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**Communities leading regeneration
across East Ayrshire**

Place Based Investment Programme



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Join us as we reflect on the first three years of the Place Based Investment Programme, highlighting the hard work and achievements of communities throughout East Ayrshire.



What is PBIP?

The Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) is a Scottish Government capital fund administered by East Ayrshire Council. The council invites applications on an annual basis for community projects that deliver on the priorities of Community Action Plans, Local Place Plans, community engagement activity or that otherwise help achieve community aspirations.

The fund supports significant change for East Ayrshire towns and villages through community led projects. We recognise that projects that make a real difference to their communities require investment.



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programme in East Ayrshire**

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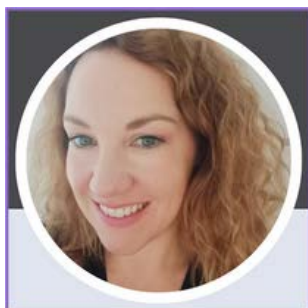
With Thanks

The positive change shown throughout this booklet would have been impossible without the passion, skill and dedication of East Ayrshire citizens. Throughout these examples, we hope to celebrate your achievements and thank you for your hard work.

Many community members have also selflessly agreed to share their learning with those who might want to undertake similar projects. We have provided contact details so that other communities might benefit from their experience.

Thank you.

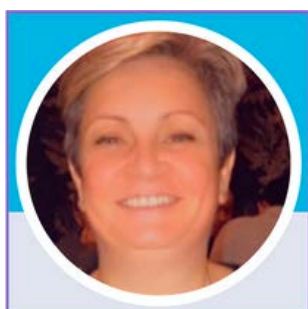
Meet the community led regeneration team



Claire Kavanagh

Strategic Lead: Community Led Regeneration

Lead the Community Led Regeneration Team and strategically manage how the Council supports improvement in local towns and villages, based on the aspirations, skills and assets of local communities and businesses.



Sharron Kilday

Community Led Regeneration Officer: Development, Compliance and Performance

Promote, deliver and monitor Place Based Investment Programme Projects. Provide guidance and support to partner projects as required ensuring compliance and record keeping is satisfactory to meet the terms and conditions of the grant funding.



Tracy Murray

Town Centre Regeneration Officer

Develop effective relationships with the business and retail community within Town Centres across East Ayrshire, supporting the existing Business Associations while encouraging others to form business associations in their communities. Supporting various initiatives like the Shop Front Improvement Scheme as well as delivering the East Ayrshire Gift Card.



Fraser Kerr

Town Centre Regeneration Officer

Lead on and facilitate place based interventions and positive change at the place and community level, committing to community led regeneration and human learning systems.



Barbara McNaughton

Town Centre Regeneration Officer

Regenerate towns and villages throughout East Ayrshire by actively engaging with stakeholders and providing support to turn innovative ideas into reality. Developing communications, including social media and web pages for the Community Led Regeneration Team and working with partners to support town centre events such as the Winter Festival.



Hannah Dickson

Love Local Resource Worker

Support the team to communicate via multiple methods, including digital to colleagues and the wider public. Utilise graphic design skills to bring creative ideas to life and take the lead for specific projects such as the 2023 Kilmarnock Christmas edition book.



Place Based Investment Programme

Learning Studies

Overview

The following Learning Studies are compiled by the *Community Led Regeneration Team* (CLRT) through our continued work with successful Place-Based Investment Programme (PBIP) partners. These projects offer a snap shot of the journey which CLRT, wider East Ayrshire Council colleagues, and organisations have undertaken.

Place-Based Investment Programme

The Place-Based Investment Programme is a Scottish Government initiative designed to revitalise communities across Scotland. It aims to support town centre revitalisation and community led regeneration by ensuring that all place based investments are shaped by the needs and aspirations of local communities. It also seeks to tackle inequality and disadvantage and accelerate local ambitions for net zero, wellbeing, community involvement and ownership.

CLRT Learning Studies

These learning studies aim to identify and understand the key factors contributing to successful implementation and outcomes. By working with our partners to consider a 360 learning journey both East Ayrshire Council and our partners can gain valuable insights into best practices, challenges and opportunities.

The circulation of the learning studies through colleagues, partners, and organisations will help to ensure continuous improvement of all elements of grant making and application including:

- Research
- Collaboration
- Consultation
- Project Development
- Budgeting
- Deliverability
- Monitoring
- Evaluation

Further Information

Each of the Learning Studies featured have been condensed from larger, more involved Studies which can be accessed by contacting the CLRT team at towncentreregeneration@east-ayrshire.gov.uk



Ayrshire Food Hub Learning Study

Organisation Summary

Nestled in the rural outskirts of Hurlford, Kilmarnock, lies the Ayrshire Food Hub, a bustling centre comprising a café, development kitchen, meeting room, growing garden and a farm shop. On the site of the former Crossroads Primary School the hub services 6 rural parishes and hamlets distributing 'Fairshare', produce from local Supermarkets to alleviate local food insecurity and uses produce destined for Landfill.

Project Summary

Ayrshire Food Hub successfully applied to to PBIP Funding for 3 projects over a two year period these were:

“Best Health for All”: The premise of the project was two fold:

- To increase the ability of the organisation to provide low cost home cooked meals for a client group particularly impacted by the Cost of Living crisis.
- To provide opportunities for local people to socialise including choirs, food demos and talks through providing a portable stage on site.

“Eco Gardening”: Building on its commitment to sustainability and community engagement, the Hub pursued funding for the “Eco gardening” project. With a vision to transform underutilised land surrounding the Hub into a thriving green space, the initiative aimed to expand growing capacity, facilitate the cultivation of herbs and vegetables, and generate additional income through the sale of plants and flowers.

“So Kids Can Play”: Responding to the aspirations expressed by people visiting for a safe outdoor play area, the Hub initiated the “So kids can play” project.

Collaborating with the local community and stakeholders, including two former Crossroads Primary teachers, Crossroads Young Farmers, two regular visiting children and a representative from the parents/babies and toddlers group, the project aimed to design and construct a designated play area. After choosing the best options from supplied quotes, the community were asked to vote on their favourite designs.

Funding

Totality of Funding for all three projects are as follows:

Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) - £43,035

Other internal/External Funding - £15,800

PBIP Learning Journey

- Community engagement and participatory approaches are essential for the success and sustainability of development initiatives.
- Leveraging diverse funding resources and partnerships strengthens project viability and impact.
- Flexibility and adaptability are key in responding to evolving community needs and external challenges.

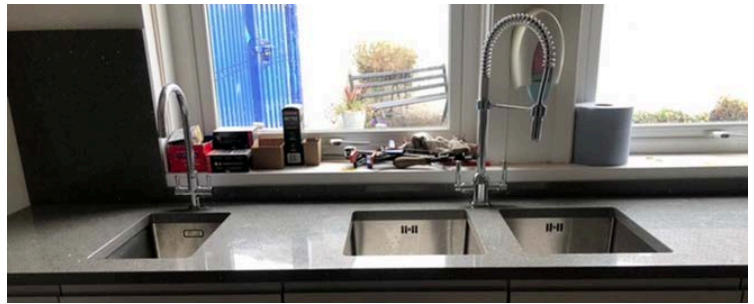
Impact Quotes

“Witnessing people meeting up to socialise again has been a joy to watch... We are really looking forward to hosting a whole range of groups and events there. Cooking classes, craft fairs, and community groups will all be welcomed to the Hub.” - Ayrshire Food Hub Representative



Conclusion

Through a commitment to community engagement and a keen ear for local voices, the Crossroads Community Hub has not only realised its vision but has also become an example of doing what truly matters for the people it serves. Their relationships with local producers, funders and public agencies, coupled with their resilience and determination, have propelled them through formidable challenges without compromising their core values. As it continues to thrive and evolve, its legacy of community-driven excellence is poised to endure for generations to come.



Bonnyton Community Centre Learning Study

Organisation Summary

Bonnyton Community Centre, managed by the Bonnyton Community Association, is a vital resource in East Ayrshire, providing a range of social, cultural, and health-related services. Transitioning into a charity has enabled the centre to secure funding, supporting its mission to improve the quality of life for Kilmarnock residents. As well as events they also use the venue to host specialised groups like stroke recovery sessions and music movement classes for the elderly.

Project Summary

The need to renovate the kitchen became a top priority for the association following a survey of local people who benefit from use of the centre. The kitchen, unchanged since the late 1990s, was in a state of disrepair and no longer met the needs of the centre's users. Community members expressed that an upgraded kitchen would be highly beneficial, particularly in promoting healthy eating and cooking skills among both children and parents.

Recognising the importance of this project, the Association, with the assistance of a Community Worker from East Ayrshire Council, applied for £54,571.70 from the Place Based Investment Programme. Their vision for the new kitchen included offering breakfast and after-school clubs to support families in need, particularly during school holidays. Additionally, the new kitchen would facilitate cooking and food budgeting classes aimed at tackling food poverty, helping families improve their health and well-being, and fostering stronger family connections.

Given the centre's busy schedule, the new kitchen would also enable more efficient catering for events, bolstering the centre's income generation efforts. The renovation work was completed by a local joiner who had previously worked with the centre, aligning with the Association's commitment to keeping investments local and contributing to the Community Wealth Building agenda.

Funding

Totality of Funding for the project as follows:

- Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) - £54,571.70

Conclusion

The kitchen renovation at Bonnyton Community Centre highlights the power of community input in shaping projects that meet local needs. The upgraded facilities now support essential services, including healthy eating programs and event catering, fostering stronger community ties and improving the wellbeing of families. The project not only improves the centre's functionality but also enhances its role as a lifeline for the residents of Kilmarnock.

