

Helensburgh and Lomond

Rural Links: Helensburgh & Lomond Community Trust Support Project

Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust

Project cost: £39548 Eligible cost: £39548 Grant award: £19774

Public match funding: £17794 Private match funding: £1980

In-kind match funding: £

The trusts involved in this project : Arrochar and Tarbert Development Trust, Garelohead and Portincaple Community Trust and Rosneath and Clynder Community Action Trust are currently at different stages of implementation of priority projects from their Community Action Plans which were developed to address the future social, economical and environmental needs of these communities. The trusts are run solely by local volunteers. Some limited support has been available to Arrochar and Tarbet Development Trust from statutory agencies including the National Park Authority, however this has been limited, and all three Trusts now require additional support in a professional capacity to progress key projects. The aim of the project is to hire professional support for capacity building, options appraisals, business planning, feasibility studies, fundraising and facilitating partnership working.

Grant awarded 15 May 2008

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Three Villages Community Hall

Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust

Project cost: £1025062 Eligible cost: £1025062 Grant award: £169913

Public match funding: £808149 Private match funding: £47000

In-kind match funding: £

This project represents the second phase of Three Villages Community Campus project which will improve the quality of life and benefit the local economy of Arrochar, Tarbet and Succoth. These villages sit within Loch Lomond & Trossachs national park and currently have no community facility of this type. The project will provide a custom-built multi-purpose community centre for the three villages and surrounding hamlets around Loch Long and Loch Lomond. The new building will provide recreational, theatre and conference facilities as well as educational and social opportunities. It will also have potential as a tourist attraction with interpretation and local heritage information being provided by Loch Lomond & Trossachs national Park. The Project is innovative through the provision of a central facility for the three villages, thus maximising resources and encouraging co-operation.

Grant awarded 15 May 2008

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4B's Bus Bike Service

The Lomond 4B's Journey Association

Project cost: £32290 Eligible cost: £25832 Grant award: £12916

Public match funding: £11316 Private match funding: £1600

In-kind match funding: £

This project will provide a frequent mini bus service accommodating bike carriage operating between Balloch and Tarbet closely following the West Loch Lomond Cycle route, integrating the service with train and ferry services and linking to cycling and walking opportunities. The development of a bus/ bike service linking into train and ferry services is a good example of partnership working bringing additionality to the tourist economy. The service will be well marketed to day visitors and those staying in the area thus giving an incentive to stay longer. The service will also contribute to other government objectives on healthier lifestyles. It will give people the opportunity to try cycling, or return to cycling, in a safe environment where they can choose how much of a cycle route to tackle, even allowing this decision to be made on route. The area targeted by the service has high visitor numbers mostly accessing the area by car. This service and the wider aspirations of the 4B's Journey Association provide an opportunity to tempt people to leave their cars behind thus reducing pressure on the area and reducing the carbon footprint.

Grant awarded 27 June 2008

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Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park Visitor Payback Scheme

Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs

www.lochlomondtrossachs.org.uk

Project cost: £38000 Eligible cost: £38000 Grant award: £14000

Public match funding: £21000 Private match funding: £3000

In-kind match funding: £

The primary aim of the project is to promote sustainable tourism within the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs through the establishment of a visitor payback scheme. Businesses, agencies, visitors and local residents will be encouraged to work together to deliver projects which enhance the landscape. As part of this process the objectives of sustainable tourism will be championed. Specific project aims are: i) To support initiatives that will enhance the rural environment by providing funds for community and environmental projects that conserve special qualities of the National Park, which would not otherwise get funding. ii) To engage local communities in decision-making about conservation in the National Park and build project management capacity in local communities through the project delivery process. iii) To promote the understanding by visitors and tourism providers and their employees of the special qualities of the National Park and how they can be conserved. This would be done through promotional literature, in-business displays and workshops. iv) To strengthen the local community by adding value to local tourism businesses. This is because participation in the scheme offers a competitive advantage, encourages higher standards, increases sustainability and provides a branding which appeals to higher paying visitors. v) To encourage a sustainable tourism culture within the National Park, including collaboration and co-operation between businesses. This would build on the Park's award of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism. vi) To raise the profile of Friends of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs as a relevant park wide conservation organisation and stimulate membership. vii) To give the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park a leading role in developing sustainable tourism in Scotland and develop a unique model which will act as a demonstration for Scotland and the rest of Europe. The funding applied for in this application is to pilot the scheme a year. All proceeds raised will go towards local environmental projects – with the Leader funding supporting the development costs and encouraging the innovative elements of the project particularly in the Argyll and Isles Leader area. If the pilot phase is successful a second application for funding for a further two years will be made to develop the project further across the National Park.

