







## 2019-20 Project Report

### Greenspace Improvement

Project Name		Craigmillar Castle Park WIAT		Project number	707
Project Value		£52,208	Funder	Scottish Forestry, Mushroom Trust	
Project detail		<p>The WIAT Woodland Management Plan was approved by Scottish Forestry in 2018 and as a result we undertook a WIAT WIG application for the Capital works through SRDP which was approved in late 2018. The delivery of the woodland capital works began in November 2019 and was completed in February 2020. The works included thinning the Millennium woodland compartments, upgrading of paths throughout Craigmillar Castle Park, new paths in Hawkhill Woods, regeneration of the Chestnut Avenue and the Yew Tree Avenue and installation of Finger Posts.</p>			
<div><p>Scottish Forestry Coilltearachd na h-Alba</p></div> <div></div>					
Outputs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extensive thinning within Millennium woodland compartments</li><li>• 2097.6 m of existing path upgrades</li><li>• 633.6 m of new path in Hawkhill woodland</li><li>• Regeneration of Chestnut Avenue, including the planting of 15 sweet chestnut standards</li><li>• Regeneration of Yew Tree Walk, including the planting of 15 small yews.</li><li>• Installation of 6 Finger Posts</li></ul>			
Outcomes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improved appearance of the park</li><li>• Benefits to wildlife and biodiversity</li><li>• Foster a greater sense of community pride</li><li>• Improved green networks and connectivity</li><li>• Improved opportunities for better health and wellbeing</li><li>• A visible aesthetic improvement to the landscape</li></ul>			



Project Name	Leith Links Play Park		Project number	739
Project Value	£284,856	Funder	City of Edinburgh Council, FCC Communities Fund	
Project detail	<div><div><p>SUPPORTED BY</p><p>•EDINBURGH•</p><p>YOUR COUNCIL – YOUR CITY</p></div><div><p>ELGT identified the need for a new play park was determined through the local community and friends of park group. The previous play park equipment was built in 1992 and fell below the play value score of good due to its age and condition. We held a number of consultation events to identify what types of new play equipment would make an immediate and very visible improvement to the play park. A variety of equipment to cater for all ages was installed, including a wide range of exciting new pieces of equipment. The new facilities will aim to serve as a catalyst for subsequent activities in the park.</p></div></div>			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A pirate ship, a zipwire, a swing basket, a climbing unit, a seated springer and a 3m cone net climber for junior ages</li><li>• A toddle zone, with a swing with seat and cradle; a sand-play area with slide, a springer, a make-it-rain play piece, a wooden snail seat, a 2m orbit roundabout and a springer water lily</li><li>• A Rolli Trampoline for wheelchairs users</li><li>• An area for natural play, which includes a stilt walk and log stack to encourage natural play</li><li>• A parkour unit to cater for teenagers, with a woodchip and rubber safer surface</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased use of outdoor play</li><li>• Improved appearance of the park</li><li>• Less antisocial behaviour</li></ul>			
Testimonial	<p><b>Leith Links Community Council’s Sally Millar said:</b> “Leith Links Community Council reported that all the users of the new Leith Links Play Park are absolutely delighted with the new design and facilities. It’s buzzing! The old play park was very limited and past its sell-by-date. The newly upgraded play park is so much more interesting, with lots of exciting new activities to explore and enjoy. The large wooden Pirate Ship is an especial favourite, for ‘clamberers’, also the new Zipwire is very popular. Safe, soft surfaces underfoot are reassuring for parents, who also like the seating facilities within the enclosure. A separate space for the smallest/ youngest children is much appreciated, as are the wheelchair friendly and all-age adapted activities that allow children with disabilities to be included in the fun. Thank you, CEC and ELGT!”</p>			



Project Name	Coalie Park		Project number	734
Project Value	£5,179	Funder	Greenier Leith	
Project detail	<p>Coalie Park is located by the Water of Leith river in the Shore area of Edinburgh. The riverbank has been landscaped following its use as a coal depot and railway yard. It has become a good area for wildlife for the area due to its position adjacent to the water and is one of the best spots to see river wildfowl. The park has been neglected over the years other than improvements to the cycleway for active travel and has become overgrown and is dark during the summer months.</p>  <p>ELGT has been working with the Water of Leith Conservation Trust who have identified the area as needing to be improved for biodiversity and place-making. In addition to Greener Leith we liaised with local organisations, Natural Heritage Service and the Water of Leith Conservation Trust over the plan and the proposals to improve the greenspace. The proposals included vegetation removal, crown lifting of the lime trees, tree planting, hedgerow planting, naturalised bulbs and the removal of brambles.</p>			
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consulted with 5 different organisations</li><li>• Commissioned a landscape designer</li><li>• Produced a landscape design proposal report</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improved appearance of the park</li><li>• Benefits to wildlife and biodiversity</li><li>• Foster a greater sense of community pride</li><li>• Improved green networks and connectivity</li><li>• Improved opportunities for better health and wellbeing</li><li>• A visible aesthetic improvement to the landscape</li></ul>			


Project Name	West Pilton Park		Project number	739
Project Value	£117,000	Funder	Fields In Trust, City of Edinburgh Council	
Project detail	<div><div><p>SUPPORTED BY</p><p>•EDINBURGH•</p><p>YOUR COUNCIL – YOUR CITY</p></div><div><p>This was delivered following consultation with the local community who agreed that a new outdoor gym should be added and that a new junior and toddler play park area should be created. 84% of respondents were in agreement with the new development and these local residents have chosen the final design from a choice of three. The new outdoor gym will help to improve the health and wellbeing of its local residents but also help them to reclaim the park space as a welcoming community space. It has been welcomed by the local community and will offer residents the opportunity to get fit whilst they enjoy the great outdoors.</p></div></div>			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Sandplay Unit,</li><li>• Swing with basket seat and two flatseats, swing with 2 cradle seats and 2 inclusive seats,</li><li>• A Piketo unit (climbing frame, climbing mesh and slide),</li><li>• An inclusive roundabout and picnic table.</li><li>• Chest Press, Leg Spin, Spin Bike, Treadmill.</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased use of outdoor play</li><li>• Improved appearance of the park</li><li>• Less antisocial behaviour</li></ul>			
Testimonial	<p>Parklife, Sara Marttin said; <i>“Parklife, West Pilton Park Friends Group are delighted with the new junior play park and facilities. The old play parks were disjointed, very limited and definitely past their sell-by-date. The newly upgraded play park and outdoor gym are so much more interesting, with lots of exciting new equipment to try out and enjoy. The new surfaces underfoot are reassuring for parents, who also like the seating facilities within the enclosure. A separate space for the smallest/ youngest children is much appreciated. Thank you Edinburgh &amp; Lothian Greenspace Trust for delivering it.”</i></p>			