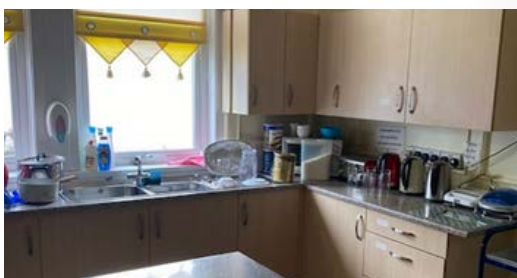


PBIP Learning Journey

1. Community feedback drove the project's priorities.
2. Collaboration with East Ayrshire Council helped overcome challenges in the funding application.
3. Local investment supported both project success and the local economy.

Impact Quote

"The best thing I ever did, I wish all grant forms were as easy." — Nan, Bonnyton Community Association





Centrestage Flicks Learning Study

Organisation Summary

Centrestage is a community-based organisation, occupying the former Kilmarnock Academy building. Their vision is “To create a community where everyone can experience the joy of music, arts and wellbeing, and seamlessly access all they need to flourish in life.” Centrestage focuses on inclusivity, accessibility, and personal development through cultural and artistic activities that promote health, wellbeing, and social interaction.

Project Summary

Centrestage Flicks is a community cinema initiative designed to provide a relaxed, multicultural film experience aimed at fostering relationships, reducing loneliness, and supporting personal development. Funded through a £10,000 PBIP award, it contributed to purchasing technical equipment for the cinema’s 280-seat auditorium. The project aligns with Centrestage’s strategy of building community and friendships, offering films for diverse, neurodiverse audiences at low/no cost. Subsequent funding from Screen Scotland (£20,000) and match funding from a private benefactor has further supported the development, allowing Centrestage to pursue broader goals, including skills development for people seeking a career in the local film and TV industry. The project will make a significant impact by offering accessible entertainment while supporting employability opportunities and reducing social isolation.

In the first and second year of the place-based investment programme, Centrestage received awards of 200K and 50K respectively to:

- Upgrade kitchen and room in the Neighbourhood section of the site.
- Upgrade, modernise, and decorate one of the large rooms in the historic section (on the 1st floor).

Funding

Totality of Funding for the project as follows:

- Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) - £10,000
- External Funding - £40,000

Conclusion

Centrestage have used PBIP investment to deliver on their wider strategy of helping people to fulfil their full potential for themselves and in the community while also ensuring that the additional transformations contributed to the viability of their business model. In the final year of investment, match funding contributed significantly to the provision of the cinema equipment and ultimately to the ongoing use of the cinema via a new partnership with Screen Scotland. The project has opened doors for skills development in the local film and TV industry, creating a lasting impact on both individual wellbeing and the broader community.



PBIP Learning Journey

1. The project, was linked to a wider strategy which meant that when they were ready to apply for Screen Scotland to set up a new Skills Incubator, they had a greater chance of success, having already secured the capital equipment required.
2. Supply issues prevented the prompt delivery and installation of the equipment, this was a potential risk to timelines.

Impact Quotes

“This project will foster new friendships and boost wellbeing in our community.” – Centrestage Team





PBIP Learning Journey

1. Consider the organisational capacity and the availability of skills required at the early stages of commencing a project to avoid delays.
2. Community groups, and those engaged in regeneration activity should be mindful that the activity can be a long-term time and energy investment.

Impact Quotes

"it's a lovely space has been created for people to sit, relax and enjoy the views. Everyone should take the time to go along to see the 'Reading between the Lines' sculptures that reflect the stories told by local people, groups and organisations about old Cumnock." - Cumnock resident



Cumnock Memory Garden Learning Study

Organisation Summary

The Cumnock Action Plan Group, to advance the priorities within their action plan (2016-2021) commissioned the Green Action Trust, the organisation who "offer help to deliver and create greenspace, manage woodlands, and unlock the potential of land assets to meet net zero, biodiversity, and ESG targets" to make their Memory Garden at a bit of land adjacent to Armitage drive in Cumnock.

Previously they, CAP and GAT, delivered the Pocket Park at Tower Street, Cumnock, which was also part funded by the PBIP.

Project Summary

Cumnock Action Plan identified the need for a dementia-friendly space, given Cumnock's ageing population with more than 25% over 60 years old. It is estimated that dementia affects one in 14 people over 65 and one in six over 80 in the UK.

While there are a small number of organisations in Cumnock that cater for the elderly, most of these are based indoors. Cumnock Action Plan decided to lease the site from the council to take forward their idea for a welcoming and accessible outdoor space. Together they have created a space where activities can be delivered safely outside in a natural environment, providing benefits to quality of life and mental and physical health and well-being.

In phase 2, a zone was created with a central pergola and raised planters. Sensory colourful planting and wildflower meadows provide sensory cues as tools for reminiscence, creating a familiar, relaxing and safe space. It also creates a colourful and interesting space for the local community and provides habitat and forage for pollinators and other wildlife.

Coloured benches have been installed, which provide space to rest and connect with nature and also support navigation of the site by those with dementia.

Funding

Totality of Funding for the project as follows:

- Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) - £33,000
- External Funding - £92,804

Conclusion

The Memory garden aims to deliver a range of environmental and social benefits. In addition to the tree and bulb planting, the wildflower meadow provides foraging and habitat for pollinators. The dementia-friendly space means activities can be delivered safely outside, bringing benefits to the quality of life of Cumnock's ageing population. while the space has also been enhanced with sculptures, colourful seating and sensory planting and is accessed via paths suited to those with impaired mobility.



Works in progress. Trees being planted at new site



PBIP Learning Journey

1. Securing competent contractors to perform the overall work package and also secure the best value for money was a challenge and added a great deal of time to the project timeline.
2. Collaboration with key council departments was key to enriching the overall project- in this case Greener Communities.
3. Community Engagement and partnerships were strengthened through collaborative, hands on activities.

Impact Quotes

"a real community effort" - The Scottish Wildlife Trust, Ayrshire

- As well as the following outputs:
- 1.4 ha of habitat restoration carried out
- 380 trees planted
- 0.24ha of grassland habitat created
- 3 x new wildlife ponds created
- 435m of new path constructed
- 100 m of edible hedgerow created
- 1 x new community greenspace created
- 1 x new outdoor classroom created

Conclusion

The project received national recognition at the Love Local Awards in 2023 where, in a strong field (no pun intended), featuring a community garden project in Ibrox, Dalrymple walked home with the Climate and Net Zero town of the year award.

DaSH received local recognition and media attention in the Cumnock Chronicle where updates on the project's progress was featured regularly.

The space continues to be used by the Local Primary School and the wider community.



Froglife and a local primary school class helping to make the new site and explore the new spaces

Dalrymple Wetland Reserve Learning Study

Organisation Summary

Dalrymple, Skeldon and Hollybush (DaSH) Project, is a grassroots organisation dedicated to enhancing the lives of Dalrymple residents. Through various projects and events, they aim to build a stronger more connected community. Their initiatives focus on creating inclusive spaces, supporting local talent, and fostering a sense of belonging for everyone. They believe in the power of collaboration and are committed to making Dalrymple a vibrant and welcoming place for all.

Project Summary

The wetland reserve project was delivered via a partnership between DaSH Project and Green Action Trust.

Recognising that 97% of Britain's flower rich meadows have been lost an important part of the project has in a small but significant way started to address this loss with an improvement in biodiversity.

The need for this project was identified via the community led action plan (19-24) which East Ayrshire Council's Vibrant Communities worked closely with the village on.

DaSH, Green Action Trust, The local Primary School, Froglife, The Nature Restoration Fund, and East Ayrshire Council have all worked collaboratively to bring this project to life.

The aim was to create a 1.4 hectare wetland reserve in fields on the edge of the village of Dalrymple, creating a mosaic of wetland habitats including woodland, meadow and ponds to improve and diversify the range of habitats found locally.

The reserve is directly accessible to residents from the north of the village (where Dalrymple Primary School is located).

The enclosed space with a surfaced path and seating, will offer local, safe, off-road routes for exercise and connection with nature.

Ultimately, this initiative has beautified a sizeable area in the village and created a new activity for the community to enjoy and use.

Funding

Funding for the project is broken down as follows:

PBIP: £20,000
External: £80,000

In summary for every £1 invested via PBIP an additional £4 was leveraged for the benefit of the project and community.



DART - The Corner Learning Study

Organisation Summary

DART (Darvel Area Regeneration Team) is a community-focused organisation dedicated to enhancing local public spaces in Darvel. Their mission involves addressing community concerns through collaborative projects, improving safety and inclusivity in public areas, and fostering a stronger sense of civic pride and engagement.

Project Summary

The Corner is a multi-purpose community space located in the centre of Darvel at the location of the old co-op building. This site was a sensitive issue for residents as the once bustling cooperative building was now an eyesore. The demolition of the buildings and the redevelopment of the site was identified in the first Community Action Plan. At first, the Darvel and District Community Council (DDCC) tasked themselves with addressing this issue. Originally intending to install a car park following demolition of the derelict building. However, plans changed, and the DDCC decided that a community market space would be a better use of the space. It was proposed that a separate charitable organisation be formed to oversee this new exciting project development as wider funding opportunities would be more accessible.

The watch word for The Corner is versatility. It has been designed to be a go-to location for events in the town throughout the day and evening. In addition to the monthly markets which have become firmly established, these events range from being a social centre for people to catch-up with friends and family to an outdoor centre at the core of many local cycling and walking routes. Furthermore, it has been designed to be a space for a variety of additional events such as exhibitions, music and community events.