Grant awarded 03 February 2009

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Kilmahew Woodlands Restoration Programme

Kilmahew Woodland Restoration Group

Project cost: £40500 Eligible cost: £40500 Grant award: £20250

Public match funding: £20250 Private match funding: £

In-kind match funding: £

The main aim of Kilmahew Woodland Restoration Group is to manage the woodlands within the former Kilmahew Estate in Cardross, bringing them back into a productive state. Kilmahew Woodland is a large, diverse mixed woodland, both native and non-native in substance. It is one of the larger remaining woodlands on the north banks of the Clyde between Dumbarton and Helensburgh. The former Kilmahew Estate comprises the largest part of the site and lies north-east of the village of Cardross. The remaining part of the site consists of a linear broad-leaved woodland strip linking the former estate and Asker Woodland to the north.

Biologically the site is diverse with a range of plant species and fauna, consisting of mammals, amphibians and breeding and non-breeding birds.

The Group would like to create a structure which will deliver an environmental and social strategy to bring benefit to local people and to support the economic viability of local businesses and partners. This would provide recreational facilities in the form of woodland paths, cycleways and/or other features to encourage use of the woodland for recreational purposes. This award would support the post of community development officer who will work to create a secure structure for genuine public engagement and long term community ownership.

Grant awarded 12 June 2009

Helensburgh and Lomond

Cove Park Feasibility Study

Cove Park Ltd

Project cost: £17300 Eligible cost: £17300 Grant award: £8650

Public match funding: £ Private match funding: £8650

In-kind match funding: £

Cove Park runs a series of residencies for artists working in a wide variety of performing, visual and literary disciplines from Scotland, the UK and abroad. The organisation runs a public programme of educational and community events in which resident artists share their work, and the process by which it is made, with people of all ages, from the local community and beyond. At present there is no dedicated building that can be used for this work. Instead, office and meeting/ dining areas are adapted for public use in a former Conservation Park building that is no longer fit for purpose. The aim is to create purpose built accommodation and this funding application focuses on carrying out a feasibility study for a new centre which will take into account the needs of the organisation and the surrounding environment.

The organisation has a particular interest in sustainable building methods and energy conservation and the feasibility study will focus on innovative methods of fulfilling these aims.

Grant awarded 12 June 2009

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Fifteen-hundredth Anniversary Exhibition

Luss Parish Church

Project cost: £18230 Eligible cost: £18230 Grant award: £9115

Public match funding: £ Private match funding: £9115

In-kind match funding: £

The aim of the project is to create a sound and light visitors' exhibition within Luss Church to celebrate fifteen hundred years of continuous Christianity on the site of the present church during 2010. The exhibition will be created during the autumn of 2009 and be open to the public seven days a week. Research conducted in preparation for this application show that Luss attracts 750,000 visitors a year, attracted by the beauty of the village within Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park and several hundred visitors come to Luss Church every day –a figure which rises to the thousands during the tourist season. The site of the project –Luss Parish Church –is already an important one. There have been churches on this site (and on the area between the present church and the loch) since AD 510. The church contains several treasures which people journey from far to see. The nature of the project is to create a sophisticated sound and light exhibition which will enable visitors to appreciate the fifteen-hundred-year history of Luss in a simple and straight-forward way while enabling the church to remain in use for daily activities without disruption (around one hundred and fifty wedding and wedding blessing services are held in Luss each year). Keyed into the sound track will be a programme of lights which will illuminate different parts of the Church as it is described and its relevance and importance explained. Projectors will show pictures and video of places, scenes and re-enactments of the events which make up the story of Luss. The project includes the provision of a number of small MP3 players which will be programmed in different languages. It also includes the creation of advertising leaflets and the creation of a small souvenir booklet. Extensive research has been conducted and lessons learned from existing exhibitions including the 'sound and light' shows in Egypt, the Mary King's Close exhibition in Edinburgh, the Glen Coe exhibition and the presentations at both Stirling and St. Andrews castles.

