project expanded roosting opportunities, increased food sources, and engaged volunteers in meaningful biodiversity action.	23	Glasgow	256

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N061	Epilepsy Connections / Bee Happy	The group created nesting habitat for solitary ground-nesting bees by establishing a prepared nest area surrounded by native wildflowers. This planting increased nectar availability, strengthened habitat diversity, and provided essential shelter for pollinators. The project delivered a focused intervention that directly supports bee populations and enhances ecological resilience in the garden.	23	Glasgow	21
N063	Clover - The Bee Garden / Bee Nest	Volunteers created a ground-nesting bee habitat by removing turf and forming a sand-gravel-soil mix suitable for solitary bees. They planted around 31 native coastal wildflowers, including species such as sea thrift, to provide nectar and structural diversity. The project improved habitat resilience and will allow monitoring of bee activity as plants establish.	20	Glasgow	3763
N065	Belvidere Village Community Group / Vacant Land Renew Project	Local volunteers cleared derelict land and created new planting areas using wildlife-friendly species that flower throughout the year. The improvements increased nectar availability, food sources and shelter for insects and birds. The revitalised site now supports stronger biodiversity and offers a more inviting, environmentally beneficial green space for the community.	24	Glasgow	154
N070	North Glasgow Community Food Initiative / Royston Biodiversity Beds	In Royston, volunteers improved existing raised beds and built three new ones, filling them using the climate-friendly hugelkultur method. They ran workshops on pollinator planting, soil health and urban biodiversity while introducing native wildflowers and habitat-supporting species. Sixteen volunteers gained practical ecological skills, and the upgraded beds now offer richer, more resilient habitats for pollinators.	16	Glasgow	990
N071	Baillieston Community Garden / Wildlife on Our Doorstep.	Volunteers created habitats for visiting urban wildlife by installing shelters for hedgehogs, bats, small birds and insects in their community garden. These features provided safe overwintering spaces, encouraging species to remain in the area. The project increased biodiversity, strengthened local ecosystems and offered residents opportunities to observe wildlife responsibly, deepening community connection with nature.	32	Glasgow	384
N084	W.I.L.D. Woodland Inspired Learning and Development / Community Coppice	Over four volunteer days, the team coppiced part of the Carmunnock willow woodland and erected deer fencing to protect regenerating growth. Participants learned traditional woodland-management skills such as coppicing and pollarding, which support biodiversity by creating varied habitat ages and structures. The work improved understorey light levels and increased habitat opportunities for invertebrates, birds and small mammals.	15	Glasgow	431
N088	Budhill and Springboig Allotment Association / Sow, Grow, Taste, Eat	The group cleared unused allotment land and planted an orchard of ten fruit trees—apple, pear and plum—to support the Budhill Family Learning Centre's early-years project. They preserved an evergreen ivy hedge for pollination benefits and used the orchard to teach children about food origins, climate, healthy living and nature. The planting increased biodiversity and created a long-term community resource.	16	Glasgow	2495

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N100	The People's Pantry / Carfin Street Gardening	Volunteers enhanced an urban green space by planting bulbs and native perennials such as daffodils, heather and calendula across 43 raised beds. The planting improved pollinator habitat, supported soil health and offered accessible nature-based learning. The project also fostered wellbeing by giving residents hands-on skills in growing, harvesting and biodiversity-friendly gardening.	13	Glasgow	1138
N125	Friends of King's Park / King's Park Wildlife Pond	With support from Froglife, volunteers cleared an overgrown area in the King's Park walled garden and established a new wildlife pond on the site of an old one. They removed weeds and replanted with grasses, conifers and wildflowers. The pond and surrounding vegetation created fresh habitat for amphibians, insects and other wildlife, improving biodiversity and climate-resilient water features within the garden.	15	Glasgow	3810
