



EDINBURGH &  
LOTHIAN  
GREENSPACE TRUST

## Working with communities

***The Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust works with communities throughout Edinburgh, Midlothian and East Lothian, delivering practical projects to improve quality of life for local communities by providing welcoming places where people can enjoy the environment.***

### **What we do**

We work with communities, landowners and local authorities to create and improve greenspaces for local people.

### **Project development**

We work with community groups and landowners to establish the feasibility of a project, to define the best way to proceed.

### **Community engagement & consultation**

We aim to include the community throughout, to understand what they want to achieve from the project and to create a plan that reflects this.

### **Fundraising**

We secure project funding, from a variety of sources including Trusts, private companies, Lottery and others, or can advise community groups on how to undertake their own fundraising

### **Project management & implementation**

Our project management team is experienced in managing a wide range of environmental projects, from path & cycleway creation, to woodland establishment & management.

### **Event organisation & awareness raising**

We organise events to involve people in their local greenspace and raise awareness of environmental issues. We work with schools, community groups, businesses and individuals, providing workshops and events on topics such as wildlife, organic gardening and biodiversity. We also encourage community groups to get involved in their local project sites through volunteering opportunities, such as planting and litter/vegetation clearance events.



## OUR PROJECTS

These are just a few of our recently completed or ongoing projects.

### Ferry Glen Woodland, South Queensferry

A project to restore a historic woodland, creating paths, entrance points, bridges and boardwalk, with a programme of community events.



### Drylaw Field, North Edinburgh

The transformation of an under-used open space into a community greenspace, installing paths, entrance features, benches and planting, programme of community events.



### Hailes Quarry Park, West Edinburgh

Environmental improvements to a former quarry and landfill site, including the creation of cycleways, woodland management and planting. We have established a Steering Group for the park and organised community events with local schools & community groups.



### Dr Mackay's Wood, Juniper Green

A community woodland project to improve safety, biodiversity and accessibility, particularly for elderly people from a nearby residential home, through pathworks, planting and woodland management.



### Ratho Primary School, Ratho

Bulb planting events with the staff, parents and pupils of Ratho Primary School, supporting their Eco Schools work and enhancing the school playground.



## Find out more

If your community needs help with getting a project off the ground, or you would like any further information about the Trust, please contact us on 0131 654 1933 and ask to speak to a member of the projects team. Alternatively you can email [info@elgt.org.uk](mailto:info@elgt.org.uk) or visit our website [www.elgt.org.uk](http://www.elgt.org.uk).



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