

Meeting the needs of our community

Community Legacy Report 2024-2025



 **SCAPE**
SCOTLAND

 **COMMUNITY**
LEGACY PROGRAMME

Our Legacy Programmes

Social impact and enhanced community outcomes are at the heart of SCAPE Scotland's approach to framework procurement and management.

All our framework delivery partners are committed to delivering social impact as part of their framework responsibilities and project KPIs. Through our Community Legacy Charter, they have made a shared commitment to delivering targeted community benefits in employment, skills, training, environment, and sustainability.

Based on foundation of mutual trust, respect and collaboration, the Community Legacy Programme enables us to create long-term, meaningful change for our clients and their communities.

We're engaging with and supporting local supply chains by identifying opportunities to work with SMEs, social enterprises and supported businesses wherever possible. This boosts local employment and training opportunities, and promotes STEM and built environment careers, inspiring the next generation of industry experts and helping to plug the Scottish construction skills gap.

We're identifying projects that enhance local spaces and biodiversity, listening to the needs of our clients and communities, and supporting diversity and inclusion on projects. This is alongside driving environmental sustainability as part of all projects delivered through our public sector procurement.

All activities are flexible, accessible and inclusive, and engage the local community and involve working with those identified as benefiting the most. We're proud to collaborate with industry and listen to the needs of our clients and their communities to create a genuine opportunity to improve the health, the environment, wealth and wellbeing of those communities.

By working as a collective, we can combine our resources to maximise our social impact in the places that need it most.

This report showcases and celebrates the collaborative outcomes from the Community Legacy Programme during 2024-2025.

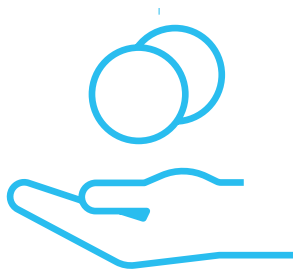


At a Glance

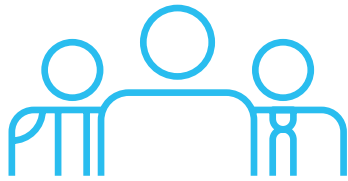
Through the Community Legacy Programme working group, we are proud to have collectively supported 5 charitable causes and initiatives over the last year. By working together, we believe that we can maximise our social impact in the communities most at need across Scotland.



5
initiatives
and causes



£29,000
SCAPE Reinvest
donations



300+
hours
volunteering



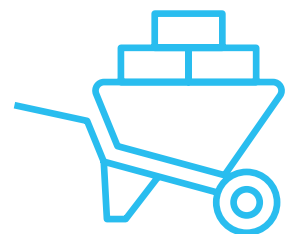
£9,000+
charitable
donations



£1,360
in donations
of PPE



11
young people
supported into
employment



£20,500+
plant and materials donations



6
Laptops donated

Fresh Start

July and September 2024

Fresh Start is an Edinburgh-based charity who help people who have experienced homelessness set up their new home through the provision of goods and services. Services include cooking classes, so people can learn how to make simple, tasty, healthy and affordable recipes to feed themselves and their families. They also provide access to growing spaces in community gardens so they can grow their own fruit and vegetables, as well as take part in physical gardening work outside in the fresh air.

These services are supported by provision such as their White Goods service, a funding stream towards the donation of white goods, and Starter Packs with all the essentials someone needs to make a house a home - bedding, curtains, towels, crockery, pots and pans, small electrical items, cleaning materials, toiletries, and basic food packs - and something not many service users will be able to afford.

In July and September 2024, donations in the form of vouchers and goods were made by the SCAPE Scotland Community Legacy Programme working group. The SCAPE Scotland Team was accompanied by members of the Group, who spent time volunteering in the charity's warehouse, helping to sort through donations and make up starter packs for new service users.

In partnership with SCAPE Scotland, we thank our partners for their generous donations and time volunteering.

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Balfour Beatty

 **KIER**

**MORGAN
SINDALL**
CONSTRUCTION

**McLaughlin
& Harvey**

RJ McLEOD

Learn more about Fresh Start at
<https://www.freshstartweb.org.uk/>



New Roots Food Growing

September 2024

New Roots is a not-for-profit community initiative in Scotland that aims to teach food growing and life skills to neurodivergent members of the community. Led by experienced tutors in horticulture and in working with neurodivergent adults, the range of programmes include gardening workshops and cooking classes to provide hands-on learning experiences tailored to support young adults with different abilities.

In September 2024, SCAPE Scotland and Community Legacy Programme partners Arcadis, Balfour Beatty, Kier and Morgan Sindall spent the day volunteering at the New Roots Community Garden in East Dunbartonshire. A total of 8 volunteers spent the day carrying out various activities including building new raised planters, constructing a new outdoor covered sink/hand washing station, painting the garden's boundary fence and general gardening activities.

“The session was a roaring success from our point of view. Your volunteers as usual were great company and were all very keen to get stuck in. We had a variety of tasks they helped us complete.

