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## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR SCOTLAND**

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# INTRODUCTION

As we present the Annual Report for the Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT) for the year 2024-2025, we reflect on a period marked by resilience, innovation, and community spirit within Scotland's coalfield communities. Our mission, Building Prosperity and Opportunity, continues to guide our strategic initiatives and partnerships.

With the support of the Scottish Government, we have made significant strides in fostering economic development, improving social inclusion, and raising aspiration and skills in these communities. This report documents our achievements, challenges, and the collective efforts made by local communities, stakeholders, and partners to drive positive change.

As we navigate through the evolving landscape of regional development, it is clear that our commitment to empowering individuals and communities remains unwavering. We are excited to share highlights of our projects, the impact of our Scottish Government funding, and the inspiring stories of individuals and organisations that exemplify community regeneration.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration as we work towards a brighter future for Scotland's coalfield communities.



**Nicky Wilson**  
Trustee and  
Scotland Committee Chairperson



**Bob Young**  
Trustee

The aim of this document is to demonstrate the overall delivery of CRT activities in Scotland for the financial year 2024/2025.

# Context

Currently household incomes are not keeping up with living costs and are not expected to return to 2021 levels in real terms until 2027 (Institute for Government). Inflation, which was creeping down, with the target being 2% shot up to just over 10%<sup>[1]</sup> in December 2023, It is now 3.1%<sup>[2]</sup>

Energy prices were soaring, so the Government introduced an Energy Price Guarantee to limit rises to households. That ended June 2023, and the Ofgem cap once again became responsible for deciding how much customers can be charged. A rise of 5%. Overall, though in the year leading up to January 2024 prices fell by 13.0% according to the latest Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) data<sup>[3]</sup>. During the same period, gas prices saw a more substantial decline, falling by 26.5%. Despite this reduction, the average household is still paying significantly more for gas and electricity compared to previous years. While no longer near the extreme highs seen in late 2023 and early 2024, they are still high and unaffordable for many. Ofgem has announced that from 1 April 2025, the price cap will increase by 6.4%<sup>[4]</sup>.

In summary, energy prices have been volatile, with recent declines providing some relief. However, the overall trend remains influenced by various factors, including global energy markets and supply dynamics.

The UK economy grew by 1.1 per cent in 2024, up from previous estimate. In 2025 the UK economy will see the slowest growth of the largest developed nations next year, according to forecasts. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) predicted that UK gross domestic product - a key measure of economic health - will rise by 1% in 2025. This is below the rest of the G7 nations, which include Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the US. Sluggish is the label the OECD put on the economy. This was blamed on the after-effects of a succession of interest rate rises in the UK for the lethargic performance. Only Germany will see slower growth<sup>[5]</sup>.

Despite Covid and the higher interest rates the jobs market has been resilient so far. The latest comparable unemployment rate shows the UK at 4.2%. However, to count as unemployed, people have to be available for work and seeking a job or they count as inactive. The UK is one of few rich countries in which there are more inactive people than prior to the pandemic. Hundreds of thousands more. The number of long-term sick has soared. Helping more people back to work is seen by some policymakers as crucial to boosting growth and incomes.

The 2024 Poverty in Scotland report from the Joseph Rowntree Trust[6] highlights however little change in the unacceptable levels of poverty in Scotland, with over a million people living in poverty, including around a quarter of a million children. The Scottish Parliament's child poverty reduction targets are likely to be missed.

In some ways, the Scottish Government has started us on a positive path. The introduction of the Scottish Child Payment (SCP) and the reforms to how disability benefits are delivered show initial steps to an improved system. Joseph Rowntree now predicts that the SCP could reduce child poverty in Scotland by around 4 percentage points between 2020-23 and 2024/25.

Geo-politics, and in particular what has been coined as Trumponomics, has become an important element of U.S. economic policy. The combination of economic, fiscal and trade policies, introduced by American president Donald Trump, are having a significant impact on both the domestic economy and international trade relations. Tax reforms and protectionist measures aimed at reducing the tax burden on companies and attempting to bring jobs back to the U.S. have generated widespread public outcry[1] [2]. Also contributing to global economic instability is the uncertainty created at the moment by continuing changes the president makes to tariffs and whether they will be introduced at all. Nevertheless, this is having an impact on the UK economy and the effects will be felt in Scotland's former coalfield communities.

[1] UK Inflation Rate | Inflation Rate and Consumer Price Index (rateinflation.com)

[2] Consumer price inflation, UK - Office for National Statistics

[3] <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2024/02/energy-bills-to-fall-as-new-price-cap-announced/?source=INORG-LINKINBIO>

[4] Will energy prices go down in summer 2025? | GoCompare

[5] UK growth set to be slowest of richest nations in 2025, says OECD - BBC News

[6] Poverty in Scotland 2024 | Joseph Rowntree Foundation

[7] Trumponomics: How Donald Trump's Economic Policies Have Changed the American and World Financial System

[8] Understanding the Global Macroeconomic Impacts of Trump's Tariffs

# THE COALFIELDS REGENERATION TRUST, SCOTLAND KEY ACHIEVEMENTS APRIL 24 - MARCH 2025

Our CRT Place programme continues to play a vital role in our communities. The Community Engagement work that CRT does is being recognised by a number of partner organisations including Development Trust Association Scotland. More communities are coming to CRT for our support as they realise how important it is for them to develop Local Place Plans and have a voice that they have not previously had.