Funding

Totality of Funding for the project as follows:

- Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) - £120,000
- Town Centre Regeneration - £250,000
- External Funding - £219,000

Conclusion

DART'S perseverance and determination to succeed is a shining example of what can be achieved in the face of adversity. By working with other community groups in the area, doing continuous consultation and welcoming volunteers, DART have created a resource for use by the whole community for decades to come.



PBIP Learning Journey

1. The need to be flexible and adapt to setbacks and changes
2. Having community support is important and communication is key
3. Groups need to search for funding opportunities and learn how to write funding applications.
4. Building good working relationships.
5. Embrace new ideas and modern technology.

Impact Quotes

"The Corner has been exceptionally well used, we have monthly markets there. We started off thinking, if we could get six or eight people coming along to sell things, that would be great. Now we've got over 40 vendors at each market with over 100 registered with us."

"Local Scouts and Brownies make use of the space under the canopy, and one of the very ambitious projects in the town, Verve, co-ordinated by a lady called Jane Slider, providing support for vulnerable adults, uses The Corner on almost a daily basis, weather permitting,"
-DART Representative





Kilmarnock Station Railway Heritage Trust Learning Study

Organisation Summary

The Kilmarnock Station Railway Heritage Trust (KSRHT) has been a charity since 2014, led by trustees Allan Brown and Laura Yetton. Its mission focuses on preserving the historical significance of Kilmarnock Railway Station while supporting community development, especially for individuals facing mental health challenges. KSRHT accepts referrals from local authorities. They partners with various organisations to offer unique services that benefit the wider community.

Project Summary

KSRHT undertook a renovation project to transform unused spaces at Kilmarnock Railway Station into functional areas for community use, including a gym and a counselling room. These new facilities serve a dual purpose: preserving a historical landmark and providing essential services that support mental and physical health.

- Gym Room Renovation: Included repairs to the floor, new heating systems, additional power sockets, and other upgrades to make the space suitable for exercise.
- Underpass Room (Counselling) Renovation: Involved structural repairs, power installation, lighting upgrades, and enhancements to heating and ventilation, creating a private, comfortable environment for counselling sessions.

Funding

Totality of Funding for the project as follows:

Underpass Room

- PBIP: £10,000
- External Funding: £30,000

Gym

- PBIP: £14,400
- External Funding: £32,979

Conclusion

KSRHT's commitment to both preserving heritage and addressing community needs, particularly around mental health, has made a lasting impact on Kilmarnock. Despite challenges in project management and funding, their renovated spaces now offer vital services that enhance the well-being of individuals and the town's heritage. KSRHT's work exemplifies the power of community-driven projects to generate social, economic, and cultural value.



PBIP Learning Journey

1. Managing Multiple Funders by coordinating timelines with various funding sources, especially in securing match funding.
2. Creating an accessible, open setting provides an alternative to traditional clinical spaces, fostering social connections vital to mental health recovery.
3. Offering unique spaces for both mental and physical health, distinguishes it from other facilities in the region.

Impact

The new counselling space increases KSRHT's capacity, allowing an additional 960 hours of mental health support annually, potentially generating £43,200.





KULOC Learning Study

Organisation Summary

The Kilmarnock Chinese Community Association (KULOC) is a charity, which provides a social and cultural space for the Chinese community in Kilmarnock. KULOC is a direct translation from Cantonese - "KU" is translated as people from Hong Kong and "LOC" means joy and/or happiness.

In the past, KULOC has been involved in many events and activities such as the Dragon Dance and celebrations around Chinese New Year. In the KULOC building, activities such as language and Wing-Chun Kung Fu classes were provided for members. When they reopen, KULOC will initially prioritise the elderly members of their community as they are the most likely to be affected by language barriers as well as limited social spaces.

Project Summary

KULOC identified the need to have a social space for the Chinese community in Kilmarnock to allow older people a chance to socialise and take part in activities with each other. This was identified as a key factor in improving the mental health of the elderly Chinese community in Kilmarnock as the isolation can have a severe impact on someone, especially when they are not confident in their English speaking skills. Now that the centre is open, health information events will be hosted for the community as well as English lessons being provided for those who want to learn useful phrases. Through these actions, KULOC is committed to helping the elderly members of the Chinese community through events that address the factors that cause isolation.

The local contractor hired to do the work described the building as "very dangerous" and "a lot worse" than expected with the extent of the damage that rot had caused. With holes in the floor, walls and roof, immediate work was required. The roof was at a point of collapse endangering anyone who entered the building.

Work started in September 2023 and the completed in early 2024. Downstairs had major renovations done with the rotten flooring replaced and the walls freshened up with none of the original brickworks showing. Upstairs, the areas of damp had been worked upon and were no longer an issue, however, due to some lingering stains some remover was to be used to get rid of them. Throughout the building, it was clear that the lighter colours of paint create a much more open space, giving the feel that the building is larger than it is.

Funding

Totality of Funding for the project as follows:

- Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) - £58,786
- External Funding - £73,392

Place and Wellbeing Outcomes



• Services and Support; Housing and community

• Identity and belonging; Feeling safe

PBIP Learning Journey

1. Communities are increasingly being made up of people from all over the globe and the older generation have more time to take forward community work.
2. The importance of keeping to budget.
3. Groups need to search for funding opportunities and learn how to write funding applications
4. A community cannot be built by bricks and mortar alone
5. Building good working relationships
6. Webinars, conferences and face to face meetings made the whole PBIP process easier.

Impact Quotes

*"felt a huge weight lifted off our shoulders"-
KULOC committee member*

Conclusion

The renovation of the KULOC building signifies more than just a physical transformation; it symbolises the resilience and unity of the Kilmarnock Chinese community. Despite significant challenges, including those posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the community's determination and the critical support from East Ayrshire Council have culminated in the successful refurbishment of their cultural and social hub.

The rejuvenated KULOC centre now stands as a beacon of cultural sharing and communal engagement, offering a safe space for socialisation, exercise, and cultural expression. This achievement marks the beginning of a promising and mutually beneficial relationship between KULOC and East Ayrshire Council, fostering a vibrant future for cultural exchange and community cohesion in Kilmarnock and beyond.



PBIP Learning Journey

1. Club's committee and volunteers in securing external funding & driving improvements.
2. Importance of Local Support to a project, for example the landowner allowing scaffolding on property.
3. Adaptability in Challenges is important, as when the original contractors became unavailable, sourced alternative contractor.
4. Long-Term Vision for the club with the installation of solar panels.
5. Social and Physical Wellbeing taken into consideration through the introduction of "Pensioners Tournament".

Impact Quotes

"New roof is a significant milestone, ensuring the Club continues to thrive as a valuable community asset."



Conclusion

The successful roof replacement at Lugar Bowling Club is a testament to the power of community engagement, strategic planning, and persistence. Without the PBIP funding, the club's future would have been uncertain. The roof repair not only preserved a critical community space but also enabled the club to expand its activities and continue promoting health, wellbeing, and social connection across all age groups.

As the club looks ahead to further improvements, including solar panel installation and facility upgrades, it remains committed to its mission of fostering community spirit and providing a safe and welcoming space for all.



Lugar Bowling Club Learning Study

Organisation Summary

Lugar Bowling Club serves as a vital space for recreation, connection and celebration. Memberships have increased in the past year, from 84 to 102 members with ages ranging from 14 to 92 years old, and is particularly valuable in promoting physical activity and socialisation for members over 50. More than just a sports venue, the club hosts numerous community events, partnership events. The deterioration of its roof, threatened its continued operations.

Project Summary

The roof, installed in 1980, had deteriorated to the point of leaking, causing substantial interior damage. The club attempted patchwork repairs, but the outdated design and materials made this impossible. It was clear that a full roof replacement was necessary for the survival of the club. Without addressing the roof issue, there was a serious risk the club would have to close its doors, this work became essential for the club's survival.

In January 2023, a meeting was arranged between the Club Committee Members, the Team Coordinator from Communities and Economy, and the Community Led Regeneration Officer. During this meeting, the importance of securing funds from the Place-Based Investment Programme (PBIP) was discussed. Two local contractors provided quotes, which were included in the club's PBIP funding application in April 2023 for a full roof replacement.

In June 2023, the Club received the good news that their PBIP funding application had been successful, securing £31,220.40 for the roof replacement. This funding was crucial, as the club could not afford the repairs on its own and would have faced closure without it. However, due to the availability issues of the initial contractors, the club hired J Kelso Roofing Services to carry out the work. They spoke to the landowner who had fields at the side and back of the bowling club to secure permission for scaffolding, ensuring the safety and efficiency of the work.

By February 2024, the new roof was completed, leaving the clubhouse fully watertight and protected.

Funding

Totality of Funding for the project as follows:

- Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) - £31,220.40



Netherthird Community Centre Learning Study

Organisation Summary

The Netherthird Initiative for Community Empowerment (NICE) is a social enterprise dedicated to enhancing the Netherthird community in Cumnock. Established to manage the Netherthird Community Centre, NICE focuses on addressing social challenges, improving mental health support, and fostering community engagement through a variety of activities and services.

Project Summary

NICE transformed the Netherthird Community Centre from a site plagued by vandalism and social issues into a vibrant hub for the community. The centre now offers health classes, exercise groups, children's activities, a charity shop, and a food larder, addressing both social isolation and practical needs. A key initiative was the creation of a community garden, which hosts events and provides educational opportunities. The centre's upgrades, funded by the Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP), included a new commercial kitchen and dedicated mental health rooms, crucial for the community's wellbeing. NICE's efforts have significantly reduced anti-social behaviour by engaging young people and fostering intergenerational connections.