About 40 metres of the exterior wooden fence line was painted and paths were weeded. Two raised beds were built using recycled scaffolding boards. This required planning, measuring, sawing and drilling. The beds were then lined to stop weeds from growing up. As of today, these beds are now filled with manure and soil and planted up with winter crops.

The other task was to build a shelter and a stand for a donated kitchen so that we can wash hands, clean plant pots etc. Again, this required planning, measuring, sawing and use of a mini /electric chain saw.

We are grateful for all the help received this year, and it has made a real difference to our project.”

Callum Christie,
New Roots Food Growing

Learn more about New Roots at
<https://www.newrootsfoodgrowing.co.uk/#whatwedo>

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time volunteering.



Cash for Kids

December 2024

Embracing the festive spirit of giving, and working together to brighten someone’s day at Christmas, our Community Legacy Programme group donned their most festive Christmas jumpers and spread joy by donating gifts to disadvantaged children and young people.

From toys and vouchers to cash donations, we’re thrilled to have collaboratively raised over £7,000. Beyond these generous contributions, some of the Group also volunteered their time at Cash for Kids Mission Christmas HQs, helping to sort, pack and collect thousands of donations.

In 2024, Cash for Kids raised £21.4 million and supported 509,580 children.

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Learn more about Cash for Kids at <https://cashforkids.org.uk/>



Cyrenians FareShare Depot

May 2024 - March 2025

Cyrenians are an Edinburgh-based charity tackling the causes and consequences of homelessness. In partnership with FareShare, Cyrenians operate a Good Food Depot which has been based in Leith for 25 years. This is a thriving surplus food hub which provides 20,000 people each week with food which would otherwise end up in landfill. Due to increased demand, they relocated to a larger facility to allow them to expand their service capacity to support those in need.

The new facility required an internal fit-out and functional upgrades. The charity sought help from SCAPE Scotland and partners to create two new office spaces that provide a comfortable working hub for volunteers and employees (many of whom are recovering from homelessness), as well as a new training and conference room which will allow them to introduce forklift training courses on-site.

The increased space on-site will also open up skills training and employability opportunities with the introduction of forklift training and certification for project volunteers.



40+ hours of Project Management, coordination of partners and suppliers (M&E installers), and a monetary donation of £20,000 from the SCAPE Reinvest initiative that allows SCAPE and partners to identify causes and give back into the communities that we work within. Learn more about SCAPE Reinvest on [Page 13](#).



3 members of staff donated a total of 49 hours to carry out activities including early site visits and design advice, buildability advice, programme and cost management, progress meetings and site visits, quality checks and photographic survey.



Donation of 6 laptops to enable in-house, accredited forklift training courses.



Pro-bono building surveying and design services including scope of works, preparation of the drawings, submission of Building Warrant for the property, general project support including M&E (10 days, 2 volunteers).



Coordination of donation for new flooring — materials and installation, for the newly created office spaces in the depot.

Suppliers used:
Macgregor Flooring - £3,200.00
Veitchi - £2,688.00



Provision of new branded PPE (hi-vis vest, safety boots and gloves) to support warehouse operations — approx. £1,360.

Cyrenians FareShare Depot

May 2024 - March 2025

Outcomes & Deliverables

Supporting Cyrenians with the move to a larger facility enabled an increase in capacity to distribute food to those in need, an improved working environment for staff and volunteers, and facilities to provide in-house training opportunities.

Uninterrupted operations: Construction works at the new depot allowed the relocation of Cyrenians' services without interruption to their daily operations.

Increased capacity: With the new depot housing greater storage, and a new freezer and chiller, Cyrenians are projecting that they will be able to double their food distribution from 2 million to 4 million meals per year — aiding in the fight against food poverty and supporting those experiencing the effects of homelessness.

Improved wellbeing: The new space has improved the working environment for staff and volunteers, with comfortable office facilities, increased natural light, and scenic views of the sea. Externally, there are several paths promoting activity, with walks along the seafront from the doorstep. Improvements in the team morale and a noticeable reduction in stress levels have already been reported.

New services: The creation of flexible conference room space and laptop donations made by RJ McLeod has given Cyrenians the tools to deliver in-house forklift training. Achieving their accreditation in May 2025, staff and volunteers have started to go through training, boosting their future employment opportunities.

Learn more about Cyrenians at <https://cyrenians.scot/>



The Dock @ Coalie Park

March - June 2025

The Coalie — a former coal depot, railway yard and place for ship repair in Leith, was regenerated in the 1980's. Known as Coalie Park, it was an important 'blue and green space', an access route for the local community and home to a variety of wildlife. However, being located in one of the most densely populated areas in Scotland, this space became plagued with littering, graffiti and anti-social behaviour.

The Coalie Park Improvement Project aims to deliver improvements that are truly wanted and needed by local people. The project has been split into phases and sections with Phase 1, completed in 2023, resulting in the park being restored and returned for community use.

Phase 2 commenced in 2024 and delivered community arts projects and a multi-use space suitable for young people, combining seating, skate park features and planters, while upgrading the riverside path and quayside walls.

Highlighted to the Community Legacy Programme by Balfour Beatty through their ongoing relationship with Leith Connections Active Travel Phase 1, a funding application to SCAPE Reinvest was submitted to help bring 'The Dock @ Coalie Park' to life. Learn more about SCAPE Reinvest on **Page 13**.