N127	Urban Roots / Polmadie Plots Community Woodland	Urban Roots volunteers and local children planted native bulbs such as snowdrops, fritillaria, anemone and wild garlic in woodland beside the Polmadie community garden. These plants will increase spring nectar, shade-tolerant diversity and food sources for pollinators. The work expanded the biodiversity of the woodland strip, creating a richer, more resilient habitat connected to the existing growing site.	22	Glasgow	500
N132	Govanhill Baths Community Trust / Bat Boxes at Agnew Lane	An LGBTQ+ gardening group in Govanhill built and installed two bat boxes and a "bat bed" within their developing nature sanctuary. These features provided roosting and foraging support for bats in a dense urban environment. The work expanded nocturnal biodiversity, complemented existing pollinator-friendly planting, and demonstrated how marginal urban spaces can be transformed into inclusive, long-lasting wildlife refuges.	18	Glasgow	877
N133	Maryhill Men's Shed, Friends of Ruchill Park, Friends of Maryhill Park and Countryside Rangers / Wildlife homes for the parks	Maryhill Men's Shed members used reclaimed timber to construct bird, bat and swift boxes for Ruchill Park, Maryhill Park and the Botanic Gardens. The new boxes increased nesting and roosting opportunities for multiple species, strengthening local populations and habitat connectivity. The project also built practical skills and improved wellbeing for participants living in an area of social and economic deprivation.	20	Glasgow	790
N149	Cassiltoun Housing Association (Castlemilk Park Project) / Green Gateways Hedgerows Project	Castlemilk Park Project volunteers planted mixed native hedgerows of hawthorn and blackthorn in three locations. The new hedges act as wildlife corridors for birds, insects and small mammals, protect soils, slow surface runoff and store carbon. They also improve park aesthetics and create natural boundaries that help deter fly-tipping and other antisocial behaviour, contributing to a healthier environment.	15	Glasgow	256

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N150	Maryhill Burgh Halls Trust / Maryhill Community Garden For All	Volunteers converted an unused patch of land into a new community garden, planting native species and creating a wildflower meadow. The work increased habitat and food sources for pollinators, strengthened local biodiversity and encouraged people to spend time outdoors together. Participants gained skills and confidence in nature-friendly gardening while building pride and connection in their neighbourhood.	16	Glasgow	501
N032	Carrbridge Community orchard / What's in the box?	The group implemented wildfire-resilience and biodiversity measures by installing bat and bird boxes, creating hedgehog houses, planting wildflowers, and repairing a bog garden. Habitat improvements along a freshwater burn supported invertebrates, while woodland and wetland enhancements strengthened ecological resilience. These actions increased nesting opportunities, food sources, and climate-adaptive habitat diversity across the site.	26	Highland	4756
N064	Maryburgh Community Woodland Group / Boxes for beasts in Maryburgh Wood	Wildlife boxes designed by the Maryburgh Men's Shed were installed across the community woodland, providing new habitats for birds and other species. The boxes were made from locally sourced timber, and birds began investigating them shortly after installation. The project expanded nesting opportunities, supported local biodiversity, and demonstrated the value of community-led habitat creation.	24	Highland	3543
N082	Hilton Duck Pond Volunteers / Castle Heather Park Nature Boost	The project boosted biodiversity in Castle Heather Park by planting native Scottish wildflower seeds and bulbs, introducing species not previously found in the park. This increased nectar and pollen availability for insects and supported wider pollinator networks. The locally sourced wildflowers also strengthened ecological resilience and enhanced the park's natural character.	17	Highland	714
N148	Knocknagael Ltd. / Knocknagael Green Hub	An organisation developing an 8.28-hectare urban green hub near Inverness purchased hand tools to plant wildlife-friendly hedgerows around the "Smiddy" field. The hedges will screen allotments, create habitat corridors and support birds and pollinators, while forming part of a larger community hub with 145 allotments and public green space. The project strengthens urban biodiversity and local climate resilience.	120	Highland	5234
N012	Newtongrange Community Garden / Pond Life	Using Action Earth funding, the community garden invested £250 in pond plants and aquatic soil to improve a newly extended pond. The introduction of oxygenating and marginal species enhanced water quality and structural diversity, creating better habitat for amphibians, insects and pollinators. These upgrades helped build a healthier, more resilient aquatic ecosystem that supports biodiversity and contributes to long-term environmental sustainability on site.	16	Midlothian	2057