Funding

Totality of Funding for the project as follows:

- Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) - £50,000

Conclusion

NICE's stewardship of the Netherthird Community Centre has revitalised a struggling community asset into a cornerstone of local life. By addressing pressing social issues and fostering a sense of community, NICE has enhanced mental health support, reduced anti-social behaviour, and created a hub for community pride and engagement. The successful use of PBIP funding has demonstrated how targeted investment can transform community spaces, providing a model for future initiatives.



PBIP Learning Journey

1. Empowered local residents to drive community improvements.
2. Effectively used funding to address urgent community needs.
3. Built strong partnerships with the Council and stakeholders.
4. Adapted project plans based on evolving community needs and feedback.

Impact Quotes

"NICE has revitalised our community centre, creating a safe space where everyone can come together and thrive." – NICE Representative





PBIP Learning Journey

1. Empowering communities enables effective, targeted decisions.
2. Local knowledge and networks were invaluable in identifying priority areas.
3. Support systems, like the Community Led Regeneration Officer, ensured adherence to criteria and governance.
4. The scheme's ripple effect encouraged independent business improvements.
5. Economic benefits included increased foot traffic and job creation.
6. System changes eased planning challenges for applicants.

Impact Quotes

"It is a great scheme. I would not have been able to afford it. Not only has it improved the front of my shop, there has been a big improvement in the whole high street as many other businesses used the fund too." - shopfront funding recipient



Shop Front Improvement Scheme Learning Study

Organisation Summary

The Shop Front Improvement Scheme (SFIS), initiated in 2022, aimed to enhance the aesthetic and economic vitality of local business areas across East Ayrshire. Funded by the Place Based Investment Programme and the Scotland Loves Local Fund, the community-led approach allowed local anchor groups to manage the initiative, targeting businesses for improvements. This project not only improved the community but also fostered economic growth and local collaboration.

Project Summary

The Shop Front Improvement Scheme (SFIS) was launched with £107,000. The scheme stood out for its community-led approach, empowering local anchor groups to make key decisions regarding which businesses should benefit from funding. These groups, deeply embedded within their communities, were responsible for identifying areas of need, setting funding caps, and evaluating applications. Their local knowledge and networks ensured that the targeted improvements created a positive ripple effect on the surrounding areas. In its second round, the SFIS allocated £60,000 each to Kilmarnock and other areas of East Ayrshire. To date 82 businesses have received SFIS funding, with several other live applicants in the pipeline.

The initiative sparked a domino effect, inspiring some businesses that did not apply for funding to enhance their premises. The SFIS resulted in both aesthetic and economic benefits, increasing footfall and supporting job creation, as in the case of AJ Cosmetics, which expanded its team after improving its storefront. Additionally, the scheme led to system changes in the planning process, easing challenges for applicants, with collaboration between the Community Led Regeneration Officer and Planning colleagues improving accessibility.

Funding

Totality of funding for SFIS is as follows:

- Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) £227,000
- External funding (Scotland Loves Local) - £20,000

Conclusion

The Shop Front Improvement Scheme illustrates the power of community-led decision-making in driving both aesthetic and economic improvements. By leveraging local knowledge and fostering collaboration, the initiative not only enhanced local business areas but also set a precedent for future community-driven regeneration projects. The scheme's success highlights the importance of empowering communities, providing support systems, and facilitating system improvements to create lasting, positive change.



DART - Morton Park Learning Study

Organisation Summary

DART (Darvel Area Regeneration Team) is a community-focused organisation dedicated to enhancing local public spaces in Darvel. Their mission involves addressing community concerns through collaborative projects, improving safety and inclusivity in public areas, and fostering a stronger sense of civic pride and engagement.

Project Summary

The Morton Park play area redevelopment project was initiated by DART (Darvel Area Regeneration Team) in response to growing concerns about the safety and usability of the existing facilities. Residents in the community expressed their dissatisfaction on social media regarding the deteriorating condition of the park, particularly the large sandpit, which had become a hub for unsanitary activities, including littering. This situation led to a decline in the park's usage, as parents were understandably concerned about their children's safety. To revitalise the space and make it safer and more inclusive, DART embarked on an ambitious project to renovate Morton Park.

The project involved downsizing a hazardous sandpit and replacing outdated play equipment with inclusive alternatives, making the park accessible to children of all abilities. DART also improved the surrounding environment by landscaping overgrown areas and adding new features like walking paths.

Despite various obstacles, DART successfully revitalised Morton Park into a cleaner, safer, and more inviting space for families. The project is part of a broader five-year plan for ongoing improvements.

Funding

Totality of Funding for the project as follows:

- Place Based Investment Programme - £90,000
- External Funding - £20,000

Conclusion

The redevelopment of Morton Park is a testament to the power of community-led initiatives. Despite facing challenges, DART successfully navigated the project's complexities by securing funding, collaborating with local authorities, and addressing community concerns. The ongoing improvements at Morton Park have not only made the area safer and more inclusive for children but have also revitalised a vital community space, fostering a greater sense of pride and ownership among residents. With a five-year plan in place, DART remains committed to the continued enhancement of Morton Park, ensuring it serves as a cherished asset for the community for years to come.



PBIP Learning Journey

1. Engaged with community needs to guide project planning.
2. Adapted plans due to reduced funding, focusing on essential improvements.
3. Collaborated effectively with local stakeholders and service providers.

Impact Quotes

"The redevelopment has transformed Morton Park into a safe, inclusive space that brings our community together." – DART Representative





PBIP Learning Journey

1. The importance of technical expertise and knowledge in the early stages of a project.
2. Essential support from local authorities.
3. Importance of perseverance through challenges.
4. Value of professional expertise and diverse funding sources.

Impact Quotes

"Despite numerous challenges, our perseverance brought the Hub to life, enriching Stewarton's community." - Stewart Initiatives representative



Conclusion

Despite significant challenges, Stewarton Initiatives perseverance led to the successful creation of the Stewarton Community Hub. This project highlights the power of community collaboration and the importance of experienced leadership. The hub now serves as a central space for activities, meetings, and support services, demonstrating how collective effort can transform a community space into a vibrant centre of local life.



Stewarton Hub Learning Study

Organisation Summary

Stewarton Initiatives, a voluntary organisation, has been instrumental in revitalising a space in the centre of town where a former, old and unused public toilet was located.

Stewarton Initiatives was established to deliver projects in the community and has organised events and activities around Stewarton. Comprised of 12 dedicated members from a diverse range of professional backgrounds, including a journalist, local Councillor, solicitor and an architect. Their collaborative approach ensures that all members contribute to each project.

Project Summary

The Stewarton community led action plan identified the need for a central hub where residents could access information about local events, hold meetings, and receive health and financial support services. When a disused public building came up for sale, the idea for the Stewarton Community Hub began to take shape.

Realising the complexity of the project, Stewarton Initiatives enlisted Don, a local person with experience as a project manager and a background as an architect. Don's technical expertise was crucial, especially since the team lacked specialised knowledge. His role was to oversee the project, liaise with the contractor, and manage the technical aspects, allowing the team to focus on funding and community engagement.

Stewarton Initiatives worked with a local contractor who are based in the town. The team felt that it tied in with the Community Wealth Building agenda and using a local company would incentivise them to create a successful project while hopefully increasing work for them locally.

In April 2024, Stewarton Initiatives launched the Stewarton Community Hub, converting the space where a disused public toilet stood into a dynamic community space.

Faced with challenges including rising material costs and unexpected discoveries like an old oil tank, the team persevered with support from East Ayrshire Council. Despite delays caused by land ownership issues and a water supply problem, the Hub now serves as a versatile facility for various community activities, showcasing the impact of dedicated local effort.

Funding

Totality of Funding for the project as follows:

- Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP): £62,381.62
- External Funding: £115,000



Yipworld Learning Study

Organisation Summary

Yipworld supports young people who struggle in traditional school settings by providing practical programmes in areas like gardening, beauty and cooking. This study highlights how targeted interventions, thoughtful use of resources, and strong community ties can create lasting positive change for young people and the wider community and offers alternative pathways to equip these individuals with the necessary skills for their future.

Project Summary

The Skills Shop Programme was designed to support young people who struggle in conventional school settings by helping them develop practical skills and trades while also building their confidence. Initially targeting S3 and S4 pupils from Robert Burns Academy, the program offered a wide range of activities, including gardening, ground maintenance, horticulture, upcycling furniture, health, well-being & beauty and essential life skills such as money management, cooking, and baking. By offering these opportunities, the Skills Shop contributed to both economic growth and the reduction of social inequalities.

The PBIP funding enabled Yipworld to purchase various tools and equipment, such as domestic lawnmowers, leaf blowers, strimmers, hairdryers, and straighteners, necessary for the hands-on learning experiences provided by the programme.

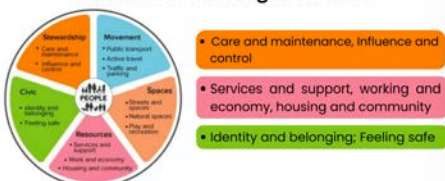
Throughout the pilot, 13 young people, many from challenging backgrounds, participated in the programme. With the support of Robert Burns Academy's Home Link Worker and Yipworld youth workers, these young people were able to build relationships, gain work experience, and develop life skills such as budgeting and cooking. As a result, all 13 participants either returned to mainstream education or secured positive destinations, including further education at Ayrshire College or enrolment in Yipworld's "Introduction to Careers" course.

Funding

Totality of Funding for the project as follows:

- Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) - £6,699.45
- External Funding - £3,500

Place and Wellbeing Outcomes



- Care and maintenance, influence and control
- Services and support, working and economy, housing and community
- Identity and belonging, Feeling safe

PBIP Learning Journey

1. The importance of positive role models and effective mentorship is crucial - young people lack access to positive role models.
2. Strategic Use of Funds. Sharing resources amplifies the impact of a single grant, fostering broader community benefits.
3. Community Engagement and Local Investment. Prioritising local businesses in procurement supports the local economy.

