

PARKHEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Parkhead Community Garden provides a setting for residents and local groups to grow food as well as an educational, health promoting and relaxing community space. There is a variety of growing spaces on the site including raised beds and larger plots which are used by individuals and local organisations to grow vegetables, fruit, herbs and flowers.

The Community Support for Stalled Spaces Fund has allowed us to get more volunteers involved in the wider development of the garden, creating an attractive and welcoming space and a valuable community resource on a previously unattractive and derelict space. People who have been involved in planting the wildlife gardens, fruit bushes, choosing and installing sculptures and benches now feel more of a sense that it is their garden.

One of the main features that was particularly important to people was to have a relaxing, attractive communal seating area at the heart of the garden where people could relax, meet and socialise with each other. This seemed particularly important to people given that an attractive relaxing outdoor meeting space is something which is really lacking within the Parkhead area.

There have been many benefits for volunteers being involved in this project including physical health benefits of being engaged in the planting activities; gaining skills in planning and planting wildlife gardens; increased social engagement and ownership of this community space.