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The Dock @ Coalie Park

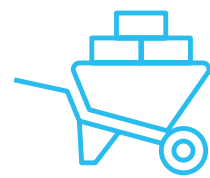
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Outcomes & Deliverables

A multi-partner initiative led by the Water of Leith Conservation Trust, the new skate park officially opened at the end of June 2025 and has enhanced the quality of the local area.

Balfour Beatty, in collaboration with their supply chain, provided over £14,700 of plant and material donations, with SCAPE Reinvest donating a further £9,000 towards the project cost. Taking just 8 weeks on site, the project has transformed a neglected area into a vibrant, creative and interactive space with artistic mosaic features and room to grow.

A great case study for socially responsible urban regeneration, this initiative has delivered tangible social value outcomes including sustainable employment pathways, enhanced public space, and strong community engagement.



£14,700
plant and material donation



£9,000
SCAPE Reinvest donation



The Dock @ Coalie Park

March - June 2025

Donations

Supply chain partners, Sunbelt Rentals, donated most of the plant requirements including welfare facilities, fencing, 5ton excavator, vibrating pokers, mixers and power floats. BRC Reinforcement donated reinforcement materials; Breedon donated type 1 for groundworks; and NWH covered skip requirements. These contributions reflect Balfour Beatty’s commitment to progressive procurement of goods and services, with collaborative relationships supporting delivery of project commitments, and ensuring that our projects create a lasting legacy in the communities we work in.

“We at Sunbelt Rentals were delighted to partner with Balfour Beatty and Edinburgh Wheels to allow this project to become a reality. From the moment we were asked to be involved, the Edinburgh depot under Anne Russell sprung into action and pulled out all the stops. Having visited site in the middle of May to see progress to where they are now is unbelievable. The hard work and dedication from the teams on-site has been amazing to witness. I hope the local community have an area that they are proud of and get many years enjoyment from. Thanks for letting us be a part of the journey.”

Brian Low,
Sunbelt Rentals, Balfour Beatty Account Manager

Learn more about Coalie Park project at <https://www.waterofleith.org.uk/coalie-park-project/>



The Dock @ Coalie Park

March - June 2025

Employment & Training

The working Group collaborated with local organisations such as The Edinburgh Wheels Project CIC, a community interest company focused on providing young people classed as NEET (not in employment, education or training) with employment opportunities into construction.

Establishing relationships between Raeburn Training and Edinburgh Wheels, the programme supported the delivery of an intensive week of training prior to the skate-spot construction commencing. This training week provided the opportunity for 10 young people to gain relevant health and safety qualifications to step into meaningful employment within the construction industry, including CSCS, REHIS, Abrasive Wheels and Vehicle Banksman.

All 10 young people who were supported through the training and CSCS cards have secured onwards employment. 4 straight away after having passed their CSCS tests, and 1 every week for the remainder of the project.

Edinburgh Wheels also gave 2 additional NEETs from the local area hands-on work experience and are actively supporting them with their CVs and job search.

“Working with Eliza Butter [Balfour Beatty] has been nothing short of transformative for the Edinburgh Wheels Project at Coalie Park. From the earliest conversations, Eliza brought an energy and clarity of purpose that inspired confidence and kept us focused, even when things got tough. Her support went far beyond the expected. She didn’t just cheer from the sidelines, she opened doors. Whether it was connecting us with essential suppliers, introducing us to key partners, or simply offering encouragement at exactly the right moments, Eliza was instrumental in helping us bring this project to life. The skatepark and community hub will become a thriving environment on the banks of the Water of Leith as a direct result of her commitment to meaningful social impact. We’re proud to have had her in our corner and grateful for her belief in what we were trying to achieve.”

Colin Gilchrist,
Edinburgh Wheels

 **11**
young people supported into employment

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SCAPE Reinvest

SCAPE Reinvest is a unique social investment fund, and part of SCAPE's commitment to investing in communities around the UK. Designed to benefit our clients' communities, it aims to support delivery of local projects that create lasting positive social impact. SCAPE Reinvest helps the public sector to create new opportunities and build sustainable futures for communities across the country.

The intention of Reinvest is to provide funding to projects and initiatives that support local communities, as well as economic and social need within the localities served by our customers.

Our overall aim for SCAPE Reinvest is to:

Improve the lives of those communities served by SCAPE customers, beyond the associated benefits that are realised through our services.

We want to make a difference to your community, which we can only achieve effectively in conjunction with our client partners and stakeholders involved.



Without the support of our collaborative Community Legacy Programme group, we will not have been able to achieve these positive outcomes, which will go on to benefit Scotland’s local communities for generations.



Frameworks that deliver value in Scotland

Who we are

We're a not-for-profit organisation providing procurement frameworks, that enable public sector organisations to deliver their essential projects — compliantly and collaboratively, with community at their heart.

Our consultancy, civil engineering, construction and utilities frameworks offer an actively managed approach, allowing you to immediately engage with the best delivery partners, to accelerate your project.

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