



**Our Year
2018 - 2019**



**Greener
Kirkcaldy**

**Over 300 events
with over 3,000
people**

**Over 1,600 home
energy advice
visits**

**7,987 LED bulbs
2,123 thermal
curtains**

**557 radiator
panels**

**Fitted by our
Handy Service**

**819 kg bikes
490 kg furniture
371 kg electronics
195 kg textiles
Saved from
landfill**

**13 groups and
230 people at
the first
Kirkcaldy
Walking
Festival**

**Over 4,000
volunteer hours**

Between April 2018 and March 2019 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 behaviour change project including cycling, walking, route planning, fuel efficient driving, electric vehicle events and air travel reduction activities
- The first ever Kirkcaldy Walking Festival
- Outdoor Kids Clubs
- Volunteering opportunities in our community gardens, High Street Hub, events and blogging for our website



In March 2019, we relocated from Kirkcaldy High Street to our new community building at 8 East Fergus Place. The building was purchased with a grant from the Scottish Land Fund, and refurbished with a grant from the Big Lottery Fund Community Assets Programme.

Our new building is open to the public 5 days a week, and houses our office, the Cosy Kingdom energy advice service, an event space, a Food Bank distribution point, and kitchens – including The Lang Spoon Community Kitchen. In the building, we deliver cooking workshops, community meals, events, volunteer opportunities, employability projects, and a 'Community Fridge' which redistributes good food that would otherwise have gone to waste.



We were delighted to win two awards in 2018. In August we received a Kingdom FM Local Hero Award for Green Initiative, and in December we were awarded an Outstanding Contribution award by the Climate Challenge Fund.

Julie has health issues and spends lots of time at home. She was reluctant to use her heating in the winter as she was worried about the cost. Our energy advisors visited Julie at home and showed her how to use her heating controls efficiently. We also helped her switch supplier and apply for the Warm Home Discount, giving her £140 towards her electricity bill. Our Handy Service installed thermal curtains and low energy LED bulbs to make her home more energy efficient and keep the heat in. Julie is now more comfortable at home, using less energy and saving money.

COSY KINGDOM



Steve took part in one of our Food Works! courses. Despite having issues with anxiety, he worked with other team members throughout the 12 weeks and built up his confidence. Steve achieved three REHIS qualifications, including Elementary Food Hygiene, as well as City & Guilds certificates. Steve is still anxious at times, but is now much more confident. He has since started a course in Professional Cookery at Fife College.



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.

"I think upcycling is very important in regards to climate change, and teaching people how to do this is very valuable!"

"I don't know how to thank you for all Cosy Kingdom has done for me, if not for your help I don't think I would be here today."

"I think reducing car use is one of the best things we can do to help tackle Climate Change, showing people new walking routes and helping them get fit is a great help"

"I'm now much more aware of the impacts of climate change and the actions we can take"

"Great to get my children outside in the holidays and away from screens!"

"Thanks to Greener Kirkcaldy for the training, this is exactly what I needed to get back into cycling"

"I have a pile of recipes from the cooking classes. My family have enjoyed the meals i've been making!"

"Great fun using up apples to make home made cider, really enjoyed spending an afternoon in the orchard!"

Our work in 2018-19 was funded by: Climate Challenge Fund, People & Communities Fund, Fife Council, National Lottery Community Fund, The Robertson Trust, Development Trust Associations Scotland and Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme.

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