Grant awarded 11 September 2009

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Fifteen Hundredth Anniversary International Exchange

Luss Parish Church

Project cost: £23040 Eligible cost: £23040 Grant award: £16128

Public match funding: £ Private match funding: £6912

In-kind match funding: £

This project is an exchange between two communities in Rovigo in Italy and Luss in Scotland, both of which are based in a National Park. There are two distinct elements to the project. The first stage will support a small group from Luss to visit the partner area in Italy to plan and develop the project. The second stage, the exchange visit, will enable groups from each country to discuss the similarities and differences in living and working in a National Park. Each visit will allow the visiting team to take part in environmental work within the National Park which is being visited. In Luss this will include working on the Luss Glebe which is an area of significant beauty and importance for those 750,000 visitors a year who come to the area. There will also be a programme of speakers who will help the two teams explore problems such as the lack of affordable housing in rural communities, the relationship between environmental protection and the welcoming of tourists whose spending enables the Park communities to develop, the problems surrounding sustaining rural communities and enabling young people who wish to continue to live and work in their area to do so. Each group will make a presentation on their own community and this will include an element of culture, history and current events. The two presentations, together with a synopsis of the discussions and conclusions reached will be put together into a final report which will be made available to those in both communities and to both National Park Authorities. In 2010 Luss celebrates fifteen hundred years of continuous Christian history and this exchange visit is seen as an important way of adding to the village celebrations. Each visiting team will consist of between twenty-five and thirty people. At least half of each team will be young people under the age of twenty-five. In Luss's case the young people will be drawn from those Scots who have participated in the International Youth project during the last three years. There will also be a number of older members of each community to enable informed discussion between the two groups when they meet. Each visit will last between fifteen and eighteen days.

Grant awarded 11 September 2009

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Community Campus Development Phase 2 - Development Project

Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust

Project cost: £20300 Eligible cost: £20300 Grant award: £9285

Public match funding: £ Private match funding: £11015

In-kind match funding: £

Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust was established in 2003 with the aims of improving the quality of life of local residents. Its first major achievement was the establishment of Phase 1 of the Community Campus Development, the Three Villages Community Hall, which it runs on behalf of the local community. The Trust is also involved in running the local Pit Stop Diner as a social enterprise and progressing Phase 2 of the Campus Development which will include a visitor information centre/cafe to replace the Diner and a pontoon to replace the derelict Arrochar Pier. The overall aim of this project relates to the Trust's work associated with developing the visitor information centre plans and for securing the additional match funding required to allow the capital project to proceed. The project will allow the Trust to appoint a design team and consultants and the aims will be as follows:

To produce detailed drawings of the visitor information centre and accurate costs associated with this facility;

To prepare these plans for submission to Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority in order to obtain full planning permission;

To secure all outstanding match funding required for the capital costs for phase three of the Community Campus Development (pontoon and visitor information centre) which will allow this regionally significant development to proceed this year and start delivering economic benefits to the local community.

Grant awarded 17 June 2010

Helensburgh and Lomond

High Morlaggan and our Community's Heritage

Morlaggan Rural Settlement Group

highmorlaggan.co.uk

Project cost: £30865 Eligible cost: £30865 Grant award: £13820

Public match funding: £15500 Private match funding: £1545

In-kind match funding: £

This project is based in the community of Arrochar and the surrounding villages and forms part of a archaeological initiative directed by local community volunteers. It provides members of the local community with an opportunity to discover their own heritage, while providing opportunities to gain expert archaeological training. The project will include excavation, workshops, talks, an exhibition, and publications aimed at ensuring effective participation by a broad section of the community, as well as wide dissemination of the results. The Morlaggan Rural Settlement Group will commission professional archaeologists and a museum to conduct a 4-week community training excavation of the deserted rural settlement of High Morlaggan. Community volunteers will direct the project by: organising publicity; recruiting and supporting volunteers; liaising with the local primary school and youth groups; managing professional archaeology and museum services; managing nation-wide information dissemination; organising and marketing publications and evaluating the project.

Three freelance archaeologists will be employed to run the excavation, one of who will exclusively train and support volunteers. The project will work in partnership with a local museum that will provide post-excavation training, educational outreach, and archive facilities. An additional asset will be created and it is anticipated that many visitors will subsequently be attracted to the area.

