
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

BUTE & COWAL AREA COMMITTEE

**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND - Monitoring of Projects Funded

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This report highlights the positive outcomes for communities in Bute and Cowal supported by the Supporting Communities Fund between 2019/20 and 2021/22.
- 2.2 A total of 47 projects were awarded funding. Due to the challenges throughout that period for community groups and adjustments that had to be made to the running of their projects, it has been more challenging to receive an End of Project Monitoring Report from all awards of funding. These were exceptional years and we are grateful to the 43 grant recipients who were able to submit information for this report.
- 2.3 A total of

music and mental health. Highlights include:

The rejuvenation of a multi-use sports court, allowing a number of fitness and social activities, including tennis, tai chi and youth group games to take place in Strachur.

Staff training for a special submersible boat hoist for Toward Sailing Club, part of a wider project that will secure the long term future of the club.

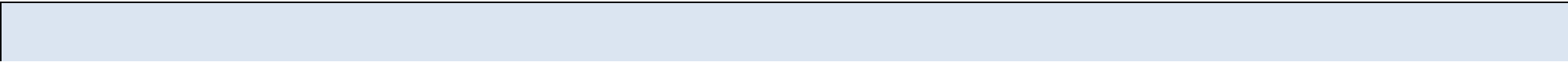
A project by Friends of Riverbank Bird Hide included improving pathways for people with mobility issues and wheelchair users and installation of a willow hedge safety barrier, improving and increasing safe access for all.

Dunoon Community (T ^} q ÁJ @å) woodwork shed installed a dust extractor, this is an active move to improve the workshop environment

1	1st Rothesay Boys Brigade	Costs for trips to try skiing, rockclimbing, skateboarding and an activity morning	£1,757.00	This session parental engagement was sought to help us manage the off-island trips. It was very heartening to see so many PARENTS take an interest in the activities. These off-island activities were a	

	Presents)	fees, accommodation, travel and marketing costs for a two day #DigiFestDunoon event		workshop ran for approximately 45 minutes and the workshops ran simultaneously throughout the day. Although the event was significantly scaled down from the original concept, it most definitely showed and tangibly demonstrated the interest levels that exist within the community for innovative/hands on digital events like this.	
16	Rothesay & District Pipe Band				

		Volunteers		and Maintenance. We have also created a Community Orchard with the clearance of an area and 80 fruit trees planted last year and again tools purchased were well used in the completion of this task.	
9	"Kilmun Community Council & Shore Sweepers	Road sign for Beginning of A880 'Welcome to the Shore Villages' from the Strone Inn	£662.00	We are really pleased at how the sign looks and it has been widely praised throughout the shore villages (Kilmun, Strone, Blairmore and Ardentinny). As well as being an introduction to the area, the sign has a 'Please Drive Carefully' message and this may help to slow traffic down through the villages.	
10	Kingarth & Kilchattan Bay Improvements	Towards costs of preparation of ground to create a wildflower meadow at the Kilchattan Bay Community Orchard.	£1,439.00	Main objective of project was achieved - establishment of wild flower meadow in the Kingarth and Kilchattan Bay Community Orchard. Over 24 varieties of wild flowers were sown along with spring bulbs. This led to: Increased local community participation in orchard activities. Awareness of the local environment. Establishment of honey bee hives in the orchard. Children using the orchard as a play area. Orchard became a focal point of interest for both adults and children.	
11	Lochgoil Community Trust	Towards costs of materials, plants and shrubs to complete a Wildlife Garden	£1,531.00		



therapy sessions

1	Argyll Arts Collective	To deliver a 6 week community writing project	£2,000	Last year alone we had approx. 4,495 attending events throughout Cowal. The Art trail proved to be hugely popular. Cormonachan Woodlands have installed a people counter at the front gates which counted over 2000 people using the woodland during the trail.	
2	BEACHWATCH BUTE SCIO	Towards cost of purchasing and installing a 4th storage bench for the collection of marine litter on Bute.	£2,000	We are delighted to report that the Litter Storage Benches Project has been very successful. Many 'users' of our benches express the sense of satisfaction when using these benches to make a difference and help to lower the amount of marine litter in the environment.	
3	Cairndow Village Hall	To help increase hall usage and to start a small gardening project	£1,039	We have successfully contributed to providing events where the community can come together. The Book Swap remains ongoing. The creation of a garden group with 12 members meets monthly.	
4	Dunoon Baptist Church – The Gateway Project	To help cover rent and utilities to run a Youth Hub for the young people of Dunoon and Cowal in the former Seasons Coffee shop.	£2,000	Our youth worker used the hub to run programmes for at risk young people, taking them from the school for outside lessons and training programmes. Young people who had concerns over mental health and isolation during Covid were able to be part of	

	Team	First Aid training and Mental Health First Aid Training for the Bute Resilience team.		<p>help to saves lives with the training we have had. It could be when we are at an event or when were are out searching for a missing person the team can deal with situations as they arrive.</p> <p>The mental health first aid has been another massive help, we could be out searching for someone that has mental health issues, being trained in how to approach someone in that distress has been proved to be a godsend.</p>	
8	Kames & District Recreation Club	To help with the re-opening of the hall following the Covid pandemic.	£1,922	The funds provided enabled the Hall to be in a position to re-open on the lifting of lockdown restrictions and provide users with appropriate levels of sanitisation to permit safe use of the facilities.	
9	Lochgoilhead Bowling Club	To assist in the reopening of their hall and to increase the security and fire safety of the premises.	£1,197	The project helped the vulnerable and less able community members. Helping with depression, anxiety and stress. Giving them confidence to come along for a chat with other local people engaging with others in a social welcoming atmosphere after the isolation of covid.	
10	PA23 BID Ltd t/a Dunoon Presents	To help deliver a number of outdoor cultural events in			

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		Pandemic, offering weekly art lessons.		in June 2022. It was very successful and although we were not at full capacity, we were able to exhibit 66 paintings from our members. Many people said that the standard of work was the best they had seen the club doing.	

5.0 CONCLUSION

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