Project Name	Henderson Gardens Play Park		Project number	752
Project Value	£70,786	Funder	City of Edinburgh Council, Mushroom Trust, Greener Leith	
Project detail	<p>This is a small park situated off Great Junction Street and is the only formal park and greenspace in the area. The park has a toddlers play area and is surrounded with mature shrub planting and trees.</p> <p>The park had little biodiversity and lacks any colour or vitality. The project brought life the park which is in a very urban area with areas of Multiple Deprivation. The play park was improved and provided an opportunity to take out a lot of the concrete / hard standing and replace it with more natural materials.</p>  <p>Tree planting has created more features in the park whist also improving the quality of the park for the marginalised community.</p>			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 New pieces of play equipment</li><li>• 7 new standard trees</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improve play spaces to help increase physical activity</li><li>• Encouraging the local community to get more involved with the creation of the park</li><li>• Help improve the biodiversity and amenity value of the park</li></ul>			

Project Name	Shale Trail		Project number	756
Project Value	£309,745.49	Funder	West Lothian Leader, Heritage Lottery Fund.	
Project detail	<div><p>LOTTERY FUNDED</p></div> <p>The ‘Shale Trail’ is a strategic project that aims to create an inspiring, enjoyable off-road trail of approximately 16 miles, linking some of West Lothian’s key shale villages, sites and features. It will tell the oil shale story, including social, cultural, ecological and other aspects of local history specific to the industry. There is an extremely high level of community support, particularly from youth groups and families. Primary schools were involved in “Shale Trail” brand design and developing children’s web-based material.</p> 			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public consultations with over 600 respondents</li><li>• 735m of path upgrades and development of 1530m of new paths in West Lothian.</li><li>• 5 community family events with 207 people</li><li>• 1 conservation activity with 30 volunteers</li><li>• 50 sessions with local schools with 1061 pupils</li><li>• Creation of a website based on the Shale Trail and interactive map.</li><li>• Production of a leaflet based on the Shale trail</li><li>• Development of 16 interpretation points using QR codes</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creation of a 16-mile Shale industry strategic route in West Lothian.</li><li>• Improved access to greenspaces</li><li>• Engaged communities with their local heritage</li><li>• Healthy communities through increased walking</li></ul>			
Testimonial	<p><i>“The shale trail is another welcome addition to the visitor experience in West Lothian but can also be used by local residents to get out and about and explore their local heritage and environment.”</i> Cllr Tom Conn, West Lothian Council Executive spokesman for the Environment.</p>			



Project Name	Little France Park Biodiversity		Project number	761
Project Value	£96,901	Funder	Scottish Natural Heritage, Mushroom Trust	
Project detail	<div> </div> <p>The park is a link between the rural setting in adjacent Midlothian and a habitat node along a green corridor to important sites such as Duddingston Loch SSSI (1.5km to the north-west), Bawsinch and the wider Holyrood Park. This green wedge creates a crucial link in the wider habitat network in Edinburgh and has been identified as a priority area by the Edinburgh Living Landscape and the Local Development Plan and associated green action plan. The project involved establishing a new corridor for wildlife, restoring degraded habitat and reducing fragmentation in Scotland’s natural capital. It involved creating a higher species-richness grassland using the Edinburgh seed mix on the former slope without the need for topsoil stripping. It also involved improving the species and structural diversity of the remnant hedges and scrubland. Broad, tall hedges with a diverse range of species and heights were planted which create linking habitats, or stepping-stone patches, for pollinators and can provide the pollen and nectar-rich flowers throughout March to late-September. 2 sites were identified to maintain a presence of scrub habit which is ideal for thicket nesting birds to be located in the southern slope to develop into a mosaic of grassland interspersed with scrub. It also involved building bee banks to create a habitat for bees.</p>			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 15 sessions involving 132 volunteers help remove invasive species and helped plant up the hedging</li><li>• Creation of 6.8 hectare of wildflower meadow</li><li>• Bee bank has been constructed and temporary signage put up.</li><li>• Planted 600m of hedging</li><li>• Planting of the two (25m diameter) scrub areas.</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduce the loss and degradation of natural habitats in critical urban ecosystem</li><li>• Help halt the decline in biodiverse urban greenspaces</li><li>• Re-establish habit and provide a microhabitat structure, ensuring the mosaic balance of habitats with a focus on grassland.</li><li>• Benefits for birds and mammals as part of the network by improving the dispersal routes through the site and as part of the local range of feeding and shelter habitat.</li><li>• Encourage local community to get involved with improving the park</li></ul>			

Project Name	Campbell Park Orchard		Project number	765
Project Value	£2,500	Funder	Colinton Lettings	
Project detail	<p>A donation was given to ELGT from a local family company in the Colinton to create a community orchard at Campbell Park. The park is owned by the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) and has a football and cricket pitch as well as a playground to cater for young families. It was envisaged that the creation of an orchard, with a combination of apple and plum trees, would provide a fantastic resource for the community, bringing people together to help with its management.</p> <p>To plant the orchard and get the community involved, ELGT held a community orchard planting event. Hula hooping was also organised to attract families and entertain children. Refreshments were provided by Woodfield Avenue Residents Association (WARA) along with donations from the Coop and a gazebo was set up.</p> 			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 orchard planting event</li><li>• Hula hooping activity</li><li>• 15 people (variety of ages from retirees to families) planted trees and networked</li><li>• 15 plum and apple trees were planted</li><li>• A local Councillor attended the event</li><li>• Publicity including a press release</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased community engagement</li><li>• Encouraged community ownership</li><li>• Health benefits to participants who planted trees</li><li>• Partnership working</li><li>• Publicity for ELGT, partners and the park</li><li>• Benefits for wildlife and biodiversity</li><li>• Improved appearance of the park</li></ul>			
Testimonials	<p><i>"I really enjoyed the occasion, it brought back some great memories of planting my first ever tree and this event has brought everyone together in the spirit of the community."</i> Local resident</p>			





