

Dunblane Environment Group

Volunteering – Sustainability - Community – Lobbying



The Group was formed in 2010 to focus on sustainability and involve the wider community as much as possible.

From a pool of 16 people, volunteers meet every Wednesday morning on various projects to improve the environment of Dunblane for residents and visitors; and to offer nature-friendly education for youngsters.



Down by the river side



Volunteering

people
in purple!





Join us on the “beach”



Our main development for 2018-20 is a project on the Memorial Park river bank (“the beach”) with an emphasis on promoting biodiversity in this area

Achievement 2010-19!

Raising funds

- to save the Glen Road to Bridge of Allan from closure
- to help repair the riverside path below the cathedral

Creating and/or maintaining

- the War Memorial garden and the Hosta border
- the Community Orchard with Dunblane Primary School
- the path between Bridgend and the Haugh
- a Stumpery near the river for rest or play
- flower beds in the Millrow playpark
- a container vegetable garden & greenhouse at the Braeport

Designing and installing

Interpretation boards in the Memorial Park, by the Rock Garden and opposite the cathedral

Lobbying

- **Network Rail**: retaining wall at the end of the Bridgend path
- **Stirling Council** : the riverside path below the Cathedral which collapsed in 2011 and finally repaired in 2017



2018-19 Reviewed

- Nov '18: **Memorial Garden** looking good for Remembrance Sunday
- Dec '18: Group members enjoyed a **festive lunch** together
- May '19: Best ever fundraising plant stall at the **'Fling'**
- Spring & Summer '19: Continuation of the **Beach Project** plus weeding the Hosta Border
- Autumn '19: Planted spring bulbs on **Holmehill** and tidied up the Memorial Garden for November

Sustainability



- *Focussing on perennials*
- *Avoiding the use of chemicals*
- *Encouraging wildlife*
- *Pollination (bee) friendly*
- *Moving to peat-free compost*



Community



Annual stall at the Fling



Planting Spring bulbs
at the Braeport.



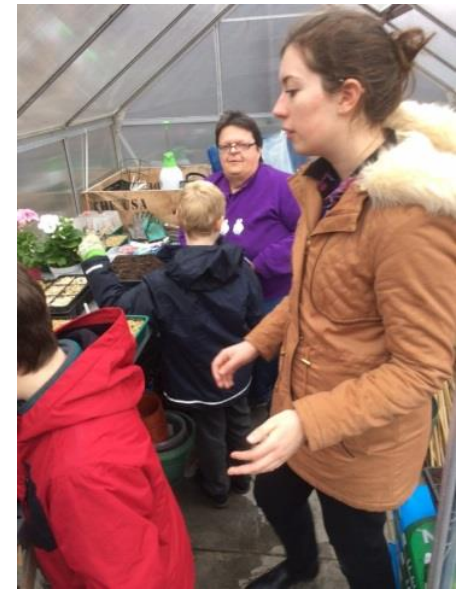
Community orchard at Dunblane
Primary School: first fruit 2017



St Mary's Primary children planting
potatoes and harvesting peas



Onion and garlic crop



Helpers in the
greenhouse

Community Interpretation boards



Green Travel Map at the station



Interpretation boards on each side of the river



Welcome map at Mill Row car park



Memorial Park interpretation board installation

Lobbying: 3 before and after stories



persuaded to build a 50 metre long retaining wall at Bridgend



Poor view of War Memorial from above 2016



Cutting back self-sown trees on Haining banking



A good view of on Sunday wreath laying 2017



Path Collapse 2011



Path repaired & reopened 2017



To-Do-List for 2020 & beyond

- *1. Consult the community on planting new trees in the devastated Hosta Border
- *2. Raise funds to replace the ruined edging at the front of the Hosta Border
- *3. Continue working on the Beach – more planting, bird boxes, bug hotel, etc
- **4. Find more volunteers!**

Anyone with a few hours to spare each week please contact us:

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