In our 25th year CRT held a successful Reception in the Scottish Parliament with presentations from community organisations we have supported and who have become vital anchor organisations in their communities.

Our training activities continue to grow, in the last 12 months we have helped 196 people with skills development training and supported 192 people to gain accredited (SQA) qualifications.

The success in our delivery of the Adult Learning and Community Empowerment Fund (ALEC Fund) has enabled CRT to secure funding for 25/26.

CRT Scotland successfully achieved 10 out of 10 of it's targets from Scottish Government, exceeding targets on 8 out of 10 occasions . \*See appendix 1



## Working with communities to create Community Action Plans and Local Place Plans

CRT Place supports former coalmining communities to help shape their local environments through Local Place Plans and wider place-based initiatives. Over the past year, we have continued to facilitate community-led action planning, delivered targeted commissioned work, and contributed to national partnerships that strengthen community empowerment.

We have continued community engagement and development, work in Blairhall, Blackridge, Methil/Methilhill/Buckhaven. The projects aimed to address local needs, build community capacity, and promote sustainable development through collaboration with local councils, community organisations, and other stakeholders.

### **Blackridge West Lothian**

Progress has been slow due to ill health of a key member of the community.

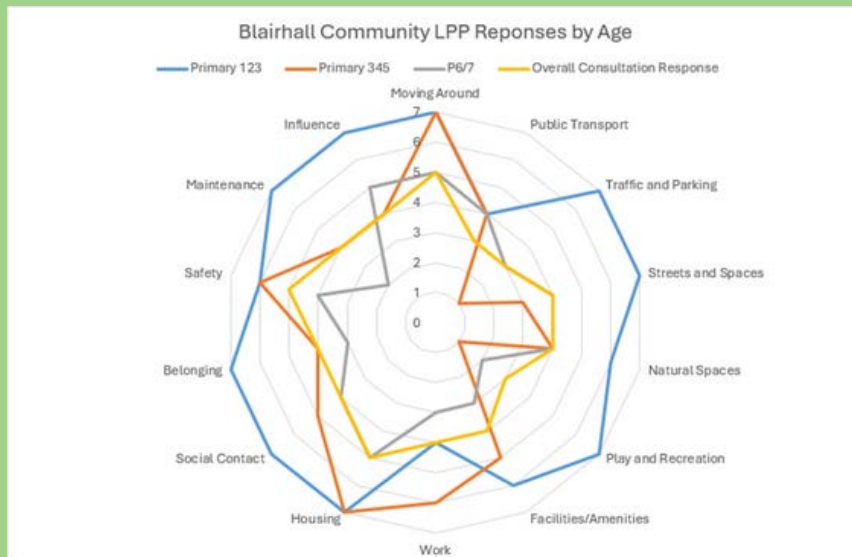
Using our extensive community engagement tools we have worked with the community to identify some key priorities;

- Threat of closure of the Craig Inn Centre
- Enhance and Protect Green and Community Spaces
- Increase the quality and number of local parks, play areas, and shared community hubs to support wellbeing and social activities. The council has some capital funding available to enhance Bedlormie Park with current consultation underway regarding ideas for improvement.
- Support Housing and Local Job Opportunities
- Promote a mix of affordable housing options and create new spaces for small businesses, social enterprises, and local employment within the village.
- Movement and access: The low access to services and high car dependency call for better paths, connections, and public transport.
- Land for jobs/housing: Low job density suggests a need for small commercial land development alongside any new housing or town centre uses.

## Blairhall, Fife

CRT have been working in partnership with Fife Council to help build the capacity of the Blairhall Forum as the community has lost its Community Council and has no Development Trust or other anchor organisation.

The Forum have carried out extensive community engagement using the Place Standard Tool including all of the Primary School pupils. Results show how the younger pupils are much more satisfied with living in Blairhall than older pupils.



Community feedback from the Bigging Up Blairhall survey reveals a village that values its shared spaces but sees clear needs for improvement across play facilities, transport, and the public realm. Residents shared concerns and constructive ideas across a range of topics:

- **Play and recreation:** Facilities are seen as outdated and limited. Residents want upgraded park equipment, goalposts, and more activities for children and teens, especially within the community centre.
- **Public transport:** Service is infrequent and inconvenient for many. There's a call for better bus timetables, improved bus stops and shelters, and more accessible routes.
- **Active travel:** Uneven pavements, poor lighting, and lack of safe cycling/walking infrastructure make it hard to get around for some, especially older residents or families with young children.

Environmental and safety concerns were also strong themes:

- **Litter, fly-tipping, and vandalism:** These are seen as ongoing problems, with identified hotspots including the park, Castle grounds, and recycling points.
- **Traffic and parking:** Speeding, pavement parking, and lack of designated spaces were frequently raised, with suggestions for better parking management and enforcement.
- **Community involvement:** Many respondents expressed a clear willingness to contribute time and effort to local improvements.

## Methil/ Methilhill Fife

CRT have been supporting The Leven Programme to enhance engagement within the Methil/Methilhill area.

Community engagement has included CRT 25 Garden Party which was hosted in the MCCI garden. The event also and enabled groups to share their stories of the impact made by the projects funded by the £80,000 Participatory Budget Fund delivered by CRT in partnership with the Community Steering Group. These stories were captured as a short film highlighting the impact the projects have made locally.