Project Name	T Wood Management Plan		Project number	768
Project Value	£450	Funder	Swanston Farm Ltd	
Project detail	<p>Swanston Farm Ltd asked ELGT to update the management plan for T Wood to provide a 20-year vision for the management of the Wood.</p> <p>T Wood is located on Swanston Farm on the north-eastern edge of the Pentland Hills. It is a prominent local landmark and as a result of this and its unusual shape, the wood is one of the most visible and iconic woodlands in the Edinburgh area.</p>  <p>The management plan will help ensure T Wood remains an iconic and recognisable woodland for future generations to enjoy.</p>			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Updated T Wood Woodland Management Plan, covering its management for the next 20 years</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A plan which can be adopted for T Wood’s management over the next 20 years</li><li>If adopted, it will protect the iconic woodland for future generations to enjoy.</li><li>It will also benefit wildlife and biodiversity</li><li>Prevent the loss of a woodland</li><li>Aid green networks and connectivity</li></ul>			



Project Name	Dalmeny Estate Tree Planting		Project number	770
Project Value	£5,000		Mushroom Trust	
Project detail	<div></div> <p>Dalmeny Estate is located on the margins of Edinburgh and is a fantastic greenspace resource for biodiversity and wildlife. The character and unspoilt, diverse landscape of the estate are very much rural. Throughout the estate there is pastoral farming and sustainable woodlands.</p> <div></div> <p>The project involved increasing the number of Policy trees within the pasture areas of the Estate and also increase the number of field margin trees to improve the biodiversity of the area. The new trees will improve the connectivity between woodland habitats for wildlife, creating stepping stones throughout the Estate. The trees which have been planted are native trees including oak, lime and field maple. They replicate the trees in the area and improve the biodiversity value of the pastures within the Estate. The trees are protected from stock and browsing animals, including deer and rabbit to aid successful establishment of the trees.</p>			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Planting 50 trees.</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Increase biodiversity</li><li>Improve connectivity and appearance</li></ul>			

Project Name	Hunters Hall Park Path Design		Project number	775
Project Value	£35,850	Funder	Sustrans	
Project detail	<div></div> <p>This project stemmed from the Pentlands to Portobello feasibility study which established a strategic active travel route running from the base of the Pentland Hills to Portobello on the Edinburgh coastline.</p> <p>The project will establish an active travel route within a section of the Pentlands to Portobello route, aiming to connect the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and BioQuarter through new communities at Little France, Craigmillar and Niddrie. The route runs from Niddrie Mains Road in the north to Pringle Drive in the south and goes through Hunters Hall Park; - an urban park owned and maintained by the City of Edinburgh Council.</p> <div></div>			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New active travel route through Hunters Hall Park</li><li>• Feasibility study</li><li>• Concept designs</li><li>• Developed designs</li><li>• Technical designs</li><li>• Consultation</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improve active travel in the area</li><li>• Help locals to access Royal Infirmary Edinburgh hospital and surrounding communities</li><li>• Establishment of part of the Pentlands to Portobello active travel route</li><li>• Connection to Quiet Route 61</li><li>• Improve existing active transport network and commuting to work</li><li>• Sense of ownership of park for locals</li></ul>			



Project Name	Hailes Quarry Park Active Travel		Project number	777
Project Value	£3,885	Funder	Paths for All, City of Edinburgh Council	
Project detail	<div><div><p>FOR A HAPPIER, HEALTHIER SCOTLAND</p></div><div><p>SUPPORTED BY</p><p>•EDINBURGH•</p><p>YOUR COUNCIL – YOUR CITY</p></div></div> <p>Hailes Quarry Park is located in Wester Hailes and has had park improvements carried out over the past five-years. As part of the these, a wetland area was created and a series of path networks. An area which had not been completed was an area connecting the wetland to a main path, which was the aim of this project.</p>  <p>The path ensures the wetland area is easily accessible from all areas of the park for all users.</p>			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 60m of new path accessible for all, connecting wetland area to main path</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improve access to wetland area for all users</li><li>• Improve existing active transport network and commuting to work</li></ul>			






Project Name	Little France Park Tree Planting		Project Name	779
Project Value	£9,026	Funders	Trees for Cities	
Project detail	<div></div> <p>The area of open space at Little France Park has been earmarked as a new greenspace for over 15 years as part of the local Craigmillar Masterplan. As part of the new greenspace the eastern boundary was designated as suitable for woodland planting. The project involved planting trees on publicly owned land in Edinburgh to improve the Forest Habitat Network. The project entailed tree planting days with a local youth organisation, corporate group and friends of group.</p> 			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 500 trees planted</li><li>• 45 volunteers engaged with</li><li>• 4 planting events delivered</li></ul>			
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A visible aesthetic improvement to the landscape which will foster a greater sense of pride of place within the community</li><li>• Benefit local wildlife and increase biodiversity</li><li>• Local ownership by the community</li><li>• Increase woodland cover</li></ul>			
Testimonial	<p><i>"I just wanted to say thanks again for providing us with the opportunity for volunteering. The feedback from the group yesterday has been so positive and I'm so pleased you got a good day for it!"</i> Postcode Lottery Events Co-ordinator</p>			



