

Building Community Wealth in

Cowdenbeath



Our Model

The **Coalfields Regeneration Trust** is a community wealth building charity with a successful track record of delivering impactful regeneration work since 1999.

Scotland's coalfields cover a large geographic area and have a combined population of approximately 554,000 people.

In order to maximise our impact, we focus our charitable activities on the 30% most deprived communities using the Index of Multiple Deprivation.



Through Scottish Government funding we deliver programmes in Scotland's Coalfields communities that address our 5 missions of community, health, skills, jobs and climate.



Our property development subsidiary **CRT Property** builds industrial units for SMEs – creating jobs and economic growth in coalfield communities.

CRT Property's taxable profits are re-invested through the **Coalfields Regeneration Trust** charity and our partners into tackling social and economic challenges in local communities.

We want to roll out our successful model of building industrial units for SMEs to create jobs and economic growth in Scotland's coalfield communities.

The needs in Cowdenbeath

14.79% of children 19 and under are in absolute low-income families.

1 in 13 people are in bad or very bad health.

There are only 47 jobs per 100.

1 in 70 claim DLA.

1 in 5 people have no qualifications.

Of those aged 16-64, 25.75% claim DWP benefits.

CRT activities in Cowdenbeath

Across the Cowdenbeath area, we are delivering a broad programme of support encompassing training, Local Place Plans/Action Plans, Coalfields Worx, and the Imagination Library. Our training and learning work continues to expand, with a wide range of accredited and awareness-based courses delivered in Fife communities including Benarty, helping local groups build skills in areas such as food hygiene, first aid, customer service, and inclusive awareness training. Alongside this, we are supporting the development and refinement of Local Place Plans and Action Plans in Benarty, Kelty and Crossgates, providing structured community engagement, mapping, and strategic planning to help residents influence future services, infrastructure and climate-resilient development. The Coalfields Worx programme has also been delivered locally, providing young people with tailored support, nationally recognised qualifications, and strong progression outcomes through industry-specific training and confidence-building activities. In addition, the Imagination Library continues to support families in the Cowdenbeath area, offering free monthly books for children, helping to improve early literacy and engagement from the earliest years. Together, these initiatives demonstrate a strong, place-based commitment to skills, wellbeing, early learning and long-term community planning across Cowdenbeath.

To find out more about how the **Coalfields Regeneration Trust** can help your community, please get in touch.

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