## Partnership working with Involve UK

More recently, continued engagement has led to CRT, MCCI and Involve UK working together to 'Help People to Talk About the Future of Methil & Methilhill'

Recruiting 20 diverse people to help shape the future of Methil and Methilhill by having meaningful conversations with friends & family, neighbours and other residents. The local residents come together to learn to host and share creative conversations that will help inform the community led Local Place Plan and the Fife Council Climate Action Plan.

In the process they will connect with others and learn communication skills to help share what matters most to them and others in their community



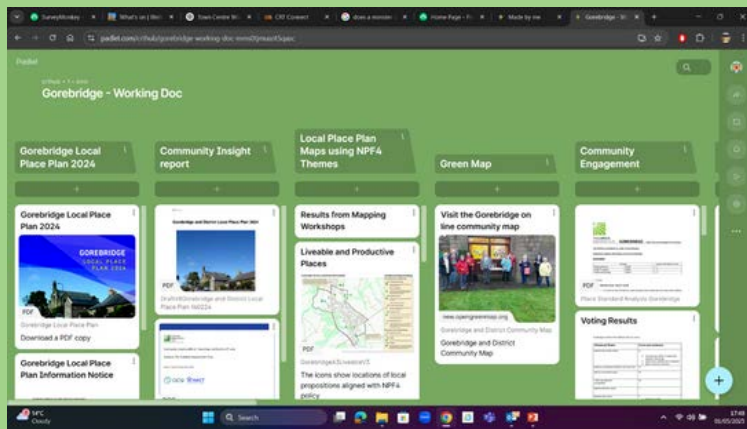
CRT Place continues to support a growing number of communities across Fife, Midlothian, Clackmannanshire, North Lanarkshire, South Lanarkshire, Falkirk, East Dunbartonshire, and West Lothian in developing Local Place Plans (LPPs) and Community Action Plans.

## Ongoing Community Support

### Gorebridge, Midlothian

Since the launch of the Gorebridge Local Place Plan there have already been two outcomes achieved:

- ‘Change of Use’ application refused for High Street shop to residential property
- Pedestrian access to the Gorebridge railway station reinstated.



CRT are bringing together their expertise in training, youth engagement and volunteer support to increase the impact of the Local Place Plan and all the community involvement that made it a success. Gorebridge Community Development Trust (GCDT) are a community and volunteer led organisation based in the Beacon Centre located in the heart of Gorebridge. GCDT were a key contributor to the development of the Local Place Plan (LPP) providing ideas, local insights, accommodation and hospitality throughout.

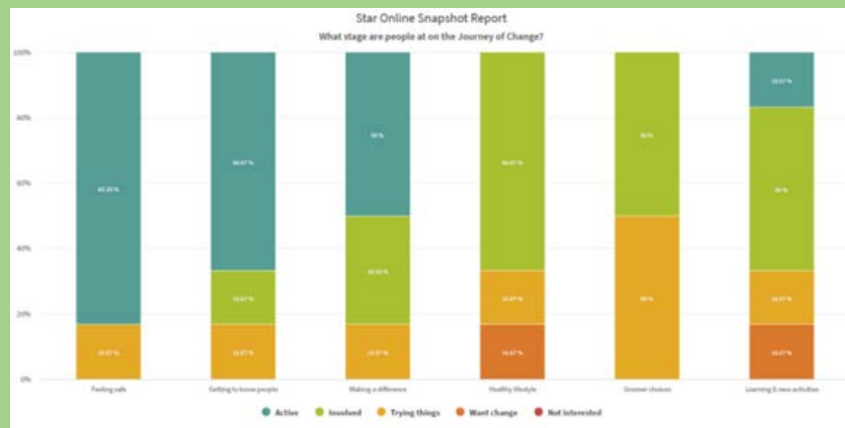
During the course of the LPP consultation, the community identified a priority action to ‘Celebrate, Support and Encourage Volunteering’ within Gorebridge prompting GCDT to approach the Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT) to assist in the development of a more formal approach to volunteer training and support.

GCDT currently use a proprietary app to manage their volunteers and use it as a primary means of communication. They are now working with the CRT Place team to pilot a Community Outcome Star approach as a means of monitoring individual volunteers' experiences. This provides another level of engagement with individuals allowing the GCDT management team to ensure continued and appropriate communication and helping them to develop a programme of tailored support.

The Outcome Star approach is being piloted with a group of 10 GCDT volunteers who will use the star as a self-assessment tool to assess the benefits of volunteering and as the basis of communication with GCDT staff going forward.

The Community Outcome Star was chosen as it:

- provides a common language to describe an individual's experience of volunteering
- can be used to assess the effectiveness/appropriateness of the training provided and to identify any training gaps
- will inform engagement with new and existing volunteers both within the Beacon Hub and across other volunteer led organisations within Gorebridge.