Project Name	Bonaly Country Park Tree Planting		Project number	784
Project Value	£900	Funder	Trees for Cities	
Project detail	<div></div> <p>Bonaly Country Park is located in the foothills of the Pentland Hills and is owned by the City of Edinburgh Council.</p> <p>The council needed some trees replanted in an area where previous planting failed. Trees for Cities arranged for CGI UK to volunteer and plant 400 trees.</p> 			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Planted 400 trees</li><li>6 adult volunteers participated</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Promoted importance of trees</li><li>Promoted Bonaly Country Park</li><li>CGI volunteers learnt new skills</li><li>Helped wildlife and biodiversity</li><li>Expanded woodland area and improved green network</li><li>Partnership building</li></ul>			


## Healthy & Wellbeing



Project Name	Little France Park Activation		Project number	727
Project Value	£5,000	Funder	Fields in Trust	
Project detail	<div></div> <div><p>The programme of activity is on the newly protected site at Little France Park. The activity involved setting up a jogging group and a walking group. It involve in engaging inactive people, including those from the following groups: disabled people, women and girls, people from lower socio-economic groups, those at risk of long-term health conditions, people from particular ethnic groups, older people (+55)</p></div>			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ran 13 Jogging Sessions</li><li>• Had 25 participants in the jogging sessions</li><li>• Led 5 walking sessions</li><li>• Had 29 participants in the walking sessions</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Get inactive people in a community more active.</li><li>• Encourage people to be more sociable</li><li>• Provides a catalyst to deliver longer term sustainable physical activity opportunities</li></ul>			
Testimonial	<p><i>“I had never been to Little France Park before. It is a great place to jog. I love the social aspect of the group and my fitness has improved so much.”</i> Local participant</p>			



Project Name	Out & About		Project number	738
Project Value	£129,559	Funder	Edinburgh Health & Social Care Partnership, Scottish Natural Heritage, The Robertson Trust	
<div>Project detail</div> <div></div>	<p>The aim of this part of the South Edinburgh Healthy Lifestyles project is to get to know the community to understand their needs and involve them in participating in and developing healthy lifestyle activities. The outreach, taster and drop-in sessions at medical centres allow us to build a relationship and reach the harder to reach. Meetings with stakeholders have given us a greater understanding of the area and opportunities for partnership working. This preparatory and continuous work allows us to deliver the woodland activities, gentle exercise and walking sessions below as well as the outputs that form the rest of the project.</p>			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11 outreach activities with 206 people</li><li>• 5 community taster sessions with 100 people</li><li>• 20 networking events with key stakeholders</li><li>• 6 drop-in sessions at local medical practises with 106 people</li><li>• 20 gardening sessions with 201 attendances</li><li>• 8 woodland activities with 149 attendances</li><li>• 20 environmental enhancements with 246 people</li><li>• 66 physical activity sessions with 454 attendances</li><li>• 10 sessions of bike club with 20 young people</li><li>• 15 health walks with 108 attendances</li><li>• 10 sessions of gentle exercise with 164 attendances</li><li>• 76 cooking sessions with 162 participants</li><li>• 15 food courses and 8 healthy eating talks with 179 people</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participants consulted reported feeling more valued and that their opinion matters</li><li>• Improved physical health &amp; wellbeing, confidence and self esteem</li><li>• Reduced isolation - new friendships and support systems have been made</li><li>• Participants feel more positive about their community</li><li>• Increase of participants achieving recommended levels of physical activity</li><li>• Increased use outside spaces for physical activities and enjoyment</li></ul>			
Testimonial	<p><i>“We just love being able to work alongside Kim &amp; Ruth. They definitely bring the fun and something new every time. “</i></p>			




Project Name	Branching Out		Project number	749
Project Value	£9,893	Funder	NHS Lothian, Scottish Forestry	
<div><div>Scottish Forestry Coilltearachd na h-Alba</div></div> <div></div>	<p>Branching Out offers a wide range of woodland activities on referral for adults with mental health issues. Two programmes were delivered with two NHS mental health support services: Crisis and Carr Gomm. Each programme ran for 12 weeks. The Crisis Scotland programme took place at wells O’Wearie in holyrood Park and the Carr Gom programme took place at the Wells o’Wearie site in Holyrood Park. As part of the programme, participants also visited Redhall Walled Garden, the Re-Union Canal Boat and the John Muir Birthplace Museum. Activities throughout each programme included conservation activities, tree I.D, shelter building, kellie-kettles, cooking on a fire, nature walks, birdwatching, herbal walks and woodland arts and crafts.</p>			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 18 participants took part in the programme</li><li>• 5 support workers and 1 Park Ranger engaged</li><li>• 24 Branching Out sessions delivered</li><li>• 12 John Muir Awards handed out</li><li>• 1 willow wattle fence constructed</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To promote an understanding of the importance of the environment and its conservation</li><li>• To develop woodland-based and conservation skills amongst participants</li><li>• To improve levels of confidence in using woodland areas</li><li>• To promote further opportunities for involvement in similar outdoor-based programmes and volunteering</li><li>• To increase knowledge of woodland areas and their management</li><li>• To increase levels of therapeutic engagement and positive access to the outdoors</li><li>• To encourage reflection on seasonal change, history and culture as well as activities designed to increase positive mental health and wellbeing.</li><li>• To increase access to the outdoors for adults with mental health issues</li></ul>			

