



**Our Year
2017 - 2018**



**Greener
Kirkcaldy**

**4,913 t CO₂e
saved**

**315 events with
over 3,000
people**

**Over 1,400
home energy
advice visits**

3,071 LED bulbs

**776 thermal
curtains**

**307 radiator
panels**

**Fitted by our
Handy Service**

277 kg textiles

**166 computer
devices**

102 bikes

167 tools

**Saved from
landfill**

**10,491 miles of
car journeys
reduced**

**3,275 volunteer
hours**

Between April 2017 and March 2018 our activities included:

- Cooking and gardening courses
- The Cosy Kingdom energy advice service
- Reuse and repair workshops
- Climate Change information events and activities
- A transport pilot project including cycling, route planning, fuel efficient driving and electric vehicle activities
- Outdoor Kids Clubs
- Volunteering opportunities in our community gardens, High Street Hub, at events or blogging for our website



2017 was an exciting year for us as we were awarded a grant of £916,068 from the Big Lottery Fund to refurbish our new building at East Fergus Place, Kirkcaldy, and take forward our plans for a **Community Food Hub**. The Food Hub will be a place for people to come together to grow, cook, eat and learn, offering a range of courses, training and volunteer opportunities on all aspects of food and drink, community meals, a community fridge and much more. Building work has now started and we hope to launch in early 2019.

In February 2018 we also launched a new **Community Training Garden** at Ravenscraig Walled Garden as part of our Community Food Hub project. This will host a range of courses, training and volunteer opportunities in gardening and growing your own fruit and vegetables.



Sarah and her family recently moved house. They found their new property hard to heat and were worried about budgeting for their energy. Our Cosy Kingdom energy advisors helped Sarah switch suppliers, saving £185 a year, and had a prepayment meter installed to help her find it easier to budget. Our Handy Service also fitted thermal curtains and low-energy LED light bulbs to make her home more energy efficient. Sarah's husband was suffering from mental health issues, so we referred her to Citizens Advice and Rights Fife, who helped them access benefits that they didn't know they were eligible for.

COSY KINGDOM



Ross started volunteering with us when he returned home to Kirkcaldy after working abroad for many years. He was interested in learning more about growing his own food so started volunteering at our community training garden and orchard in Ravenscraig Walled Garden.

"I really enjoy my role – I like working with and meeting other people. I love being in company. Through volunteering with Greener Kirkcaldy, I feel very connected to the garden and my community"

Robert came along to one of our Living Well on a Budget cooking courses as he was eating a lot of ready meals and found it difficult to be motivated to cook from scratch. He found that his diet was causing him to put on weight and this was affecting his daily life. Robert's cooking skills, confidence and knowledge improved over the classes. He became more motivated and started cooking for his friends at the weekend. Robert took away a set of pots and a folder of simple tasty recipes.



"The workshop helped me realise that climate change is a serious and very real threat to the world, but it also inspired me to take some steps to reduce my own carbon footprint."

"Cosy Kingdom are brilliant and the advice was very useful. Darren was a really nice man. I can't believe there are people like you out there to help people like me!"

"Thank you for the Kids Club, my son had a really great time, he doesn't normally interact that well with other children but he did great today and loved it!"

"The sewing classes woke up my mind to look at other uses for unwanted clothes."

"If we hadn't come to your Electric Vehicle event, we probably wouldn't have bought an electric car. There was so much enthusiasm from electric vehicle users, this definitely convinced us."

"I went to loads of growing courses! I've got a good sized garden and it was just sitting there looking sad because I didn't know what to do with it. Now I've got salads and herbs and I'm looking forward to harvesting my potatoes."

"An excellent training and workshop. My wife and I are now cycling on roads. We have learnt about various routes in Fife, met interesting people and now know more about how to keep our bikes maintained. We are so much more confident about cycling than ever before. We want to be able to cycle everywhere rather than take the car."

Greener Kirkcaldy is a community-led charity and development trust. We would like to see a future where everyone is able to heat their home affordably, eat well, and tread more lightly on our planet. We work towards that by delivering practical projects tackling fuel and food poverty, improving health and wellbeing, and bringing the community together.

Our work in 2017-18 was funded by: Climate Challenge Fund, People & Communities Fund, Fife Council, Energy Action Scotland, Scottish Power, Energy People Trust, Fife Health & Wellbeing Alliance, Big Lottery Fund, Fife Environment Trust, Postcode Local Trust, Awards for All

Find out more about our work at: www.greenerkirkcaldy.org.uk
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