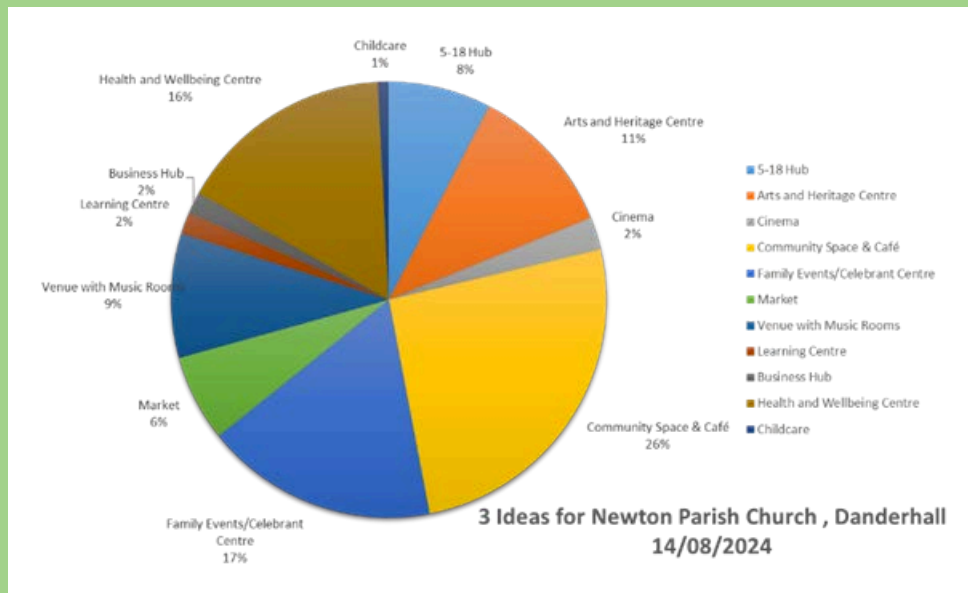
The approach uses face to face interview techniques in an informal setting. These began in February 2025 with a pilot group of 8 volunteers and will be carried out on a regular basis every 3-months.

Initial results are positive with more experienced volunteers reporting a greater sense of belonging than those at the start of their volunteering journey. The group have asked for additional training to help them work toward a healthier lifestyle and to adopt a more consistent approach to making greener choice. The CRT Place Climate workshop has been proposed.

## Danderhall Midlothian CRT Place engagement

We were contacted by members of the Danderhall community who were looking for support with a community asset transfer project, to purchase the Old Newton Parish Church.

Between July and September 2024 we worked extensively with the community group to engage, plan and submit an offer to the Church of Scotland. Unfortunately the offer was unsuccessful but this was in no way a reflection of the efforts of the determination of the community itself.



**Over 800 wishes were cast during the community engagement period.**

## **Cardowan North Lanarkshire**

Cardowan Community Meadow group have successfully taken on a lease of a local retail unit and are delivering community health and wellbeing services from their 'Cardowan Community Hub' CRT have been able to support the group with getting this facility set up and in addition, signposting to other CRT programmes including our Training and Learning programme and Game On Scotland.

## **CRT Climate Place Fife**

Working with Fife Council as part of Climate Action Fife, CRT has been actively promoting Climate Place workshops as part of its broader climate engagement efforts. These workshops are designed to empower local communities to shape a more sustainable and resilient future for Fife. Each of the seven Fife Council area partnerships hosted a workshop.

## **Climate Place Workshop Overview**

The sessions aimed to bring together community members and other stakeholders to discuss the impacts of climate change on communities and explore actionable solutions. CRT facilitated interactive sessions encouraging participants to draw on the guiding principles of the Earth Charter, show their links to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and discuss opportunities for creating community led action projects to address a range of topics such as:

- Greener spaces
- Waste reduction
- Active travel
- Health and wellbeing
- Local food systems
- Flooding and extreme weather event recovery

These discussions led to creating a framework for action, showing the links between local action and global goals. The outcomes from all seven workshops will feed into the Fife Climate Action Plan.

## Impact

By supporting a growing number of communities across multiple local authority areas, CRT Place is having a significant impact on the broader landscape of community development in Scotland. The focus on LPPs is crucial as these plans are recognised as a key tool for empowering communities and influencing local decision-making. CRT's work is contributing to a network of communities that are actively involved in shaping their own future.

The impact of our work in these communities is multifaceted and significant. They are acting as catalysts for change by:

- Providing the structure and tools for communities to identify their needs.
- Building the capacity of local groups to act.
- Facilitating collaboration between different stakeholders.
- Empowering residents to lead the development of their own futures.
- Highlighting the value and impact of community-led initiatives.

The long-term impact will depend on the continued support and resources available to these communities, but we are laying a strong foundation for positive and sustainable change.

## Impact of Ongoing Support;

The ongoing community support provided by the CRT is characterised by its responsiveness, adaptability, and commitment to empowering communities to achieve their goals. The impact is seen in:

- Tangible outcomes from community plans.
- Strengthened community organizations and volunteer bases.
- Increased access to essential services and community spaces.
- Empowered communities advocating for their needs.
- Greater resilience and capacity for future development.



This ongoing support is vital for ensuring that the initial efforts of community engagement and planning translate into sustained positive change and that communities have the resources and capacity to address evolving challenges.

## **Climate Action**

By facilitating these workshops, we are raising awareness and generating ideas together with building the capacity of communities to be active participants in creating a more sustainable and resilient future for Fife. This is a crucial step in ensuring that climate action is not just a top-down initiative but is truly rooted in the needs and aspirations of the people it affects.