Project Name	Greenspace and Health Strategic Framework		Project number	753
Project Value	£35,000	Funder	Edinburgh and Lothians Health Foundation	
<div><div></div><div>Edinburgh &amp; Lothians Health Foundation</div></div> <div><b>Project detail</b></div>	ELGT is contributing to the Greenspace & Health Strategic Framework by encouraging and supporting greater use of greenspace in and around NHS sites. Specifically, raising awareness and encouraging greater use of Little France Park next to the Royal Infirmary Edinburgh, and helping to improve the management of, promote and help protect the greenspace at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital. A Greenspace Management Plan is being written for the Royal Edinburgh Hospital in a bid to be awarded a Green Flag. NHS staff, patients and third sector groups working on site are being consulted. An Innertube Map for Little France Park was created, distributed and promoted. A stand had been organised at the Royal Infirmary Edinburgh (RIE) and posters were going to be put up promoting the map, but due to COVID-19 this had to be postponed. 3 new walking routes have been identified and will be signposted with waymarking's and a sign at the entrance to the Royal Infirmary Edinburgh.			
<b>Outputs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Little France Park Innertube Map</li><li>• Greenspace Management Plan for the Royal Edinburgh Hospital</li><li>• Green Flag Award for Royal Edinburgh Hospital</li><li>• 3 health walks at Little France Park</li><li>• Walking and cycling event at Little France Park</li><li>• Four-week active travel competition for Royal Infirmary staff and students</li></ul>			
<b>Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased awareness of greenspaces available in and around NHS estates to NHS staff, students, visitors and patients</li><li>• Improved health and wellbeing of NHS staff, students, visitors and patients through use of greenspaces</li><li>• Improved management, pride and protection to greenspaces in and around NHS sites</li><li>• Improvement in communication between stakeholders at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital</li><li>• Community engagement and awareness of greenspaces around NHS sites</li><li>• Benefits to wildlife and biodiversity</li><li>• Improve green networks and connectivity</li></ul>			







<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Walking for Health</b>		<b>Project number</b>	<b>769</b>
<b>Project Value</b>	£5,333	<b>Funder</b>	Paths for All	
<b>Project detail</b>	<div><div></div><div><p>We are delivering a range of health walks which encourage people who do not get out much to explore their local greenspaces, reducing isolation and improving mental and physical health. We are committed to run 10 walking programmes with a focus on areas of SIMD which include Oxfangs, South Edinburgh, Dumbiedykes, Craigmillar and Leith/Lochend which would involve using nearby greenspaces in the area. All the groups follow the health walk model as they involve people with health inequalities. We work with health professionals to reach harder to reach participants and to make the sessions accessible. We aim to make the walking groups sustainable by providing Paths for All training to volunteers.</p></div></div>			
<b>Outputs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10x walking sessions with North Edinburgh Dementia Care</li><li>• 10x walking sessions in Oxfangs - from Allermuir Health Centre</li><li>• 10x walking sessions in Craigmillar – linked with Niddre Medical Practise</li><li>• 5x walking sessions with Gilmerton Neurological Care Home</li><li>• 2 x buggy walks in Gilmerton</li><li>• Hosted Paths for All training with 18 participants</li><li>• Provided training for 5 volunteers and professionals from our current walking groups</li><li>• 2 presentations at SE &amp; SW Edinburgh District Nurse meetings discussing benefits of partnership working and our walking groups</li></ul>			
<b>Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improved physical and mental health</li><li>• Reduced isolation – new friendships, sense of community</li><li>• Increased partnership working with health professionals</li><li>• Increased connection to local greenspaces</li><li>• Introduction to new places in the community</li><li>• “Oxfangs Walking Group has introduced me to community centres, parks and new places.”</li><li>• “I am physically fitter, more energized and feel happier. I benefit from walking and talking with different people.”</li></ul>			
<b>Testimonial</b>	<p><i>“Since I started taking part in the walks, I have become physically fitter, more energised and feel happier. I benefit from walking and talking with different people. I am grateful to Kim &amp; Ruth for the lovely areas they take us walking, the way they encourage us, and the tasty &amp; beneficial refreshments they organise for us”.</i></p>			



Project Name	Healthy Lifestyles in Dumbiedykes		Project number	776
Project Value	£10,000	Funder	CEC Neighbourhood Network Edinburgh Health Foundation	
Project detail	<div><div><div>SUPPORTED BY</div><div>•EDINBURGH•</div><div>YOUR COUNCIL – YOUR CITY</div></div><div><div>Edinburgh &amp; Lothians Health Foundation</div></div></div> <p>This project involved creating a network of local organisations, services and stakeholders to look at ways of developing programmes and activities in a more co-ordinated way to meet community needs and address health inequalities. We organised a networking event for organisations working in the area and through this we collaboratively organised a well attended event for the community at The Braidwood Centre. The Dumbiedykes Network was set up consisting of 57 members from different organisations working in the area. The Dumbiedykes Working Group continue to meet monthly. The other element of this project was community development work and outreach to connect with local residents. We provided taster sessions in schools and met local groups. This work we were enabled to organise activities and events bringing people together to make them more physically active, tackling social isolation and improving their health and wellbeing.</p> 			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 18 x Outreach Activities days/events</li><li>• Dumbiedykes Networking Event attended by 40 people from different organisations at The Crannie</li><li>• 4 Dumbiedykes Working Group Meetings with 12 people</li><li>• Created a Dumbiedykes Network with 57 members</li><li>• Community Event at Braidwood Centre, 12 organisations contributing, attended by 39 children at 17 adults</li><li>• 6 x Boxercise sessions at The Craggs Centres</li><li>• Community Taster Events including Silent Disco with Streetfit Scotland &amp; Yoga at Preston Street Primary School</li><li>• 5 x Cooking Workshops working with Braidwood Centre</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased community engagement</li><li>• Reduced isolation</li><li>• Increase in fitness and wellbeing of participants</li><li>• Increase in awareness of making healthy choices with eating habits</li><li>• Establishment of Dumbiedykes Working Group</li><li>• Increased communication and collaboration between organisations, services &amp; stakeholders</li></ul>			
Testimonial	<i>“It was a brilliant event, Well done for pulling this together, Street Fit Scotland would love to play a part in this in the future, “</i>			