Grant awarded 16 September 2010

Helensburgh and Lomond

Rosneath Peninsula West Community Action Plan

Cove and Kilcreggan Community Council

Project cost: £21563 Eligible cost: £21563 Grant award: £10000

Public match funding: £11563 Private match funding: £

In-kind match funding: £

The Rosneath Peninsula West is a remote rural area within Argyll and Bute and includes the villages of Kilcreggan, Cove, Ardpeaton and Coulport. The village of Cove is a Conservation Area and has many listed buildings designed by McIntosh and Thompson –the village was created as a retreat for the Glasgow Industrial Barons who become rich during the Victorian shipping era. Over the past 10 years there has been a visible decline in the fabric of these villages despite sporadic efforts to improve things. The historic village hall requires repair, the Scout Hut requires upgrading, the Community Centre has been closed, the shoreline requires management and the play park is disintegrating, amongst many others. These buildings and outdoor areas are essential to the well being of the community as local venues for activities for the wider community and specialist groups such as young people, elderly and so on. Cove and Kilcreggan Community Council aims to develop a Community Action Plan which will ascertain the needs, aspirations and priorities of residents of the Rosneath Peninsula West and produce a plan for their development through local community engagement. Not all community groups, organisations and individuals are aware of the facilities, services, projects and events that happen in the area. The creation of the community action plan will give everyone an opportunity to find out more about the area and to work together to achieve common goals. A consultant will be engaged to guide the community through this process.

Grant awarded 16 September 2010

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"Our Park" Business and Conservation Scheme

Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs

www.lochlomondtrossachs.org.uk

Project cost: £55955 Eligible cost: £55955 Grant award: £13709

Public match funding: £35909 Private match funding: £6337

In-kind match funding: £

This project follows an initial development which took place in the Argyll part of Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park which is now being rolled out to the whole Park area. This funding application is to support Phase 1 of a 3 year full-scale pilot of the 'OUR park' scheme (originally known as the visitor payback scheme). The scheme aims to invest in the conservation and enhancement of the natural heritage of the area by providing a new mechanism for local business to fundraise on a voluntary basis in return for marketing benefits. The funds are raised from the businesses' customers, rather than directly from the businesses. Funds raised are directed to projects which benefit the environment and enhance the natural, cultural and outdoor recreational assets valued by local businesses, visitors and local residents. The model for the 'OUR park' scheme has been refined and developed in consultation with businesses and key agency representatives within LL&TNP and developed in the west across a range of tourism business sectors (such as hotels, B&Bs, self-catering, caravan parks, cafes and tour/travel operators). Over 20 businesses have now joined and businesses out-with the set-up area have also indicated a strong desire to be involved.

The 3 year project will take place in 3 phases of 12 months to allow regular monitoring and feedback before progressing to the next stage.

The concept for the scheme is initially based on the successful 'Tourism & Conservation Partnership' scheme in operation in the Lake District which since its inception in 1993 has invested in over £1million in practical conservation works in the area.

Grant awarded 20 September 2010

Helensburgh and Lomond

3 Villages Hall IT Learning Hub & Conference Facilities

Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust

www.arrocharandtarbet.co.uk

Project cost: £31127 Eligible cost: £31127 Grant award: £15562

Public match funding: £4800 Private match funding: £8515

In-kind match funding: £2250

The Three Villages Community Hall has been open for a year. The Hall Trustees wish to enhance the facilities on offer to the local community and increase the financial sustainability of the hall for years to come. Currently two staff are employed to help secure greater levels of earned income through daytime conference and meetings. They aim to enhance this activity through the development of an on-site Information Technology suite. This will also be used by a number of volunteer ICT tutors offering classes (recreational and skills based) and projects to engage young people enabling them to learn new skills in the process. The project will: Improve the financial sustainability of the Hall by enhancing services offered to hall users (community and business); Safeguard the jobs of two employees employed until now under the Future Jobs Fund, who will develop new skills associated with these new services; Improve the marketing of the Hall as a venue for business and training users; Provide an easily accessible modern computer resource suite for the local community (encompassing all ranges of age and ability) enabling them to develop skills and further education therefore increasing their self confidence and employment prospects; Provide peripheral equipment for the development of more classes such as digital photography and film-making and offer a specific youth project using the resources available; Utilise the ICT resources alongside youth projects giving the local teenagers/young adults a positive focus and at the same time learning new skills. In the longer term the aim is to establish a partnership with a teaching body such as Learn Direct or further/higher education distance learning initiatives. LEADER funding will help maximise a private donation towards the IT suite, and safeguard the positions of two employees.