### **Outputs**

- 3 Community Action Plans/Local Place Plans developed
- 15 training events, event, workshops, seminars, consultations and surgeries delivered
- 40 new volunteers

### **Outcomes**

- Community Engagement strengthened
- More sustainable developments
- Improved local services
- Increased investment and funding opportunities
- Stronger partnerships and collaborations
- Increased skills and knowledge
- Enhanced local biodiversity

This year, CRT Engage, has continued to invest in people and communities across Scotland helping individuals improve their health, build skills, and move closer to employment.

Through a mix of CRT programmes we have focussed on health, skills, and employability programmes, designed to meet people where they are. Whether it's through one-to-one support, community activities, job training, or access to free courses, we have worked alongside individuals and partners to help them overcome barriers and achieve their personal goals.

CRT Worx initiative offered paid job training, giving people the chance to gain work experience while improving their own communities.

Our Family Hub programme has been a vital support for parents, offering affordable childcare and helping families return to work, as well as many other projects and activities.

We also helped people access free, practical training in areas such as first aid, food hygiene, and employability skills.

Together, these efforts are about more than services—they're about regeneration: empowering individuals, restoring confidence, and strengthening the places we call home.

## **Training & Learning**

The training & learning team have continued to work hard over last 12 months to expand the types of training that we can provide, within CRT's coalfield communities. This has included focusing on introducing a wide range of awareness sessions and softer skills training as well as the traditional accredited training.

The Training & Learning officer has continued to work closely with more community groups across the areas to create bespoke training packages to meet the needs of each community.

During 2024 - 2025, **282** new delegates out of total of **388** people expressing interest have accessed training with CRT.

CRT have delivered **35** courses across our coalfield communities during 2024 - 2025. (See table). Areas of delivery have included Clackmannan & Sauchie (Clacks) Cardenden, Cowdenbeath Benarty, (Fife), Gorebridge (Mid Lothian), Ochiltree, Logan, Dalrymple, Drongan & Netherthird (East Ayrshire).

Accredited	No. of courses delivered	Non-Accredited	No. of courses delivered
REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene	4	Customer Service Skills	2
Emergency First Aid at Work (EFAW)	14	Autism Awareness with National Autistic Society	1
Highfield Food Safety Level 2	7	Fire Safety	1
SQA Volunteer Awards	2	First Aid Mythbuster sessions for primary age kids	3
		Mental Health Awareness	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>		<b>8</b>

Offering free food hygiene training has helped many the community groups/organisations to continue to provide key services within their communities as well as offer work experience for young people. For example 6 young people from the Cumnock area were given the opportunity to receive food hygiene training when we delivered a course in Ochiltree. Three young people hoped that this would help them get a job in the future or help in the Ochiltree café. Similarly in Kelty, providing food hygiene training has allowed the volunteers keep their knowledge up to date so they can continue to provide a weekly community café. A member from a cohort in Logan also reported that ‘without the training they would not have been able to continue providing a food larder service or continue running their over 60s lunches’.

Ahead of developing the DASH group in Dalrymple as the next possible Family Hub project the CRT Engage team have given members of DASH’s community the opportunity to attend training in Emergency First Aid at Work (EFAW) & Food Hygiene. Further training is being planned for 2025/26 to meet the needs of the group.



## Impact

Targeted support can have a significant ripple effect within a community. The impact of offering free Food Hygiene and Emergency First Aid at Work (EFAW) training can be broken down into several key areas;

- For young people like those in Cumnock, the food hygiene training provides a tangible skill that is highly sought after in the hospitality and food service sectors. This directly improves their chances of gaining employment, potentially opening doors to careers they might not have considered otherwise. The hope expressed by the young people is a clear indicator of this potential.
- For volunteers in community groups and organisations, the training directly equips them with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform their roles safely and effectively. This is particularly crucial for services involving food handling or potential emergencies. The Kelty example highlights how updated knowledge allows volunteers to continue providing vital services.
- Beyond the specific skills, the training empowers individuals by providing them with valuable knowledge and a sense of accomplishment. This can boost their confidence and encourage further participation in community activities or personal development.

## Outputs

- 192 people accessed accredited and non-accredited training
- 196 people accessed skills development opportunities
- 35 training events, event, workshops, seminars, consultations and surgeries delivered
- 2 new volunteers

## Outcomes

- More people have improved skills and knowledge
- Increased employment opportunities
- Enhanced self-confidence
- Increased community engagement

## Coalfield Worx

As per previous discussion the contractor did not respond and Coalfields Worx was delivered by The Larder, Blackburn.

This programme aimed to equip young people with the skills, confidence, and resilience needed to transition into employment or further education. The programme targeted four participants, offering industry-specific training in hospitality, administration, and social media. While only three participants were ultimately enrolled, the initiative successfully delivered on its intended outcomes. All participants completed the programme, gained multiple nationally recognised qualifications, improved their self-confidence, and progressed into positive destinations.

- 100% completion rate.
- All participants achieved multiple qualifications, including SCQF Level 5 awards and CPD training in mental health, communication, food hygiene, and more.
- All progressed into positive destinations—a college course, volunteering, and further training.
- Outcome Star assessments showed marked improvements in self-confidence, motivation, and social inclusion.

Each young person brought their own story, challenges, and aspirations. Through bespoke support, they left empowered and prepared.