Project Name	Active & Green Public Social Partnership		Project number	996
Project Value	£10,000	Funder	Edinburgh Health & Social Care Partnership	
<div>Project detail</div> <div></div>	<p>As part of the Wellbeing public social partnership ELGT are part of the active and green collective alongside Edinburgh Leisure, Cyrenians and SAMH. The work has involved developing a programme of activities that to help people with mental health issues.</p> <p>ELGT has developed a series of walks that target people with mental health issues. The work has involved working with GP practices who have referred people to try the walks. This has included working with Niddrie and Allermuir surgeries. We have also been working with the Cullen Centre at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Redhall Walled Garden and Carr Gomm.</p> <p>Walks took place in Craigmillar Castle Park, Redford Woods, Moredun woods, Easter Craiglockhart Hill and North Edinburgh Cycleways.</p>			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delivered 72 nature walks</li><li>• 395 attendances of people with mental health issues</li><li>• Production of a leaflet promoting all partners</li><li>• Contacted local groups through outreach activities to promote the benefits of being outdoors on mental health and well being</li><li>• Developing projects to make greenspaces more accessible and safer to encourage regular use.</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More collaborative working with PSP and other partners</li><li>• Increased learning and understanding within Partnerships</li><li>• Raise awareness for the need to provide meaningful activities</li><li>• Increase organisations’ capacity and confidence to deliver physical activity</li><li>• People feel less isolated</li><li>• Improve access to health to support, physical activity, recreation and greenspace activities</li><li>• Increased use of greenspace and physical activity</li><li>• Encouraging people to stay active, maintaining mental wellbeing, preventing ill health, living active and healthy lives</li><li>• Strengthened communities</li></ul>			
Testimonial	<p><i>“I really enjoyed these gentle walks. It helped to have the meeting point at The Cullen Centre as it is a place I already know. I wouldn’t have had the confidence to meet in a new place. The walks made me appreciate the local environment. It was really nice to be able to enjoy this with other people”</i></p>			



## Engaged Communities



Project Name	Outdoor Learning		Project number	741
Project Value	£13,361	Funder	Scottish Natural Heritage, Clydesdale Bank of Scotland, Walter Scott Giving, National Lottery YOYP	
<div><div> Scottish Natural Heritage Dualchas Nàdair na h-Alba nature.scot</div><div> SUPPORTING year of young people bliadhna na h-òigridh 2018</div><div></div><div></div><div> WALTER SCOTT SINCE · 1983</div></div> <div>The project is to help facilitate the Learning in Local Greenspace Project which encourages young people to get more involved with outdoor learning. The project will continue the work that ELGT have carried out as part of the pilot project in 2017-18. This involved inviting schools that we have worked with in the past to develop their programme of outdoor learning by using their local greenspaces. We had been approached by a number of primary schools keen to develop their programme of outdoor learning. We wanted to work in different areas so that we are able to work with different communities and greenspaces across the City of Edinburgh. The project aims to deliver at least 2 programmes per school as many are a 2 stream schools. The programme delivers the John Muir Award at Discovery level for classes that are between primary 5 and primary 7 as it provides a structure, is accredited and links well with the curriculum. Each programme involved a variety of activities at different times of year that fitted with the curriculum. We worked closely with the teachers at the schools to develop a programme that fits with the needs of the pupils to ensure that they gain the most long-term benefit.</div>				
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worked with 3 schools involving 6 classes</li><li>• Delivered 35 sessions</li><li>• 135 pupils participated</li><li>• Worked alongside 12 teachers</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased engagement with greenspaces for children and young people in high SIMD areas</li><li>• Increased outdoor learning opportunities</li><li>• Greater engagement with outdoor learning from teaching staff</li><li>• Higher confidence levels in using the outdoors</li><li>• Increased creative opportunities using natural materials</li></ul>			
Testimonial	<i>“Some of the pupils who are normally disruptive in the classroom, have thoroughly engaged with the programme and that it’s been wonderful to watch them flourish and enjoy being in an outdoor learning environment.”</i>			



Project Name	Hailes Quarry Park		Project number	744
Project Value	£10,000	Funder	Scottish Natural Heritage, City of Edinburgh Council	
Project detail	<div></div> <p>ELGT worked with a number of schools and community groups in the area which all were in areas within the bottom 15% SIMD. These included, Longstone and Redhall primary schools. We also worked with Clovenstone after school club and Broomhouse Young Carers. The activities involved a programme of conservation and woodland activities. These all provide opportunities for team building and raising confidence. We ran family events which included owl displays and tree planting. We also helped facilitate a magical woodland walk event with Rowanbank Arts to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Wester Hailes.</p> <div></div> <p>In addition, ELGT and the City of Edinburgh Council managed to arrange for a Friends of Group to be set up for Hailes Quarry Park which should ensure the long-term sustainability of events and activities in the park. A number of key individuals who attended the steering group meeting and events were recruited for this purpose through ELGT.</p>			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ran 12 community events with 236 people</li><li>• Delivered 4 conservation activities with 77 people</li><li>• Worked with 2 local primaries delivering 2 sessions with 39 pupils and 2 teachers.</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The local children are more aware of the park and have been encouraged to visit it with their families</li><li>• There is an interest in looking after the appearance of the park</li><li>• The perception of the park has been improved within the local community</li></ul>			
Testimonial	<p><i>“Really enjoyed the Hailes Quarry Park event with our daughter. Thanks very much to all involved”.</i></p>			


Project Name	Clermiston Park Improvement Plan		Project number	745
Project Value	£7,259	Funder	Mushroom Trust, City of Edinburgh Council	
Project detail	<div><div><div>SUPPORTED BY</div><div>•EDINBURGH•</div><div>YOUR COUNCIL – YOUR CITY</div></div><div></div></div> <p>The City of Edinburgh Council asked ELGT to develop an Improvement Plan for the management of Clermiston Park, located in the west of Edinburgh. Clermiston Park is within a residential area that ranks among the highest 40% in the country on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation rankings. It has public roads on all sides and is bordered by several copses and individual trees with sports facilities, a pavilion and playground in the centre.</p>  <p>The Plan covers the current state of the site and its aims and objectives over a two-year period, from 2020 to 2022. It aims to improve the park’s biodiversity, facilities and community engagement. Two consultations were held at the Drumbrae Library Hub and a two week window was given for sending feedback in January. Changes were made to the Plan accordingly in discussion with the council and once finalised, was published. Improvements from the plan have been carried out, such as; trees planted in the park’s periphery and native hedge species planted in the existing hedge to increase its biodiversity and attractiveness.</p>			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two-year Improvement Plan for Clermiston Park</li><li>• 2 consultation sessions with stakeholders and local community</li><li>• 6 trees planted</li><li>• Native hedge species planted in existing hedge to increase biodiversity and attractiveness</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engaged local community with the park and gave sense of ownership</li><li>• Foster a greater sense of community pride</li><li>• A plan which can be adopted for Clermiston Park’s management</li><li>• If adopted, it will improve the park’s biodiversity, facilities, community engagement and appearance.</li><li>• Aid green networks and connectivity</li></ul>			
Testimonial	“Would like to see it used more by local groups and children”			