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N014	Penicuik Guerrilla Gardeners / Welcome to our town	A previously barren strip of land at the town entrance was converted into a drought-tolerant, pollinator-friendly flower bed with an added bug-hotel feature. Volunteers selected plants that can cope with changing climate conditions while providing nectar and shelter for insects. The new planting improved habitat connectivity along the roadside, created a more attractive gateway to the town, and is expected to support increasing biodiversity over time.	15	Midlothian	2094
N030	Friends of Roslin Moat / Hedge for Wildlife at Roslin Moat	The project used 420 Woodland Trust saplings to strengthen hedgerows around Roslin Moat Reserve and plug gaps in nearby hedges, improving habitat connectivity for wildlife. Volunteers installed stakes and guards to ensure long-term resilience. The expanded hedging supported pollinators, birds and small mammals while reinforcing natural boundaries and contributing to climate-positive landscape restoration.	90	Midlothian	4614
N087	Roslin Guerrilla Gardeners / Pollinators in the Park	The Guerrilla Gardeners expanded pollinator-friendly planting across four adopted spaces in Roslin Park by adding perennial shrubs, bulbs and herbaceous species that flowered at different times. This seasonal approach increased continuous nectar supply, supported pollinators during scarce periods, and improved biodiversity across the park. Their planting choices also enhanced visual interest for local residents.	19	Midlothian	4614
N099	Three Hares Woodland CIC / More Fruit Trees, Please!	The community orchard was improved by adding wooden struts and netting to the deer fence, installing an espalier frame and planting eight new espalier apple trees. These additions increased fruiting habitat, strengthened biodiversity and provided better shelter and food sources for wildlife. The upgrades supported long-term orchard resilience and expanded habitat connectivity.	31	Midlothian	4828
N103	Midlothian Wildflowers Youth / MWF Youth Pond Life Project	Volunteers improved a large pond by removing algae, duckweed and invasive rushes, then adding marginal and oxygenating plants to support amphibians, insects and pollinators. They also planted trees to reduce algal growth, completed litter picking and engaged young people through pond-dipping activities. The work created a healthier freshwater habitat and strengthened biodiversity across the site.	20	Midlothian	1689
N161	Aberlour Glebe Garden / Aberlour Glebe Garden Willow Ossery	At Aberlour's developing community garden, volunteers and P6-P7 pupils planted a willow osier bed of 720 pegs over an 8x8-metre area. Adult volunteers prepared the ground, and pupils helped plant, gaining outdoor learning and practical conservation experience. The willow will provide habitat for insects and birds, materials for future crafts, and a climate-resilient feature within the garden.	35	Moray	4526

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N046	Friends of Lochshore Park / Planting of early-blooming pollinators	Volunteers carried out a large-scale planting of 4,500 spring bulbs to provide reliable nectar and pollen sources during early spring, when floral scarcity limits pollinators. This expanded upon previous bee-habitat work and involved school pupils and local groups. The mass planting strengthened pollinator resilience, increased seasonal flowering, and helped raise community awareness of ecological improvement.	23	North Ayrshire	1248
N118	Beith Community Association SCIO / Nest Boxes For All	Through nest-box building workshops, volunteers created a wide range of bird boxes, including hole-nesting, open-front, treecreeper, tawny owl and kestrel designs. Boxes were installed around Beith town centre, Spiers Woodlands and Barmill Park. This significantly increased nesting opportunities for multiple bird species, strengthened urban-rural habitat networks and engaged community members in hands-on biodiversity conservation.	15	North Ayrshire	838
N023	Friends of Centenary & West End Parks / Revamp for Robert	Volunteers restored overgrown shrub beds around the Robert Hamilton memorial, improving planting areas to support pollinators and enhance biodiversity. When one bed required specialist treatment for mare's tail, the team redirected efforts to revitalise a welcome bed in Centenary Park. Their work increased floral diversity, improved habitat value, and created more pleasant, greener community spaces for people and wildlife.	16	North Lanarkshire	1058