## CASE STUDIES

### John Nimmo - Office Assistant

John joined the programme with little confidence, navigating a complex home life and neurodiverse needs. Social situations were difficult, and following instructions could be overwhelming. The team responded with empathy and structure—creating tailored checklists, adapting communication, and providing steady encouragement. His transformation was remarkable.

John discovered a passion for sports coaching. We partnered with local groups to give him hands-on experience working with children in Fauldhouse. With growing confidence, he applied for West Lothian College's Sports Coaching course—securing one of just five places out of over twenty candidates.

### Ellie Borst – Café Assistant

Ellie began her placement with promise and quickly became a beloved figure in our café. Early into her placement, she discovered she was pregnant. Rather than withdraw, she was met with understanding and reasonable adjustments to support her health and wellbeing. Under Kim’s mentorship, Ellie thrived—gaining her Barista SCQF Level 5 qualification, working tills, serving customers, and preparing food.

The community rallied around her. On her final week, Ellie was moved to tears by the outpouring of love and baby gifts from customers and colleagues alike. She continues to volunteer and is set to join our Partnership for Parents programme after her maternity leave.

### Jordan Pettigrew – Kitchen Assistant

Jordan is quiet, introverted, and previously lacked a sense of community. He was committed from day one. We adapted his hours to accommodate his needs, building confidence gradually through routine tasks like dishwashing.

As his smile grew, so did his ambition. Although an apprenticeship with his father was an option, he expressed a desire for something different. We encouraged him to join our Power to Grow programme—a 24-week life skills and employability course. He began in April and is already forming friendships and finding his voice.

## **Impact**

The strength of this programme lay not only in professional outcomes but also in emotional connections. The voices of John, Ellie, and Jordan capture the profound impact of compassion, structure, and belief. Their stories have inspired our staff, customers, and communities.

## **Outputs**

- 3 qualifications achieved Accredited/SQA 1 and above
- 3 assisted in skills development
- 1 new volunteers

## **Outcomes**

- Increased employability
- Participants have more confidence
- Participants are more socially included
- Participants have enhanced their financial wellbeing
- More training and learning opportunities provided
- Greater build skills and knowledge

## **Family Hub Project**

The CRT in Scotland ran pilot Family Centre projects in 3 former coalfield communities: Drongan and Netherthird in East Ayrshire and Blackburn in West Lothian, all experiencing high levels of deprivation.

The aim is both to tackle key issues and challenges, employment, skills, health and wellbeing, community, climate, priorities for the CRT set out in their Strategic Plan and to test how effective a family centred focus might be and the lessons which can be learned for applications elsewhere.

The approach was to invest finance in each area and deliver a suite of the CRT mainstream services in support of this as appropriate.

The approach taken in each area was identified and its wider application assessed.

### **Drongan**

Drongan had 3,060 residents in 2022. The largest population shift relates to the number of children reducing and the number of pensioners increasing. Population projections to 2030 suggest the numbers of elderly will more than double. The area has a high level of local authority rented housing.

Unemployment is higher than average across east Ayrshire particularly with the 16 – 24-year-old age group. The % of the population with no qualifications is higher than for Scotland in East Ayrshire and higher still for Drongan.

A Breakfast Club, Summer Club, Community Garden, After School care project and a family fun day have been established.

The Family Hub Programmes aim to deliver family-centred projects that will see the most vulnerable children and families from the most deprived areas within East Ayrshire and other areas be supported in a range of ways that aim to promote health and wellbeing and build stronger community connections.

The family hub plays a vital role in providing a safe inclusive environment for families whilst focusing on addressing the social and economic inequalities and disadvantages faced by the communities.

In the village of Drongan, East Ayrshire one initiative established is an afterschool care project, which focuses on delivering affordable childcare activities whilst providing families with reliable support when juggling work and family life. Another essential service delivered through the family hub is a Breakfast Club, which offers a free nutritious breakfast giving children and families a positive start to their day within a safe friendly environment, which helps build healthy routines.

## After School Care and Summer Club

The summer club initially set up as a pilot for the afterschool care commenced in July 2024. This saw 51 families register for the service, which, run through the school holidays. The summer club provided a range of free play and social activities for children whilst interacting with their peers promoting health and well-being. The children also enjoyed a fun filled day trip to a local farm park with hands on experience whilst learning about the animals. Being outdoors in a natural setting helps the children develop social skills, promotes physical activity as well as participating in fun activities.

The afterschool project commenced on August 2024, providing affordable childcare service for families within the Drongan Area. To date we currently have 63 families registered for the service with an average of 22 children attending each day. The afterschool care provides a safe warm environment for the children to engage in activities and interact with their peers. Developing social skills, problem solving, independence and confidence through participation in activities and free play sessions.

Due to the expanding projects of the Drongan Grassroots Community, an agreed plan addressing the storage needs for equipment is in progress for a 20ft storage container. To store equipment for the afterschool and Breakfast Club. This would not have been possible without the support from CRT.