Grant awarded 16 June 2011

Helensburgh and Lomond

Garelochhead Nursery Business Plan & Feasibility Study

Route 81

Project cost: £22100 Eligible cost: £22100 Grant award: £11050

Public match funding: £10000 Private match funding: £550

In-kind match funding: £500

Route 81 was set up in 2004 to provide youth work services in Garelochhead and to pursue the development of a dedicated youth facility in the community. In 2010 Route 81 completed a 5 year project to renovate the derelict Garelochhead Outdoor Education Centre, creating a dedicated youth space as well as new community and sports resources for the wider community. In addition this facility, renamed Centre 81, maintained elements of the outdoor education and residential aspects of the facility to generate income to sustain this community resource. Route 81 is committed to developing projects which contribute to the social and economic development of Garelochhead and the surrounding area and the organisation would now like to develop a childcare facility at the centre. Initial research has been carried out on the need for such a facility but Route 81 would now like to produce a detailed feasibility study for the creation of a self contained, sustainable nursery to meet the needs of the Garelochhead community. Along with providing affordable childcare to allow local parents to access employment, it is anticipated that this facility could also directly provide employment and training opportunities to residents of Garelochhead. The project would carry out a specific community survey and series of community events to ascertain the demand for a nursery, pre and after school care, opening times etc. This information would be set in the context of needs analysis, a full policy review, and with costs from the Design Team, would prepare a Business Plan which would be used to attract future funding.

Grant awarded 15 September 2011

Helensburgh and Lomond

Three Lochs Way Improvement Project, Phase 1

Helensburgh and District Access Trust

threelochsway.co.uk

Project cost: £29000 Eligible cost: £29000 Grant award: £14500

Public match funding: £ Private match funding: £14500

In-kind match funding: £

From the outset the Three Lochs Way has been a community based partnership effort involving voluntary effort and the co-operation of a wide range of landowners, businesses, agencies and bodies along the route. Partners have included, Helensburgh and District Access Trust (HADAT), Scottish Woodlands, Forestry Commission Scotland, Luss Estates, Arrochar and Helensburgh Community Councils, Argyll and Bute and West Dunbartonshire Councils, Scottish Enterprise, Ministry of Defence Estates, Greenfield Army Training Camp. HADAT already enlists help from Community Service workers for basic maintenance work and it is endeavouring to encourage this aspect of its work in the future. The linking of communities aspect of the route is already leading to better co-operation between accommodation providers and even some joint marketing effort.

The aim of this project is to make the Three Lochs Way more sustainable by improving and upgrading signage, information and interpretation and replacing a key bridge in Glen Culannach which has been washed out by flooding. The project will also support the development and marketing of iPhone and Android app. navigational and interpretative guides for the Three Lochs Way. In addition there will also be a paper version of the guide including a map showing the whole route as well as the local path networks serving the various settlements along the way.

Grant awarded 15 September 2011

Helensburgh and Lomond

Heritage Display Project

Arrochar Tarbet and Ardlui Heritage Group

www.arrocharheritage.com

Project cost: £2920 Eligible cost: £2920 Grant award: £1460

Public match funding: £1110 Private match funding: £350

In-kind match funding: £

The main activity of this group is to collect, research, collate and present / publish the history of the area covering Arrochar, Tarbet & Ardlui. The community is encouraged to be involved through weekly meetings that are open to the residents of the area and visitors alike. There is a website which can be accessed worldwide and used by people researching their family history. At present the group is operating from a small room within the village hall. This restricts the ability to display the vast collection of photographs and material that has been collected. This project aims to install a touch screen computer which would allow the room to be opened unsupervised to residents of the villages and to visitors, without leaving original documents on display. The main aspects of the project will be the transfer of data and inserting of new photos and information onto the touch screen computer and the creation of new interpretation banners. The group will work with a graphic artist in the design and layout out of the banners. The 'How the Villages Grew' publication will be updated. This booklet covers the history of Arrochar Tarbet and Ardlui, from the Vikings sweeping through Arrochar & Tarbet in 1263 up until the new Loch Lomond road was built in the 1980s. Covering the Clan MacFarlane, the impact of the industrial revolution, tourism, the construction of the West Highland railway, the torpedo range, the importance of our villages in the war effort and the building of the Loch Sloy Dam, this is the most comprehensive publication covering the villages' heritage available for the vast amount of tourists to the area.