N037	Cumbernauld Environmental Society / Cumbernauld Peace Garden Development	Volunteers maintained a four-acre Peace Garden through weekly grass cutting, hedge trimming, weeding and tidying. Protective gear supported safe working. This regular stewardship preserved habitat quality for insects, birds and other wildlife, ensuring the garden remained a healthy green space that contributed to local biodiversity while offering a peaceful environment for community use.	21	North Lanarkshire	2772
N044	Greenhead Moss Volunteer Group / Management Matters	Volunteers enhanced the Local Nature Reserve by thinning woodlands, clearing vegetation along paths and ponds, and opening light channels for aquatic and terrestrial species. They painted and installed bird boxes, managed storm-damaged trees, and kept the wildlife garden accessible. These actions improved habitat structure, increased ecological diversity, and strengthened resilience for birds, insects and plants.	17	North Lanarkshire	260
N056	Viewpark Conservation Group / Spring into Nature	Volunteers planted spring bulbs and native tree seeds across the community green to improve early-season pollinator food sources and support long-term biodiversity. Riverbank planting helped stabilise soil and reduce erosion, contributing to climate resilience. The project also provided education on biodiversity and conservation, increasing understanding of how small planting actions support wider ecosystems.	42	North Lanarkshire	1118

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N077	Countryside Ranger Volunteers in North Lanarkshire / Nest Box Building	Volunteers built 40 small nest boxes for garden birds and six larger boxes for Tawny Owls, installing some within the country park while others were taken home to support wildlife locally. These new nesting sites increased breeding opportunities for a range of bird species, strengthened habitat networks, and encouraged wider community involvement in conservation and biodiversity improvement.	31	North Lanarkshire	2305
N083	Greenhead Moss Volunteers / Planting for Pollinators	Volunteers managed meadows in the Local Nature Reserve by cutting and lifting grass, then sowing native wildflower seeds to support pollinators. They also cleared vegetation in a wildlife garden and around a quarry area to prepare ground for new growth. These actions improved habitats for insects, amphibians and birds, enhancing climate resilience through more diverse and connected ecosystems.	19	North Lanarkshire	260
N090	Calderdrux Community Council /	Volunteers revitalised borders in the village Heritage Garden by removing overgrown rose bushes, treating persistent roots and replanting with bulbs, trees and wildflower seeds. These improvements increased floral diversity, provided new nectar sources for pollinators and restored an attractive, wildlife-friendly space. Local school children were involved, strengthening community engagement with biodiversity and conservation.	15	North Lanarkshire	604
N098	St Andrew's United Free Church, Bellshill / Church at the Cross Peace Garden	Volunteers enhanced the only greenspace in central Bellshill by thinning trees, removing ivy and planting pollinator-friendly species. These improvements increased light levels, supported healthier soil and expanded nectar sources within the churchyard. The project also encouraged community stewardship and transformed a congested urban environment into a more diverse and peaceful green habitat.	16	North Lanarkshire	1379
N117	Glenboig Development Trust / Brighter Glenboig	Volunteers and local young people planted spring bulbs in Glenboig's community garden and Life Centre grounds, carefully labelling varieties. The bulbs will provide early nectar for pollinators emerging from winter and add seasonal colour for residents. The project increased biodiversity, involved youths with support needs, and encouraged wider understanding of how bulbs support pollinators and healthy urban greenspace.	20	North Lanarkshire	3843
N124	CABIA (counselling and Benefits in Action) / Grow your own	Volunteers ran a bulb-growing project inspired by school experiments, with each person choosing bulbs to plant and care for indoors before transplanting them to the community garden. This activity encouraged ownership, taught basic plant care, and will add seasonal colour and nectar for pollinators once bulbs are moved outside, enhancing biodiversity and visual appeal across the shared space.	18	North Lanarkshire	649