Impact Quotes

"I really enjoyed the Skills Shop Programme, I have friends, my life is good now and my confidence has grown" - Skills Shop student

Conclusion

Yipworld's Skills Shop Programme has been a resounding success, offering vital support to young people who struggle within traditional school settings. The programme not only helped participants develop practical skills and confidence but also provided them with clear pathways to positive destinations, whether in education or employment.

The project also demonstrated Yipworld's ability to effectively utilise funding, support local businesses, and foster community partnerships. As a result of this success, Yipworld is set to expand its work, continuing to make a significant impact on the lives of young people in Cumnock and beyond.



The Well before the clock tower removal



The Well after the clock tower removal

The Well Learning Study

Organisation Summary

The Well, located in Bellfield, south of Kilmarnock, is a community-driven initiative operated by the Church of Scotland. As a central hub for the local population, The Well provides a welcoming environment for diverse social and wellbeing activities. It caters to a wide range of communities, including Bellfield, Shortlees, Riccarton, Caprington and Barnweil, fostering a space where individuals from all backgrounds can come together.

Project Summary

Recognising a growing local need, The Well sought funding to improve the safety and security of the building and upgrade the outdoor space for use as a café and activity area. The project, driven by local residents, aimed to create a safe communal space to promote community wellbeing and address issues such as social isolation.

The Well is frequently used by various community groups, including pre-school classes, fitness clubs, music groups, and senior citizen associations. It also hosts uniformed organisations and community development initiatives. In the winter months, The Well provided a warm, welcoming space for those in need, solidifying its role as a key resource for the community. While church-based, The Well ensures inclusivity, welcoming individuals of all faiths or none.

Despite its positive impact, The Well faced significant challenges, particularly from antisocial behaviour and vandalism by local youths. These incidents involved youths climbing on the building and causing damage, threatening both the safety and the inclusive nature of the space. In response, The Well implemented several security measures. Anti-climb and anti-vandalism paint was applied to the roof in October 2023, and the shelter and clock tower—used as climbing structures—were removed.

The demolition of these structures was guided by an experienced contractor who played a crucial role in securing the necessary building permits, a process unfamiliar to The Well's management. In addition to these changes, a security fence was installed around the building. However, this alone did not deter further incidents, as youths used a neighbouring wall to gain access. To further enhance security, alarms were updated to cover all rooms and reception areas, and the lower windows were boarded and secured. New external doors have also been fitted.

Funding

Funding for the project is broken down as follows:

PBIP: £31,624.2

PBIP Learning Journey

- Community-Driven** **Priorities:** Community feedback was essential in shaping the project's direction, ensuring that the improvements met local needs.
- Adaptability:** The project underscored the importance of being flexible and responsive to unforeseen challenges.
- Expert Support:** The value of external expertise and guidance was critical, particularly in navigating regulatory processes and implementing technical solutions.

Impact Quotes

"It opens it all up and looks so welcoming"
"The place looks open again after being closed for a while"
"It's so good to see it looking looked after and used again"
"What a difference a wee bit of change makes"

Conclusion

The removal of the shelter and bell tower significantly improved both the building's security and its aesthetic. The transformation made the space less like a traditional church, better reflecting its role as a modern, inclusive community hub.

Year One Summary

Amount of Funding Awarded - £1,310,000

Projects funded - 22 Projects

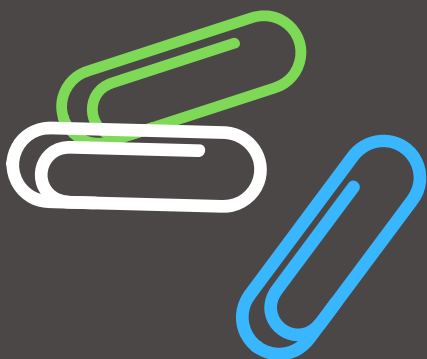
Number completed - 22 Projects

Number in progress - 0 Projects



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The Corner

Darvel Area Regeneration Team (DART)

Funding to aid repurposing of former derelict brownfield site on the main road to create a garden and market place for use by the community and local businesses.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £120,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Darvel



Contact information

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Church Renovations

Above Adventure

Funding awarded to allow the final stages of the building works to the main hall and climbing facility.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £200,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Kilmarnock



Contact information

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Building Refurbishments

Centrestage



Awarded funding to cover costs associated with new capital works within the building, development of external works and new play equipment which will support the opportunities available to the community

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: Charity Ltd by Guarantee

PBIP Allocation: £200,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Kilmarnock

Contact information

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Development of The Castle

New Cumnock Development Trust (NCDT)

Awarded PBIP to fund the renovation of the former Castle Hotel.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: Registered Charity

PBIP Allocation: £97,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: New Cumnock



Contact information

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Electric Van Community Larders

Funding awarded to allow the purchase of an electric van, to aid distribution of meals throughout the community.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Movement

PBIP Allocation: £55,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Across East Ayrshire



Contact information

- Community Led Regeneration Team
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Lugar Heritage Centre

Place based funding was awarded for building refurbishments and restoration work to Lugar Parish Church in relation to the Lugar Heritage Centre.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

PBIP Allocation: £40,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Lugar

Contact information

- Marion Wylie
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New Heating System

New Cumnock Working Mens Club



Funding was awarded to provide the club with a modern heating system and help to reduce their energy bills

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: Unregistered Voluntary Organisation

PBIP Allocation: £25,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: New Cumnock

Contact information

👤 Heather Montgomery, Chairperson

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New Kitchen

Netherthird Community Centre

Funding awarded to purchase and install a new kitchen as well as other furnishings, to support a variety of community ran projects.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: Charity

PBIP Allocation: £50,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Netherthird



Contact information

👤 Maggie Campbell, Chair

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Glenbuck Heritage Village

Funding has been awarded to install ANPR CCTV and automatic gates to the site linked to the Risk Management Centre.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: Local Authority

PBIP Allocation: £50,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Cumnock



Contact information

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Tower Park Project

In partnership between the Green Action Trust and the Cumnock Action Plan Group

Funding awarded to cover increased costs and allow completion of the Cumnock CAP group environmental project.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

PBIP Allocation: £30,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Cumnock

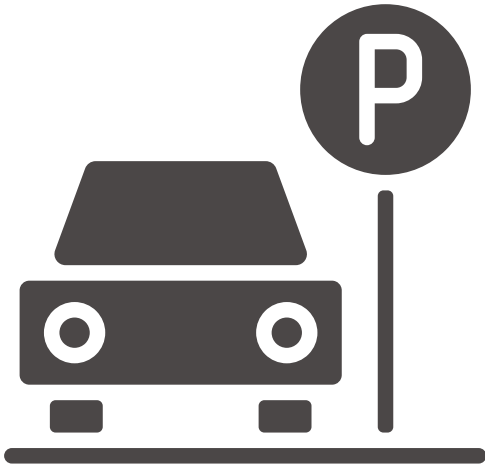


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Barrhill Centre CAMPS

Funding awarded to allow for the resurface of the car park creating a safer, accessible and secure access path for all users of the centre.



Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Movement

Organisation status: SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £20,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Cumnock

Contact information

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🌐 camps.me.uk



Hannahston Community Wood

Funding provided to allow work on the woodland to enhance the communities experience and have a positive impact on people's wellbeing

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

PBIP Allocation: £20,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Hannahston

Contact information

👤 Community Led Regeneration Team

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Automation of Sluice Gates Catrine Community Renewables Ltd

Funding has been awarded for works to allow the hydro scheme to operate efficiently and maximise the income.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

PBIP Allocation: £15,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Catrine



Contact information

👤 Jimmy Kleboe , Catrine Community Renewables

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Riverwalk Way Patna

To work with the community to improve the river pathways and add/replace benches along the way, enhancing the local environment for community use

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

PBIP Allocation: £30,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Patna

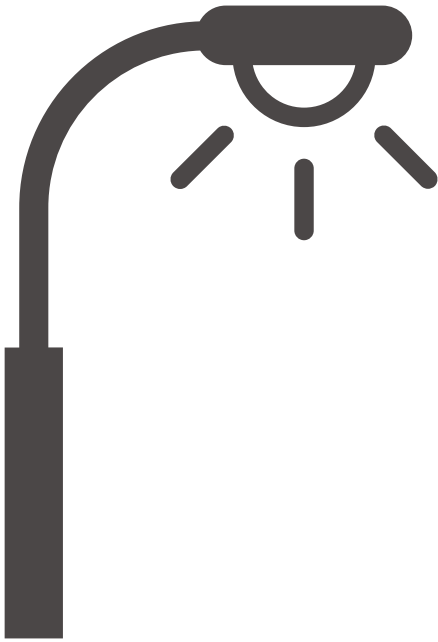


Contact information

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Dalrymple Conservation Area Street Lighting



Replace street lighting within the conservation area of Dalrymple, Garden Street, Church Street and the Riverside Terrace area.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: Local Authority