Grant awarded 15 March 2012

Helensburgh and Lomond

The Hidden Heritage of a Landscape

Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust

Project cost: £92657 Eligible cost: £92657 Grant award: £37407

Public match funding: £50300 Private match funding: £1900

In-kind match funding: £3050

The Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust is a registered charity aiming to develop and promote recreational, social and enterprise facilities for the communities in and around Arrochar. 'The Hidden Heritage of a Landscape: Vengeful Vikings and Reckless Rustlers' is a community-led project that will use popular interest in Viking history to engage the local community in researching, interpreting and disseminating information about the multi-period historical use of the landscape between Arrochar and Tarbet, with a particular emphasis on its use as a portage route for Viking longships. The 'Hidden Heritage' project will place significant emphasis on encouraging participation by individuals not normally involved in heritage-based activities, by providing a wide range of different approaches to investigating and interpreting the historical landscape development of the area. The project will employ professionals where appropriate to support and train volunteers, including young people, in the specialist skills needed to carry out the project activities. These skills will include documentary and archive research, a range of archaeological techniques, IT skills, digital photography, design and production of relevant promotional and interpretative literature, and oral presentation techniques. Using these skills, volunteers will work in partnership with professionals to ensure that the historical and archaeological research is carried out to the highest specifications. The results of the research will be made widely available through reports, publications, the internet, and other media, to ensure that the information reaches as wide an audience as possible –capitalising on the 2013 750th anniversary of the Battle of Largs. Considerable emphasis will be placed on ensuring that a full and comprehensive photographic record of the project is maintained.

Grant awarded 14 June 2012

Helensburgh and Lomond

Sustainable Community Facility Project

Gibson Community Centre Garelochhead

Project cost: £24783 Eligible cost: £24783 Grant award: £12027

Public match funding: £9860 Private match funding: £2896

In-kind match funding: £

Gibson Community Centre is a small community hall in Garelochhead which has offered a venue for a range of community groups and service providers for over 100 years. Since 1992 when it became surplus to Council requirements it has been operated by a volunteer management committee representing the users and the general community on a full repairing lease. In 2009 our committee sought advice from Energy Savings Trust to identify the best way to resolve the energy inefficiencies of the building. As a result AECOM, were appointed to provide an Energy Audit and Options analysis which outlined several options including replacement of existing system with renewable energy technology or higher performance conventional heating. This project aims to improve the energy efficiency of the Gibson Community Centre by carrying out physical improvements to the building by installing a new heating system, insulation and draught proofing measures. This work will make the centre more environmentally sustainable by reducing its carbon footprint. In addition, by reducing overheads, it will sustain the affordability of the centre for disadvantaged people in the community and safeguard the viability of the centre in general. It will attract more individuals, groups and service providers to use the hall increasing the numbers of beneficiaries and the revenue from lets. This, together with increased promotion and website development and marketing, will safeguard the long term viability and affordability of the Centre so it can benefit local people by ensuring this community resource can continue to serve future generations of residents of Garelochhead and district.

Grant awarded 14 June 2012

Helensburgh and Lomond

Geilston Hall Development – Feasibility Study

Geilston Hall Management Committee

Project cost: £5500 Eligible cost: £5500 Grant award: £2750

Public match funding: £ Private match funding: £2750

In-kind match funding: £

Geilston Hall was built by the Geils family in 1889 and was bequeathed to the people of Cardross in 1985. The main aim of the committee over the past 25 years has been to ensure the long term sustainability of Geilston Hall and a variety of events are run throughout the year to raise funds for the maintenance of this historic building and to keep rents low for local users. An Outline Business Plan was produced by Community Links Scotland through the Argyll and the Islands LEADER funded Constructive Communities Phase 2 project. As part of this process a community consultation was also conducted. In addition an architect was commissioned by Community Links Scotland to conduct a short visual inspection of the building structure. The resultant report is also included within the attached Outline Business Plan. The overall aim of this project is to gather further professional advice and support to ensure that the redevelopment of Geilston Hall meets the needs and demands of the local community, sufficiently addresses the physical deterioration of the building and protects the historic features of this building while providing facilities appropriate to a 21st century local hub. In order to achieve this overall aim, the more specific project aims will be:

To receive professional reports on the condition of the structure of the building

To produce a Feasibility Study considering different design options for the redevelopment of Geilston Hall

To produce costed design options which reflect the needs and demands of the community and are appropriate to the historic nature of this building

To prepare plans for a final option that can be put forward for funding.