Project Name	West Pilton Park Community Engagement		Project number	751
Project Value	£10,000	Funder	Scottish Natural Heritage, City of Edinburgh Council	
Project detail	<div><div></div><div>ELGT have been working with the West Pilton Parklife Friends group and the Pilton Equality Partnership to improve the appearance of the park. This has involved working with a number of local primary schools including, Pirniehill and Forthview which are all within the bottom 15% SIMD. The activities focused around tidying up the park, conservation sessions and planting up bulbs.</div><div></div></div>			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ran 1 community events with 27 people</li><li>• Worked with 2 local primaries delivering 2 sessions with 29 pupils and 2 teachers.</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improved the appearance of the park</li><li>• Provided opportunities for the local community to take ownership of the park</li><li>• Encourages wildlife into the park.</li><li>• Improves the biodiversity of the park.</li></ul>			
Testimonial	“Brilliant project to get children to enjoy the outdoors and the love of planting & growing, Thank you”			

Project Name	Lochend/Leith		Project number	755
Project Value	£10,000	Funder	Scottish Natural Heritage, Greener Leith	
Project detail	<div></div> <p>ELGT delivered events and activities in the greenspaces of Leith/Lochend which engaged children and young people from the surrounding communities to use the park for outdoor activities. These included Pilrig Park, Lochend Park and Leith Links. These activities involved showcasing the many different uses the greenspaces and their amenities can have. Activities included conservation sessions and educational activities in an outdoor setting within Lochend and Leith which is within the bottom 15% SIMD. This involved running a number of woodland and conservation activities.</p> 			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ran 1 community events with 17 people</li><li>• Worked with the local primary schools delivering 2 sessions with 29 pupils and 2 teachers.</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raising the confidence of the local children which has encouraged them to use the woodlands more.</li><li>• Helped the children to be more social and learn to work as a team.</li><li>• Improved the environmental knowledge of the participants and how to look after it.</li><li>• Improved the access to parks which has led to greater use</li><li>• Improved the appearance of the greenspaces which has encouraged the local people to take a greater pride of the park and the surrounding area</li></ul>			
Testimonial	“Brilliant effort and true community spirit by all involved”			



Project Name	Tree Time		Project number	754
Project Value	£20,000	Funder	Woodland Trust	
Project detail	<div><p><b>WOODLAND</b> TRUST</p></div> <p>The tree time fits with our goal of engaging communities in the urban landscape. The initiative aims to raise awareness of the need to replace trees in particular street trees in an urban setting. The project involves working with the City of Edinburgh Council that helps deliver on their sustainability goals which include Million Tree City by 2030. It also involves working with the Woodland Trust who are keen to help raise the profile of Street Trees. The initiative involves raising funds which is primarily facilitated through a dedicated Tree Time website which is managed by ELGT and hosted by Hillside Agency. The initiative has 4 main donation packages which have suggested donation levels.</p> 			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developed 4 new donation packages for individuals</li><li>• Updated Tree Time website including online donations</li><li>• Communications Plan produced and delivered</li><li>• Marketing material produced and distributed including 5000 postcards, 500 posters and 100 tree labels.</li><li>• 71 donations received raising £32,000</li><li>• 40 new street trees planted</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raise awareness for the need for new street trees</li><li>• Enable people to make donations easily</li><li>• Replace street trees</li></ul>			
Testimonial	<p><i>“We just wanted to say thank you for the new trees on our street and surrounding streets! We are very glad to see them as the existing trees are quite mature and our area of Boswall which would not be the same without them. Please keep up the good work”</i></p>			



Project Name	Harrison Park Community Activities		Project number	762
Project Value	£2,087	Funder	City of Edinburgh Council	
Project detail	<div><div><div>SUPPORTED BY</div><div>•EDINBURGH•</div><div>YOUR COUNCIL – YOUR CITY</div></div><div>As part of ELGT ongoing community engagement in the park, this year we ran a number of community events which included bat walks, family silent disco, circus skills workshops, woodland crafts , litter clearance, , as well as making Christmas decoration using natural materials.</div><div></div><div>ELGT also engaged with the local Cubs troop making bird boxes for the park and enhancing the flora of an adjacent small greenspace</div></div>			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Over 500 people took part of the events</li><li>• 2 bat walks delivered</li><li>• 5 family events including several activities</li><li>• 3 conservation sessions with the local Cubs troop</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased opportunities for outdoor activities and healthy living</li><li>• Increased participation in environmental and outdoor-based activities</li><li>• Increased opportunities for people to gain new skills and knowledge</li><li>• Improved the promotion and number of people regularly using the park for health, wellbeing, learning and enjoyment</li><li>• Increased community participation and cohesion</li><li>• Have fun in the park</li></ul>			
Testimonial	<p><i>“The bat walk was great and brought the local community together to enjoy and share the interactions with nature. It has encouraged the local families to use and explore the park more often. There are more people now joining the local friends of park group to help look after and improve the park for future generations”</i></p>			