**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**  
 MONDAY - FRIDAY  
 AFTER SCHOOL 3PM - 5PM  
 AGE : P1 - P7  
 COST : £1 PER SESSION  
 DRONGAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

- Fun & Games
- Arts & Crafts
- Outdoor Activities
- Homework Help
- Tuck Shop

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the ZONE CRT ENGAGE

## SUPPORTING COMMENT

“The After School service has been an invaluable service, and has been amazing for so many parents and children. Having an affordable and local option for child care has given parents options separate from costly private care or asking relatives to take on the task which can be difficult especially if those relatives are elderly. The cost saving alone, especially as things are getting more and more expensive has been of great help. I hope the After School service will continue for many years to come and I’m sure it will continue to benefit many families”

- Afterschool care Staff member and parent

The partnerships with The Zone initiative and Drongan Grassroots community group, funding secured to date for the project consists of:

9CCG - Staff & Facilities Hire: £28,763

CRT - Equipment: £4,900,

EAC - Employability Fund: £10,000,

CRT - Summer Club: £750

One of the key focuses of the Family Hub project in Drongan was to provide local jobs to local people. The partnerships and secure funding of the project has allowed for two dedicated staff members employed on a part-time basis, with the option to call on sessional workers if needed.

Employing local people within the community of Drongan enhances the services delivered, with a deeper understanding of the specific needs of those using the service. The Family Hub in Drongan will be developed further to provide greater support to parents and families within the community, providing assistance to those seeking employment or requiring support in accessing additional services.

## SUPPORTING COMMENT

“As a school we are always looking to establish positive and meaningful links and partnerships with groups, organisations and businesses in the local and wider community. It has been a pleasure to work together with CRT and the Drongan Grassroots Community Group, and we are proud of the work that has been undertaken and achieved so far. We are already seeing the benefits of this partnership with both the creation of the community garden and the after school care. There is no doubt that this is having a positive impact on the children and families of Drongan” - Drongan Primary School

## CASE STUDY

### Supporting a child with severe allergies attend the afterschool club

A girl with severe allergens to dairy expressed interest in joining the afterschool club. Her parents had expressed concerns about her safety and inclusion, especially during snack times and group activities when using products that contained milk. The young girl carries a bag with her containing three EpiPen's, inhalers and antihistamines and must avoid foods and products containing dairy.

The staff and volunteers at the club had no experience supporting children with allergies so severe and the policies and procedures already in place had to be assessed to take into account the much increased risk. The parents and staff raised concerns about accidental exposure or cross-contamination during snack time and participating in activities where play-based products contained milk.

The CRT's Family Support Worker worked closely with the child's parents, and the school to source available anaphylaxis training and subsequently, the staff and volunteers undertook relevant anaphylaxis awareness training. This covered areas such as recognising the signs and symptoms of allergic reactions, How to use an EpiPen and when to use it, As well as how to prevent cross contamination with food handling and using play-based products not containing dairy.

Working closely with the school, an individual care plan was developed. The care plan clearly documents allergies and reactions that can happen if contact with dairy occurs. Emergency contact details and step-by-step instructions to follow should an incident occur as well as clearly stating location of Medicines all had to be outlined within the curated care plan.

Adjustments made during snack time also had to be implemented to ensure a safe inclusive environment, with staff increasingly encouraging the children to wash hands before and after eating to reduce cross contamination. Seating has to be arranged to allow the girl sit with her peers whilst being safe. During tuck, all snacks reviewed and agreed by the parents what snacks the child could have.

To ensure the girl could participate in all activities, steps have been taken across the board to ensure the highest level of inclusivity, all targeted towards ensuring the girl feels included and safe during her time at the club rather than feeling isolated and different.

The girl is now thriving at the After School Club, feeling included and safe whilst enjoying interaction with her peers. Her parents have expressed how well she is doing and feel reassured she is able to participate in the group activities safely. Staff also feel more confident, managing allergens, which has resulted in the girl extending her days from 1 day to three days, with the hope to extending to five days in the near future.



## SUPPORTING COMMENT

“As a parent of a child with severe allergies, I could not be more grateful to the afterschool staff. Since my daughter joined, they have been amazing raising awareness among her peers about her allergies, adapting snack times and activities, and making sure everyone understands the importance of making these adjustments. The children and staff have made her feel safe, included, and truly part of the group. Knowing the team has completed anaphylaxis training and is in close communication with our school has been incredibly reassuring. It has been great to watch her grow in confidence, enjoy time with her friends, and have fun without worry. We can't thank the afterschool staff enough for their amazing support and care”

- Parent

## Community Support and Engagement

A key aspect of the role has been to engage with relevant groups and services both locally and outside of Drongan, in order to establish and develop relationships allowing us to bring in services that can benefit and be more targeted towards the needs of the community of Drongan.

### Key Contacts

Since the start of the Family Hub Project in January 2024 we have utilised existing partnerships and developed new ones. Some of these key partnerships are with:

- Drongan Primary School
- Social Work
- Drongan Community Council Association
- Drongan Community Council
- The Zone Initiative - Dalmellington
- Drongan Grassroots Community Group

Supporting groups plays a key role in strengthening community ties by giving them the confidence to develop local projects and services as they have an understanding that they can reach out for support and guidance. Separate from the key areas of work, this was evident in the organising of the large D in the Park Fun Day.