PBIP Allocation: £6,000

Completion status: Complete

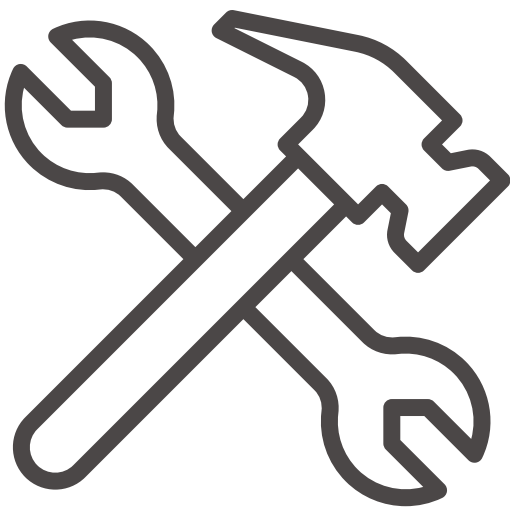
Location: Dalrymple

Contact information

👤 Community Led Regeneration Team

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Community Improvements Newmilns Regeneration Association (NRA)



This funding provided the NRA to undertake environmental improvements within the community, including developments to reflect the history of the town

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: Charity

PBIP Allocation: £20,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Newmilns

Contact information

👤 Graham Vincent, Chair

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Knockentiber Community Garden Project

Funding awarded to support the community to develop a derelict area of land into a community garden.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

PBIP Allocation: £10,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Kilmaurs

Contact information

- 👤 Community Led Regeneration Team
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Morton Park Kilmaurs

Develop Morton Park in line with the new community action plan and enhance the park for the local community

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

PBIP Allocation: £50,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Kilmaurs

Contact information

- 👤 Rhoda Howe
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Kilmaurs Glencairn Bowling Club Development Group



Funding supported facility upgrades, with emphasis on developing and improving disabled access.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: Sports Club

PBIP Allocation: £25,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Kilmaurs

Contact information

- 👤 Mary Francey, President/secretary of ladies section
- ✉️ mary.francey@aol.com

Knockinlaw Community Garden

Funding was awarded to support the community group to enhance the garden for the community and install CCTV.



Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: Charity

PBIP Allocation: £10,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Knockinlaw

Contact information

- 👤 Community Led Regeneration Team
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Shortlees Health and Wellbeing Centre

Funding provided for improvements to a derelict building at the entrance to Shortlees. Creating a facility for use by the whole community

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £45,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Shortlees



Contact information

👤 Charles Hamilton

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The Shed

Cumnock & District Men's Shed

Funding awarded for the external and internal renovation works required for the building including a new roof.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £50,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Mauchline



Contact information

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Year Two Summary

Amount of Funding Awarded - £1,137,510

Projects funded - 24 projects

Number of projects completed - 18 complete

Number of projects in progress - 6 in progress



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Loch Doon Caravan and Camping Park

To fund the development of a new toilet and shower block facility, adding value to a local business and improving service provisions/facilities within the local community

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: Private Company Limited by Guarantee

PBIP Allocation: £100,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Loch Doon

Contact information

- 👤 Gayle Russell, Company Secretary
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The Hub at the Cross Stewarton Initiatives

The Hub will provide a safeplace for groups to talk and meet. It will be a drop-in and information centre that other groups can use to promote their activities

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Civic

Organisation status: SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £62,381

Completion status: Complete

Location: Stewarton

Contact information

- 👤 Robert Whiteford, Chairperson
- ✉️ Stewartoninitiatives2@gmail.com



John Knox Church

Stewarton Community Support and Mental Health & Wellbeing Project

By removing the remaining pews in the church sanctuary and adding a ramp, the space will be opened up to provide an accessible multi-purpose facility for the community and to expand our work through the 'Thrive Stewarton' initiative

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: Charity

PBIP Allocation: £41,750

Completion status: In progress

Location: Stewarton

Contact information

👤 Graham Whitham, Session Clerk
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☎ 07973500380
🌐 <https://johnknox.org.uk>



Mauchline Lighting and Bench

Mauchline CARS in collaboration with Mauchline Community Council

Extensive works to improve the public realm of Mauchline Conservation Area including upgrading lighting, work to lighting columns and upgrading benches

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: Local Authority

PBIP Allocation: £35,500

Completion status: In Progress

Location: Mauchline

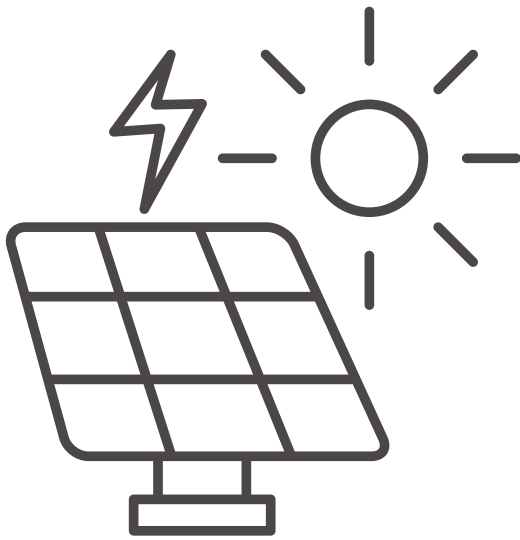
Contact information

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The Gatehead Bridge Project

Gatehead Community Centre



To install a range of 24 solar panels and related battery storage pack on the roof of the newly leased community centre to tackle energy costs and contribute to net zero.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: Tier Two SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £28,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Gatehead, Kilmarnock

Contact information

- Community Led Regeneration Team
- towncentreregeneration@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

Road Improvements

Lugar Parish Church Heritage and Information Centre



Improvements to the access road into Heritage and information centre to complement improvements from first round of PBIP funding

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Movement

Organisation status: Charity

PBIP Allocation: £15,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Lugar

Contact information

- Miss Marion Wylie, Treasurer
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Sports Darvel Improvements

Darvel Community Trust

Extend the gym over the existing single storey ground floor and allow an increase of members which will increase revenue and it will also deal with the ongoing issues with water ingress from the flat roof on this portion of the building.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £85,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Darvel

Contact information

- Community Led Regeneration Team
- towncentreregeneration@east-ayrshire.gov.uk



Re-development of Take A Bow

Opportunities Centre

Take A Bow Development Trust

Improved access and parking arrangements, following feasibility study and consultation with ARA. This will also improve the nearby public footpath with better lighting.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Movement

Organisation status: SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £139,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Kilmarnock

Contact information

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- www.takeabowkilmarnock.com



Cumnock Memory Garden Phase Two

Cumnock Action Plan



To deliver a second phase of the Cumnock Memory Garden, a dementia friendly garden and greenspace in Cumnock. Providing a safe, attractive and peaceful greenspace that those with dementia and their families and carers.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £20,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Cumnock

Contact information

👤 Community Led Regeneration Team

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Arts Academy Renovation

CentreStage

To renovate two more rooms within the Arts Academy building, allowing increased capacity and offer more musical and artistic experiences

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: Charity Ltd by Guarantee

PBIP Allocation: £50,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Kilmarnock

Contact information

👤 Lynn Simmers, Financial Controller

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🌐 <https://www.centrestagemt.org.uk>



Morton Park Play Area Upgrade

Darvel Area Regeneration Team (DART)

To upgrade the existing sandbox to complement EAC upgrading of the Morton Playpark.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £50,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Darvel

Contact information

- 👤 George Gardner, Secretary
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- 🌐 <https://discoverdarvel.com>



Shop Front Improvement Scheme

East Ayrshire Council

Second phase of the community-led shop front grant scheme, supporting East Ayrshire businesses.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: Local Authority

PBIP Allocation: £120,000

Completion status: Ongoing

Location: Across East Ayrshire

Contact information

- 👤 Tracy Murray, Town Centre Regeneration Officer
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Community Garden Coffee Shop Kilmarnock YMCA

To create a Community Garden Coffee Shop, upgrade open plan fitted kitchen and equipment.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £38,500

Completion status: Complete

Location: Kilmarnock



Contact information

 Taylor Smith
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Congregational Board Refurbishment Loudoun Church Hall

Funding provided for the refurbishment of village hall and replacement roof.



Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces



Organisation status: Charity

PBIP Allocation: £20,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Newmilns

Contact information

 Community Led Regeneration Team
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The Shed Renovations

Cumnock District Mens Shed

Second year of funding for external and internal renovation works required for the building including a new roof.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £40,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Cumnock



Brighten up Burns Mall

Burns Mall Kilmarnock

Improving the aesthetics of Burns Mall including new signage, external/internal decoration, commissioned murals, lighting and landscaping.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: Private Sector

PBIP Allocation: £31,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Kilmarnock



Contact information

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- towncentreregeneration@east-ayrshire.gov.uk



Dalrymple, Skeldon & Hollybush Project

Dalrymple Wetland Reserve

Funding provided to aid the creation of a wetland reserve within the community.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

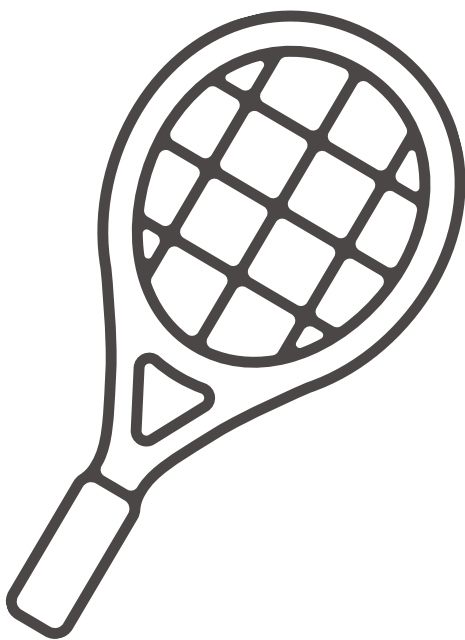
PBIP Allocation: £20,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Dalrymple

Contact information

- Community Led Regeneration Team
- towncentreregeneration@east-ayrshire.gov.uk



Floodlighting & Court Repainting

Kilmaurs Tennis Club

To improve the space by installing floodlighting and repainting the court surface.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: spaces

Organisation status: Community Sports Club
Unincorporated

PBIP Allocation: £27,000

Completion status: In progress

Location: Kilmaurs

Contact information

- Community Led Regeneration Team
- towncentreregeneration@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

Facilities Upgrade

Kilmaurs Glencairn Bowling Club

Partial allocation of funding to focus on accessibility, upgrading the entryway of the clubhouse.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: Sports Club

PBIP Allocation: £15,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Kilmaurs



Contact information

- 👤 Mary Francey, President/secretary of ladies section
- ✉️ mary.francey@aol.com
- ☎️ 07484634065

Best Health for All

CrossRoads Community Hub

Equipment including blast chillers, a commercial refrigerator, 2 freezers and commercial food mixer.