Grant awarded 13 September 2012

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Tarbet Play Area

Arrochar and Tarbet Community Council

Project cost: £32029 Eligible cost: £32029 Grant award: £14425

Public match funding: £9597 Private match funding: £

In-kind match funding: £8007

The aim of the project is to create a safe play area in the village of Tarbet. By working in partnership with the Local Authority, Arrochar and Tarbet Community Council will provide a safe, well equipped area where children from toddler to teenagers can play, enjoying the outdoors and learning skills of interactive communication in a safe environment. Particular attention has been given when selecting equipment to ensure that children of all abilities can benefit from its use. Healthy exercise will be achieved by using the equipment installed and a brighter outlook involving health and fun for the children of the village of Tarbet will be secured. It is felt that the children in this area are disadvantaged because the play areas are in a serious state of disrepair and lack equipment. Equipment that has been deemed unsafe has been removed and not replaced, depriving resident and visiting children a safe environment to enjoy physical activity. The problem is exaggerated due to the fact that the village is twenty miles from the nearest town. This will be addressed by the installation of high quality equipment in an existing play area which will ultimately be maintained by Argyll and Bute Council.

Grant awarded 13 December 2012

Helensburgh and Lomond

Arrochar Play Area

Arrochar and Tarbet Community Council

Project cost: £6000 Eligible cost: £6000 Grant award: £3000

Public match funding: £3000 Private match funding: £

In-kind match funding: £

In 2004 Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park Authority identified the need to improve the quality of play and recreational facilities for locals and visitors to the Park's communities. All of the designated play areas within the villages of Arrochar & Tarbet at that time were deemed to be in a very poor condition. This situation is gradually improving as Arrochar & Tarbet Community Council have prioritised development of the play park within the area as part of their work to deliver services for their local communities. Over the past few years the CC has been running a successful fund-raising campaign at a local level to create recreational facilities which will bring benefit to the wider community. In addition to encouragement from LL&TNPA, the group has also received significant support from Argyll & Bute Council, Forestry Commission Scotland and Scottish & Southern Energy who have provided assistance with landscaping the previously derelict ground. As a result of this effort Arrochar play area was partially renovated and refurbished in the summer of 2011.

This funding application aims to complete this refurbishment programme for Arrochar play park through the purchase and installation of specially adapted swings for disabled users which were outwith the budget of the previous project (funded by Argyll & Bute Council, Awards for All and LL&TNP). A partnership agreement has been drawn up by Argyll and Bute Council who have responsibility for on-going maintenance of the play park, including the equipment.

Grant awarded 15 May 2013

Helensburgh and Lomond

Three Lochs Way Improvement Project - Phase 2

Helensburgh and District Access Trust

threelochsway.co.uk

Project cost: £44369 Eligible cost: £44369 Grant award: £22184

Public match funding: £ Private match funding: £22185

In-kind match funding: £

The Three Lochs Way has recently achieved status as one of “Scotland’s 20 Great Trails” and is now being marketed as such by Scottish Natural Heritage and VisitScotland.

HADAT is in the final stages of completing TLW Improvement Stage 1 which with LEADER match funding has concentrated on producing mobile apps, guidebook, signage and info panels to help promote the route and improve its accessibility.

Stage 2 aims to improve a 1.5 kilometre stretch of the Three Lochs Way which at present consists of an unimproved trod in very poor boggy condition. As the route is now one of the nationally promoted Scotland’s Great Trails network there is an expectation that the trail will be of a reasonable standard. Creating this new section would bring the route up to the standard of the paths adjoining either side.

An improvement of this path has the potential to open up the area to mountain bikers as well as to walkers thereby increasing the economic benefit to the local area as well as providing enhanced recreational opportunities for local people.

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