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N142	Northern Corridor Community Volunteers / Community Bee Bed	Volunteers built a pollinator-friendly "bee bed" at a busy community hub serving a GP surgery, health clinic and primary school. They planted nectar-rich species and added positive mental-health signage and children's bee-themed artwork. The bed created an attractive habitat for pollinators in a high-footfall location and highlighted the link between healthy ecosystems and human wellbeing.	22	North Lanarkshire	2782
N146	Dumbreck and Garrell Conservation Group / Biodiversity improvements to Dumbreck Marsh LNR	At Dumbreck Local Nature Reserve, volunteers planted 90 native trees of six species, forming new hedges and habitat patches. They also built 20 bird boxes, though materials came from other sources. The new trees improved structural diversity, carbon storage and wildlife corridors, while the boxes expanded nesting sites. Plans to sow wildflowers were postponed following ecological advice but will further enhance biodiversity later.	15	North Lanarkshire	1020
N080	Letham Climate Challenge / Spring into Letham	The group created seasonal wildflower and bulb displays across Seven Acres community ground by planting spring and summer bulbs and sowing wildflower seeds. Volunteers from schools, universities and local businesses helped expand habitat variety and increase nectar sources throughout the year. The enhanced planting boosted biodiversity, supported pollinators and strengthened community stewardship of shared green spaces.	47	Perth & Kinross	917
N022	Friends of Jennyswell / Woodland wildflowers and trees	The group continued long-term habitat improvement in the local nature reserve by planting woodland wildflowers and supporting native species recovery. Volunteers also removed litter and invasive plants, helping restore ecological balance. Their work complemented wider path and bridge upgrades, strengthening biodiversity, enhancing habitat structure, and increasing the reserve's resilience to climate pressures while creating a healthier environment for wildlife and visitors.	15	Renfrewshire	1070
N042	Shopmobility Renfrewshire / Jenny's Well Nature Reserve-Disability Friendly	Volunteers created an accessible nature space at Jenny's Well Nature Reserve for people with mobility disabilities, planting seeds and developing a contemplative area marked by a Friendship Tree. They worked with assisted-needs pupils to explore and photograph local wildlife, increasing engagement with biodiversity. The project strengthened community connection to nature while promoting inclusive access to outdoor habitats.	145	Renfrewshire	712
N111	Mountain Ash Club / Buddies at Rowan Court	Tenants and volunteers prepared an outdoor area for wildlife by installing bat and squirrel boxes and planting bulbs to brighten the space as winter turned to spring. Painting and placing the boxes encouraged engagement, while the new planting increased food and shelter for birds and mammals. The improved area supported biodiversity and offered residents a more uplifting, nature-rich outlook.	15	Renfrewshire	988

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N120	Sheltered Housing Complex / Speirsfield Soilers	An area at Speirsfield was developed with bird and squirrel boxes to encourage more wildlife to use the space with minimal disturbance. The project aimed to give tenants opportunities to observe animals while providing safe habitats for birds and mammals. These measures increased biodiversity, expanded shelter and feeding options, and supported more harmonious coexistence between people and wildlife.	20	Renfrewshire	1031
N152	Friends of Jenny's Well / Happy Hedging Habitat	Volunteers coppiced overgrown hazel trees and built four sections of dead hedge, totalling around 36 metres, to plug gaps and create habitat. They also installed a new bat box and cleared flight paths to all boxes on site, adding ten existing bird boxes. This combination of coppicing, hedging and nest-box provision improved woodland structure and supported a wide range of wildlife.	18	Renfrewshire	1116
N011	eat sleep ride / Grow & Gather: A Sensory Nature Project	The project involved neurodivergent and autistic young people in practical biodiversity work, such as building insect and bee hotels, creating sensory pollinator patches, and growing herbs and vegetables. Using recycled and natural materials, participants learned about pollinators, habitat creation and climate change. Their efforts created small but valuable wildlife refuges, increased local food and nectar sources, and fostered inclusive access to nature-based climate action.	17	Scottish Borders	4823