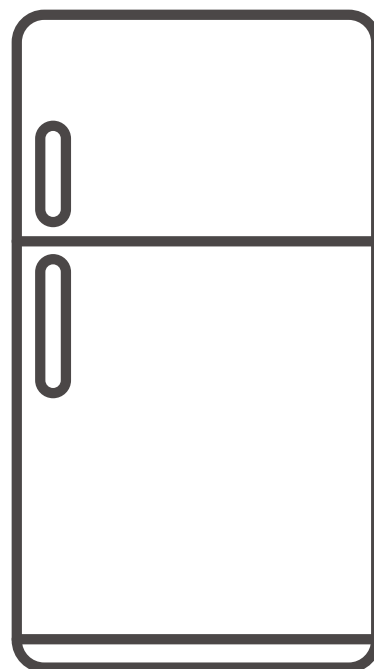
Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: Company Ltd by Guarrantee and Registered Scottish Charity

PBIP Allocation: £18,815

Completion status: Complete

Location: Galston



Contact information

- 👤 Mary Laidlaw, Trustee
- ✉️ info@crossroadshub.org.uk
- ☎️ 01560324335

IT Equipment

**East Ayrshire Recovery Hub in collaboration with
East Ayrshire Churches Homeless Action**



IT Equipment purchased

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: Charity

PBIP Allocation: £9,949

Completion status: Complete

Location: Kilmarnock

Contact information

- Community Led Regeneration Team
- towncentreregeneration@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

Foundation Hub Repairs

Recovery Enterprises Scotland



Funding provided for heating system repairs as well as a new fire door being installed.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: CIC

PBIP Allocation: £10,000

Completion status: In Progress

Location: Kilmarnock

Contact information

- Lorna Dalziel, Director
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- 07444190600

Station Counselling

Kilmarnock Station Railway Heritage Trust

To fund the refurbishment of space at Kilmarnock Railway Station in order to provide counselling services to the community.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Civic

Organisation status:

PBIP Allocation: £9,000

Completion status: Complete

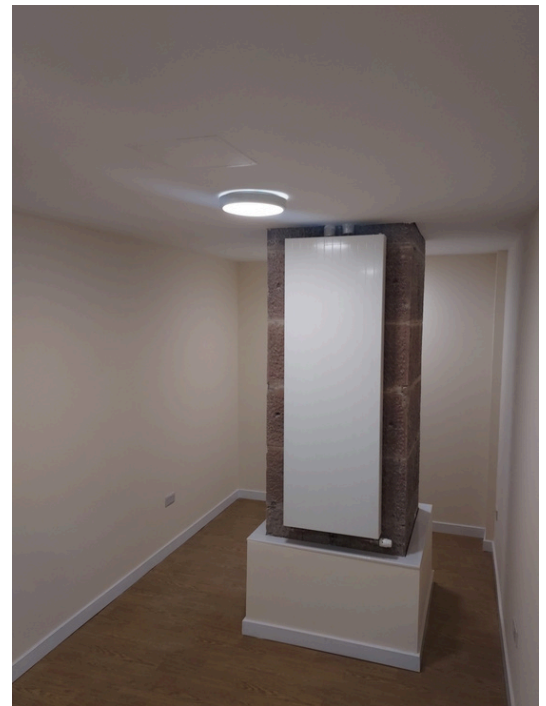
Location: Kilmarnock

Contact information

👤 Allan Brown, Trustee

✉ info@ksrht.org

☎ 07444190600



Building Improvements

Kilmarnock Amateur Weightlifting Club

Funding provided for improvements to a derelict building at the entrance to Shortlees. Creating a facility for use by the whole community

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: Charity

PBIP Allocation: £55,000

Completion status: In progress

Location: Kilmarnock

Contact information

👤 Charles Hamilton

✉ 07791839241



Year Three Summary

Amount of Funding Awarded - £735,689.67

Projects funded - 22 Projects

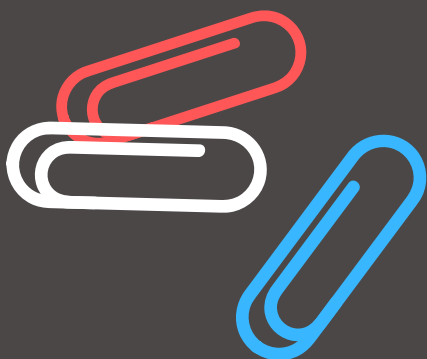
Number completed - 17 Projects

Number in progress - 5 Projects



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Community Garden

Branching Out Community Initiative

To fund the installation of a water supply to the portacabin & purchase of pergola & large picnic benches for the community garden.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: Charity

PBIP Allocation: £20,102

Completion status: In progress

Location: Kilmarnock



Contact information

- Community Led Regeneration Team
- towncentreregeneration@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

Kitchen Refurb

Bonnyton Community Centre

Funding provided for refurbishment of the Community Centre kitchen to reflect the needs of the centre and the wider community.

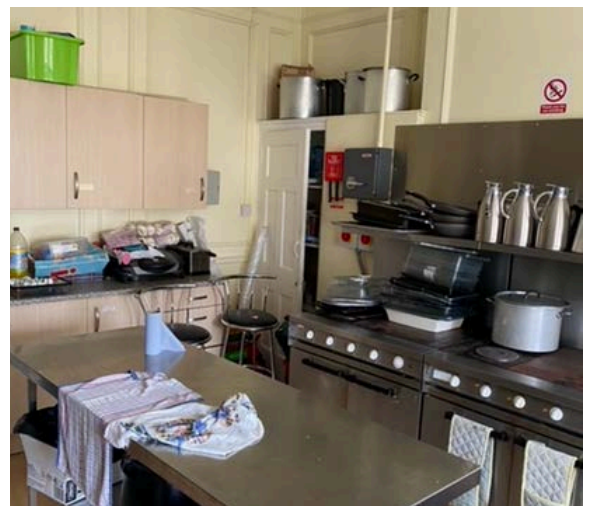
Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £54,571.70

Completion status: Complete

Location: Bonnyton



Contact information

- Nan Tipping, Chairperson
- Bonnytoncommunitycentre@outlook.com
- <https://bonnytoncommunitycentre.com>

Centrestage Flicks

Centrestage Kilmaronck



Funding provided for a relaxed multicultural Community Cinema and film club, where people can meet as a community & share experiences together in a warm place, develop relationships and friendships.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Civic

Organisation status: Charity Ltd by Guarantee

PBIP Allocation: £9,174

Completion status: Complete

Location: Kilmaronck

Contact information

👤 Lynn Simmers, Financial Controller

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☎ 07748652177

So Kids Can Play

Crossroads Hub



To fund a kids play area within various play equipment at the Hub allowing children to play outside.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: Company Ltd by Guarantee and Registered Scottish Charity

PBIP Allocation: £22,510

Completion status: Complete

Location: Crossroads

Contact information

👤 Mary Laidlaw, Trustee

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☎ 01560324335

🌐 www.crossroadshub.org.uk



Eco Gardening Crossroads Hub

Funding will allow the group to extend the growing capacity of the garden at Ayrshire Food Hub to bring on plants to sell in farm shop to help generate income.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: Company Ltd by Guarrantee and Registered Scottish Charity

PBIP Allocation: £7,525

Completion status: In progress

Location: Crossroads



Contact information

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- ☎ 01560324335
- 🌐 www.crossroadshub.org.uk

Barrhill Rennovations Cumnock Area Musical Production Society (CAMPS)

Funding provided for new roof installation of CAMPS premises, to avoid risk of closure and potential damage to the interior of the building.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £107,389.36

Completion status: Complete

Location: Cumnock



Contact information

- 👤 Dale Parker, Creative Arts Coordinator
- ✉ arts@amps.me
- 🌐 amps.me.uk



Meeting Room Modernisation Dalmellington Community Centre

Improve the carbon footprint by installing energy efficient lighting, ceiling insulation, wall panel installation and new energy efficient radiators in the Meeting Room.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £32,500

Completion status: Complete

Location: Dalmellington

Contact information

- 👤 Sharon Smith, Secretary/Trustee
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- ☎️ 07785378454



Morton Park Phase 2 Darvel Area Regeneration Team (DART)

Partial allocation for Playpark improvements - Replacement of rubber matting below existing play equipment, picnic area with 4/5 tables and creation of a delineated feature around the playpark

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £40,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Darvel

Contact information

- 👤 George Gardner, Secretary
- ✉️ georgegardner50@googlemail.com
- 🌐 <https://discoverdarvel.com>

John Fulton Hall

New Roof and Repairs

Fenwick Community Initiatives

Funding provided for new roof installation & repairs to walls of the village hall to allow continued use of the space by the community and prevent further decay and costs from water damage

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £35,441

Completion status: Complete

Location: Fenwick



Contact information

- 👤 Peter Steel, Chairperson
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John Knox Parish Upgrades

Church of Scotland

Installation of a disabled toilet in the entrance space and a wash hand basin for food handlers for the cafe area adjacent to the new toilet