Project Name	Woodland Activities		Project number	766
Project Value	£2,282	Funder	Scottish Forestry, Dads Work	
<div><div>Scottish Forestry Coilltearachd na h-Alba</div></div> <div><b>Project detail</b></div>	<p>ELGT worked in partnership with Dad’s Work and East Lothian Council to provide conservation and woodland activities to volunteers from Dad’s Work. We organised 6 two-hour sessions at Levenhall Links Park. Sessions involved planting trees to extend a small woodland area in the park. A bird walk through some woodlands and past a wetland area. They learnt a lot about the birds, and all said they had thoroughly enjoyed the session. They helped resurface as a section of path that had become very muddy and was difficult to use. They learnt how to lay a woodland path and it encouraged teamwork. They also learnt how to create a natural fence and were proud they managed to make it by great teamwork and enthusiasm. ELGT worked in partnership with Pilton Community Health Project (PCHP) to provide conservation and woodland activities to volunteers from PCHP. Activities included conservation activities, shelter building, woodland hedgehogs, tree ID, litter picking and snowdrop planting.</p>			
<div><b>Outputs</b></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delivered 6 sessions with Dads work with 55 participants</li><li>• Delivered 4 sessions with group at PCHP with 34 participants</li><li>• Planted 20 tree whips</li><li>• Maintained a 50m of path</li><li>• Created a 10m length of fence</li></ul>			
<div><b>Outcomes</b></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extended opportunities for people to gain new skills and knowledge</li><li>• Increased number of people from community groups who regularly access woodland areas</li><li>• Increased participation in environmental and outdoor-based activities</li><li>• Increased promotion of woodlands as places for health, education and enjoyment</li><li>• Greater numbers of people feel a sense of ownership in the city’s woodland resources and are encouraged to feel safe and welcome while using them</li><li>• Mental and physical wellbeing maximised through increased activity levels and contact with woodlands</li><li>• Greater opportunities for social interaction through environmental activity</li><li>• Increased number of people regularly using woods for health, wellbeing, learning and enjoyment.</li></ul>			
<div><b>Testimonial</b></div>	<p><i>“It was just so nice to be outside, I'm not a very outdoorsy person, it was amazing to just realise that it is possible to do things outside and I liked seeing my little one being in mud and the rain and realising that that's ok, it helped reduce my anxiety around this”</i></p>			



Project Name	Woodland Conservation & Bushcraft activities		Project number	767
Project Value	£2,525	Funder	Scottish Forestry	
Project detail	<div></div> <p>The project involved conservation sessions with the intention to introduce and engage people with their local woodlands and allow them to explore them both formally &amp; informally.</p> <p>ELGT ran conservation activities with the Dirty Weekenders , students from University of Edinburgh at Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park and also scout groups from the Pentland District</p> <p>Activities included woodland management, planting in Burdiehosue Burn Valley Park as well as bushcraft activities , environmental art, making bird &amp; Bat boxes &amp; a bat walk in Blinkbonny Park Woods</p> 			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 woodland related sessions with 23 local scouts</li><li>• 1 bat walk</li><li>• 8 birds &amp; bat boxes built</li><li>• 3 Woodland management sessions with Edinburgh University Students, The Dirty Weekenders group</li><li>• Undergrowth clearance, crown lifting, thinning, woodland planting &amp; litter clearance</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engage young people in outdoor exploration activities.</li><li>• Increase safety awareness of oneself and others</li><li>• Develop group leaders skills by giving confidence for them to continue to the woodland activities.</li><li>• Promote environmental awareness and the importance of woodland habitats</li><li>• Reduce impact of vandalism/ litter in woodlands by encouraging socially-responsible behaviour</li></ul>			
Testimonials	<p><i>“Loved building the boxes – very rewarding / liked using the drills”</i></p> <p><i>“Facilitator passed on a lot of knowledge in a really interesting way to the Scouts and helped us with the delivery of the Scout balanced programme and our Challenge Award requirements”</i></p>			

Project Name	Colinton Mains Park Improvements		Project number	771
Project Value	£4,750	Funder	Mushroom Trust	
Project detail				
	<p>ELGT staff worked with the local community to enhance the biodiversity of the park by planting bulbs along the edges of the paths and around the existing trees</p> <p>Pupils from Colinton Primary School and St Margaret's RC Primary school were involved in the planting of crocuses as well as their families and the wider community added an extra daffodils during the family event.</p>			
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5,500 crocuses and 900 daffodils were planted</li><li>• 2 school events delivered with 49 pupils</li><li>• 14 people involved in the community planting</li></ul>			
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improve appearance of the park</li><li>• benefits to wildlife and biodiversity</li><li>• foster a greater sense of community pride</li><li>• encourage community ownership</li><li>• increased participation in environmental and outdoor-based activities</li></ul>			
Testimonials	<i>"That was great, we can't wait to see the flowers"</i>			

Project Name		Craigmillar Woodland Community Engagement		Project Name	997
Project Value		£54,653.00	Funders	Scottish Forestry, City of Edinburgh Council, National Lottery YOYP	
Project detail		<div><div><p>Scottish Forestry Coilltearachd na h-Alba</p></div><div><p>SUPPORTED BY</p><p>EDINBURGH</p><p>YOUR COUNCIL – YOUR CITY</p></div></div> <p>Focusing in and around Craigmillar Castle Park, this project has delivered a wide range of community engagement activities and volunteering opportunities that have fostered a greater understanding of nature and its value through community events, health &amp; nature walks, natural play activities, workshops and practical conservation tasks. These opportunities have enabled the local community to learn new skills, get involved in volunteering activities, partake in active lifestyles and meet other local residents. We have worked alongside local schools, organisations and community groups to further strengthen the project’s outcomes. The project has also identified opportunities and delivered woodland improvements within Craigmillar Castle Park through the Woods In and Around Towns scheme (WIAT).</p> 			
Outputs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 126 community engagement activities with over 1900 people</li><li>• Delivered John Muir Awards with Niddrie Mill Primary School and Craigmillar Community Grows for 4 classes throughout the year with funding from Year of the Young Person.</li><li>• 12 week Upskilling Project for disadvantaged young people with Action for Children and Newbattle Abbey College.</li><li>• Craigmillar Walking group in partnership with Connecting Craigmillar, Thistle Foundation and Carr Gomm</li><li>• An Outdoors In group working with adults with support needs in partnership with Sandy’s Community Centre and Craigmillar Community Grows</li></ul>			
Outcomes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Greater community engagement with local woodlands</li><li>• Increased community participation and cohesion</li><li>• Increased opportunities for outdoor activities and healthy living</li><li>• Increased number of people using and valuing the park</li></ul>			