N073	Greener Peebles / Biodiversity Space	The group developed a heritage biodiversity growing space by planting perennials chosen for pollinator support and long-term ecological value. Volunteers cleared and prepared the ground, using permaculture principles to enhance soil health and habitat structure. The new Forest Food and Biodiversity area provides diverse nectar sources, strengthens local wildlife corridors, and promotes sustainable, climate-resilient gardening.	28	Scottish Borders	4198
N010	Friends of Langlands Moss / Spring Path Project	At Langlands Moss Nature Reserve, volunteers planted around 1,300 native spring bulbs such as bluebells and snowdrops along paths and at the entrance. This significantly increased early-season nectar and pollen for pollinators emerging from winter, while enriching the visual appeal of the site. The work strengthened local biodiversity and made the reserve's gateway more welcoming for visitors engaging with nature.	16	South Lanarkshire	4971
N036	Supporting Our Community / Nurturing Nature Open Day	The community garden held an open day featuring workshops on making wildflower seed bombs and bird-food balls. Seed bombs were distributed locally and planted in a new meadow area to boost pollinator habitat. Volunteers gave talks on biodiversity and practical nature-friendly actions, encouraging ongoing engagement and improving ecological awareness across generations.	13	South Lanarkshire	2694

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N057	Rutherglen Bankhead Residents Association / Greening Bankhead	Volunteers planted up a whisky barrel at the local shops, adding colour and nectar-rich flowers that support bees and other pollinators. The improvement created a small but valuable wildlife resource in an otherwise built-up area, helping strengthen local biodiversity while boosting community pride. The planting also provided a visible reminder of the benefits of greening urban spaces.	12	South Lanarkshire	214
N066	Hillhouse Link Tenant and Residents / Recreational and growing area	The group developed 1.3 acres of community land by planting vegetables, fruit and pollinator-supporting flowers, helping prepare for incoming bee colonies. Volunteers also began beekeeper training to support future honey production and deepen understanding of environmental impacts. The new planting increased local biodiversity, strengthened pollinator support and encouraged sustainable food-growing practices.	31	South Lanarkshire	576
N081	Friends of Stonehouse Park / Bluebells in the woods	Volunteers planted native bluebells, crocus and primrose in woodland undergoing tree removal for ash dieback, aiming to maintain pollinator habitat during landscape transition. Additional bulbs were planted in the park to expand earlier biodiversity work. These efforts supported early-season insects, enhanced ground-layer diversity and helped sustain wildlife until further habitat restoration can take place once tree-removal works conclude.	18	South Lanarkshire	3918
N089	Soul of the Junction SCIO / Seeds of Soul - The Jam Patch	A community-led growing space was developed in Carstairs Junction, where neighbours planted herbs, spices and other produce. The garden strengthened biodiversity through mixed planting and encouraged sustainable local food production. It also built community cohesion by bringing people together to grow, harvest and share resources, reducing waste and promoting environmentally positive habits.	20	South Lanarkshire	1626
N106	Quarter Community Hub / Keep Quarter Beautiful	The group transformed neglected community land by planting trees, shrubs and wildflowers to improve biodiversity, support pollinators and mitigate climate impacts. They also created a mini wildflower meadow and worked with local schoolchildren on artwork promoting environmental awareness. The project increased habitat diversity and turned the space into a more sustainable, wildlife-friendly area.	103	South Lanarkshire	3987
N107	Trust Jack Foundation / Bomb and Bloom	Volunteers carried out wildflower "bombing" across local green spaces to brighten the area and increase nectar sources for pollinators. This simple but effective action helped diversify habitats, supported bees and insects, and encouraged wider community interest in nature-friendly planting.	18	South Lanarkshire	1270
N119	Propagate Scotland CIC / Biodiversity Boost	At Gowkthrapple community garden, volunteers planted 1,000 early-flowering bulbs, built a mini-pond with bee-friendly plants, installed three bird boxes and added bird baths and feeders. These features provided food, water and shelter for birds, insects and amphibians. Volunteers, many with additional support needs, monitored birds using the Merlin app, deepening their connection with nature while improving local biodiversity.	18	South Lanarkshire	742