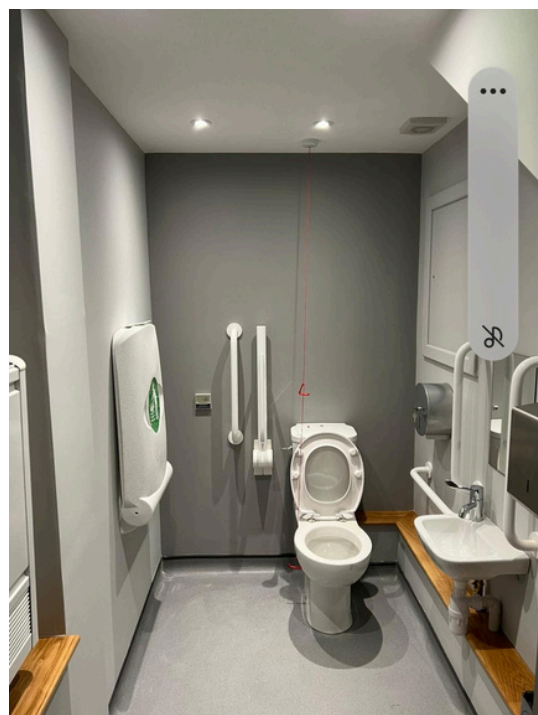
Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: Charity

PBIP Allocation: £24,662.37

Completion status: Complete

Location: Stewarton



Contact information

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- ☎️ 07818682904



Building Refurbishment Kilmarnock Chinese Community Association (KULOC)

Funding provided to assist with internal capital building repairs on the KULOC building to allow members to meet there regularly and host events.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: SCIO

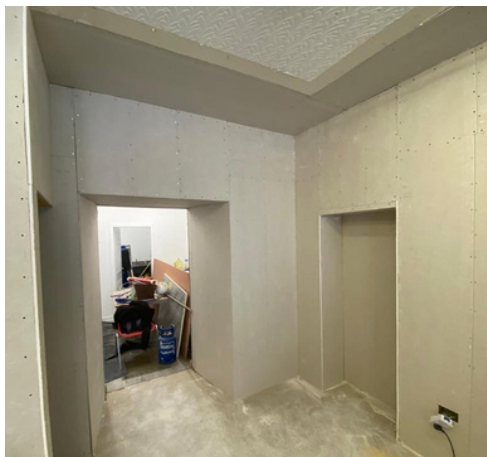
PBIP Allocation: £58,786

Completion status: Complete

Location: Kilmarnock

Contact information

- 👤 Jackie Chung, Chairperson
- ✉️ y.mui_chung@hotmail.co.uk



Howard Park Tennis and Padel Facility Kilmarnock Tennis Club

To build two all-weather, floodlit tennis courts, a padel court, and a multi-purpose kids' court on the site of the former Howard Park Bowling Club. The courts would be fully accessible to all.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: Voluntary Organisation

PBIP Allocation: £120,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Kilmarnock



Contact information

- 👤 Gordon Semple, President
- ✉️ gordon_semble@sky.com
- ☎️ 07967059134
- 🌐 <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/KilmarnockTennisClub>

Community Cafe Upgrades

YMCA

Installation of internal double glazed doors, toilets and wash basin with vanity unit, roller shutters for doors and windows. Funds to purchase heavy duty planters featuring seasonal flowers and electronic information board to promote and market the community café and garden.

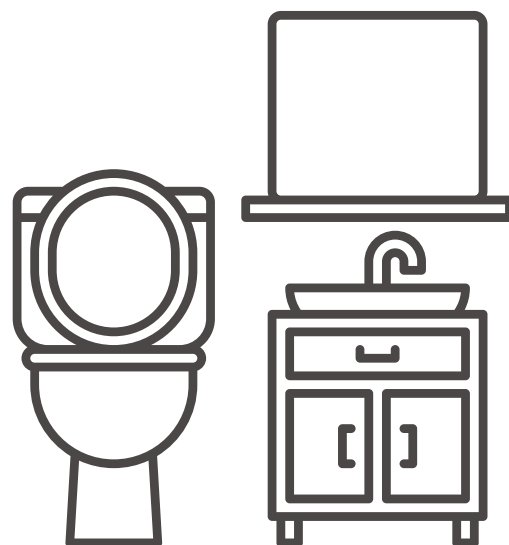
Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £26,679

Completion status: Complete

Location: Kilmarnock



Contact information

 Taylor Smith
 taylor@kilmarnockymca.com
 07984545447
 www.ymcaplus.co.uk

Improving Access to Premises

Glencairn Bowling Club

Funding provided to replace existing windows & entrance door with one that has an automatic entrance feature.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: Sports Club




PBIP Allocation: £11,148

Completion status: Complete

Location: Kilmaurs



Contact information

 Mary Francey, President/secretary of ladies section
 mary.francey@aol.com
 07484634065



Fit for All

Kilmarnock Station Railway Heritage Trust (KSRHT)

Creation of a Gym for those lacking in confidence self esteem and who perhaps have body image body dysmorphia. The Gym will compliment existing counselling service and clients will have benefit of a personal trainer and nutritionist.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Civic

Organisation status: SCIO

PBIP Allocation: £14,400

Completion status: Complete

Location: Kilmarnock

Contact information

👤 Allan Brown, Trustee

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☎️ 01563573966



New Roof Installation

Lugar Bowling Green

Funding provided for new roof installation for the Bowling Club to prevent further damage within the clubhouse building

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: Volunteer Sports Club

PBIP Allocation: £32,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Lugar

Contact information

👤 David Lamont, Secretary

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☎️ 07922035960

Mauchline Lighting Phase 2

Mauchline Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS)

Funding provided to replace and increase insufficient lighting to visitor carpark on Loudoun Street with black traditional style (only visitor car park in Mauchline) to ensure the lowest current carbon footprint towards Net Zero.

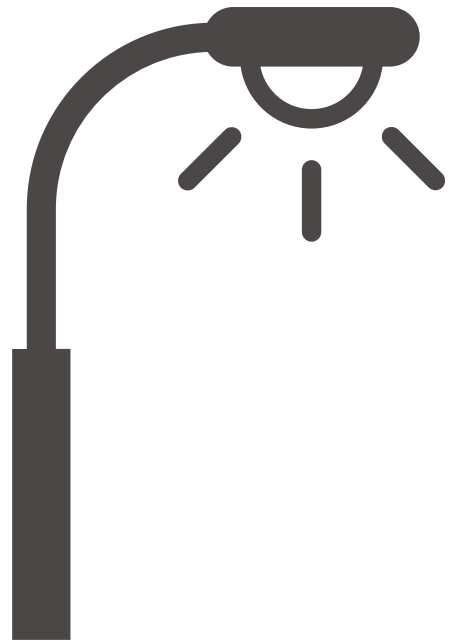
Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: Local Authority

PBIP Allocation: £15,000

Completion status: In progress

Location: Mauchline



Contact information

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NWKLEUS Community Centre Refurb

Kilmarnock North West Community Partnership & Food Essential for All

Refurbishment of the ladies/gents & disabled toilets & installation of an electric shutter to safely open and secure the centre. Also purchase of an upright freezer for the food larder than operate within the centre.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: Charity & Voluntary Organisation

PBIP Allocation: £30,000

Completion status: In progress

Location: Kilmarnock



Contact information

- 👤 Community Led Regeneration Team
- ✉️ towncentreregeneration@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

New Roofing and Doors

Howard Centre Kilmarnock

Funding provided for installation of a new roof as well as the redecoration and purchase of two new doors for the building.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: Charity

PBIP Allocation: £31,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Kilmarnock

Contact information

- 👤 Elaine Wardrop, Mission Development Worker
- ✉️ ewardrop@churchofscotland.org.uk
- 🌐 www.Howardcentre.org



Wi-Fi for Shortlees

Community Centre

Shortlees Community Association

Installation of public Wi-Fi into the Shortlees community centre to bring it up to the 21st Century living standards.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Resources

Organisation status: Voluntary Organisation

PBIP Allocation: £20,000

Completion status: Complete

Location: Kilmarnock



Contact information

- 👤 Angela Keen, Chairperson
- ✉️ chairperson@shortleesca.co.uk

Security and Safety Works

The Well

Funding provided to improve the safety and security of the building at The Well and upgrade the outside area to be used as a café and activity space.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: Charity

PBIP Allocation: £24,200

Completion status: In progress

Location: Kilmarnock

Contact information

- 👤 Jill Hendry, Mission Pioneer
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- ☎️ 07834619306



The Skill Shop

Yipworld

To providing skill shops for young people including; gardening and horticulture, health, wellbeing and beauty as well as life skills such as money management and cooking.

Place and Wellbeing Outcome: Spaces

Organisation status: Charity and Social Enterprise

PBIP Allocation: £6,695.45

Completion status: Complete

Location: Cumnock

Contact information

- 👤 Janice Hendry, Chief Executive
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- ☎️ 01290 422364
- 🌐 www.yipworld.org



INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR THE SHOPFRONT IMPROVEMENT SCHEME?

The shop front improvement scheme is a community led regeneration initiative, aiming to empower groups and local people to lead the way to improve the aesthetic of their high street/town centre. The initiative is running across East Ayrshire with community anchor groups delivering the funding in their area. They are responsible for selecting which areas to direct funding to, deciding on 100% or match funding and setting a cap. They evaluate and score the applications and will letter applicants to inform them if they are successful or not.

Scan the QR code for application guidance which has been designed to assist business owners in specific locations within East Ayrshire who are interested in improving their shop frontage to make an application for funding.



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