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N129	the highbacks / Grow & Glow — wellbeing through nature and nurture	At The Highbacks, volunteers maintained and improved green spaces by planting pollinator-friendly flowers, caring for existing plants and clearing litter. These small-scale but regular actions created important habitats for bees, insects and birds in a dense neighbourhood. The project promoted environmental stewardship, reduced waste and contributed to a more climate-resilient, nature-rich urban environment that benefits residents' wellbeing.	23	South Lanarkshire	210
N141	Fernbrae Meadows Allotment Association / Creating Pollinator Highways	Allotment holders planned to plant native nectar-rich species in communal areas to form a "bee corridor". By choosing suitable species for gaps between plots, they aimed to increase continuous forage and movement routes for pollinators across the site. The project strengthened biodiversity within the allotments and supported healthier, more resilient bee and insect populations.	18	South Lanarkshire	623
N160	Castlebank Horticultural Centre / Bog Garden Variegated Beds	Volunteers improved a bed beside the pond by conditioning the soil with manure, selecting variegated plants—many native to Britain—and carefully labelling them. The new planting offers cover for pond wildlife, increases plant diversity and demonstrates species suitable for local gardens. This visually appealing bed enhances habitat quality and encourages visitors to adopt wildlife-friendly planting at home.	18	South Lanarkshire	1857
N075	Buchlyvie Wildlife Garden / Making Meadows	The group restored Burn Green meadow by clearing invasive plants and sowing wildflower seeds to enhance pollinator diversity, particularly for bees. Additional herbs such as marjoram and rosemary were planted in the medicinal garden to support pollinators and community wellbeing. Volunteers also fed woodland birds through winter, helping them survive harsher conditions and strengthening local biodiversity throughout the colder months.	17	Stirling	5599
N079	Friends of Plein Country Park (SCIO) / Greater Butterfly Orchid Management	Volunteers cleared 360 m ² of bramble and scrub from meadow edges to increase light and nutrients for wildflowers, particularly Greater Butterfly Orchids. This habitat restoration improved grassland structure, allowing native species to flourish and enhancing biodiversity. The work supported long-term resilience of meadow ecosystems and contributed to healthier conditions for specialised pollinators and plant communities.	24	Stirling	3632
N115	BLS Community Trust (Balquhiddier, Lochearnhead and Strathyre) / Victoria garden volunteer group	A small village group planned biodiversity-focused planting in a central garden used for remembrance events. They purchased wildlife-friendly plants and seeds to attract birds, bees and other species, although wet weather delayed full implementation. The project aimed to create a shared, nature-rich space where residents could enjoy local wildlife and strengthen community connections around an improved, climate-friendly garden.	14	Stirling	3222

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N033	Beechbrae / Biodiversity in Action	Volunteers planted native wildflowers across woodland and wetland areas to increase biodiversity, and added fruit trees to replace gaps left by dying trees. This restored canopy structure, improved food availability for wildlife, and expanded habitat diversity. The work strengthened ecological resilience and supported pollinators and other species dependent on varied, climate-robust plant communities.	20	West Lothian	1605
N091	Murieston Community Garden / Sensory public garden	Volunteers added a range of native perennials to the sensory garden, increasing nectar availability for pollinators while creating a more stimulating environment for visitors, including those with dementia and neurodivergence. By expanding colour, fragrance and seasonal interest, the planting strengthened wildlife habitat, supported insects, and enhanced wellbeing for people using the garden.	15	West Lothian	6317
N102	Livingston Community Shed / Development of Growing Tree Seeds	In collaboration with Silvbio Bio Science, volunteers trialled new compost mixes and worked to germinate acorns and chestnuts for planting in local forests and gardens. Although germination success varied, the project promoted sustainable tree propagation and soil-health improvement, supporting long-term biodiversity and climate-positive land management.	23	West Lothian	1181



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