## SUPPORTING COMMENT

“The support and collaboration with CRT have been instrumental in bringing our ideas to life. They see us as partners, helping us identify different funding opportunities, guiding us on best practices and governance, and assisting in spreading our message. Their support has also been crucial in building our network of contacts as we grow” - Drongan Grassroots Community Group



## Breakfast Club

The family Hub has played a key role in supporting the Drongan Grassroots Community Group to set up and establish the Community Breakfast club. Providing food hygiene and first aid training to the group to ensure that volunteers have the necessary knowledge and skills to maintain a safe, healthy environment as well as gaining confidence to respond to any emergencies.

The breakfast club operates every Saturday morning attracting around 50+ attendees and is open to everyone within the community offering a free nutritious breakfast on a no questions asked basis. It fosters an open and welcoming environment, aiming to reduce food poverty and insecurity, combat loneliness and isolation through social inclusion, and improve overall mental health wellbeing. One significant challenge facing individuals and communities is the high rise in the cost of living and its impact on food affordability. In rural communities like Drongan, people may lack the physical or financial means to travel outside the area to access larger supermarkets. By delivering the breakfast club this provides families with a free healthy nutritious breakfast setting them up for the day ahead with no cost.

In addition to this, the breakfast club provides a safe, friendly inclusive environment that fosters connections that enhance social engagement and well-being bringing people from all backgrounds come together, reducing isolation and building stronger community connections

To date funding received for the project has reached **£15,935**

## SUPPORTING COMMENT

“Having been involved with Drongan Grassroots’ breakfast club from the start as a volunteer, the support the CRT has given has been really helpful and without that support we wouldn’t be where we are today. The support the CRT has given has been amazing to see, helping the community and doing their utmost to help families, children” - Breakfast Club Volunteer

## Training

The village of Drongan once a coal mining community, shares a similar history with many other communities that CRT support. The CRT Engage program has played a vital role in supporting local groups and individuals access training opportunities. Many people within the community face challenges due to not having the necessary knowledge and skills to gain employment.

The CRT Engage program offers free training opportunities to individuals and groups to help build confidence and develop skills and knowledge required to gain employment. This essential support has helped many individuals to progress towards achieving better economic outcomes within their community and family life.

The Drongan Grassroots Community group is a great example of how training provided through CRT Engage has given individuals the confidence and skills to take on volunteering roles, as well as seeing some individuals progressing in to paid roles of employment. Support from the CRT Engage program has proven to be crucial within communities that face economic barriers.

Training courses such as Autism Awareness, Food Hygiene and First Aid at Work has equipped individuals with practical skills to support their roles in the community led projects, such as the Afterschool Care, Staff have stated they feel more confident in managing and responding to situations in the work place. In addition to this, training in Food Hygiene and First Aid at Work has been vital in providing volunteers involved in Breakfast club project, prepare and handle food safely while creating a more inclusive and supportive environment giving everyone a sense of belonging.

Over the last year, the CRT Family Hub project in Drongan has helped over 30 individuals gain qualifications through completing fully funded training courses. Such as:

- First Aid at Work
- Sports First Aid
- Food Hygiene
- Autism Awareness
- SQA Qualifications

## Community Garden

The memorial community garden established in September 2024 saw the collaboration between Drongan Primary School, Drongan Grassroots Community Group and CRT. This project is a seed-to-plate initiative that aims to promote health, wellbeing, and sustainable living while providing a community space for outdoor learning and activities. The school, The Grassroots and the wider community will share the resource and the resulting produce. The longer-term plan is to develop the garden further, by adding an outdoor classroom and workspaces to provide more learning opportunities. The overall aim of this project is to develop a sustainable social enterprise that will see local children learn about entrepreneurship.

Key support from various dignitaries, including the Provost, MP, MSPs, local councillors, and representatives from Police Scotland, all of whom has expressed strong support for the Drongan Grassroots Community projects, attended the launch of the project.

Funding secured from the Ayrshire Climate Hub, Drongan Primary School and the 9CCG reaches **£18,128** to date.

## SUPPORTING COMMENT

“The school are delighted with the working partnership we have with the Drongan Grassroots Community. The development of the Kenneth Clarke Community Garden has established a resource that is invaluable to the pupils of Drongan Primary School and the local community.

The recent funding provided by the Drongan Grassroots Community has allowed us to purchase a variety of resources and materials, which have already been used to develop the garden further and plant a wide variety of fruits and vegetables.

On top of the fruit trees which were planted when the garden was built, our pupils have recently planted different varieties of potatoes, onions, strawberries, peas, beans, leeks, chard, spinach, Pak Choi, beetroot, turnips, carrots, parsnips, tomatoes, peppers, pumpkins, courgettes, squashes, cucumbers, corn and herbs.

The pupils are looking forward to caring for the plants as they grow, and tasting them when they are ready to harvest”

- Drongan Primary School



## Funding Support

As part of the role working in partnership with the Drongan Grassroots Community Group and The Zone Initiative we have been able to secure funding to deliver projects in Drongan.

This funding has been secured from direct funding from the CRT, and from funding applications from organisations such as the 9CCG, East Ayrshire Council and the Lottery.

Securing funding is key to the delivery of the services and helps provide short term financial sustainability until further work can be done to work towards long term viability of the projects.

The total breakdown of funding secured is as follows:

- D in the Park Fun day - £10,000
- Breakfast Club - £15,935
- Afterschool Care - £44,413
- Community Garden - £18,128



The initiatives in Drongan are examples of how the CRT have collaborated with the Drongan Grassroots Community Group and the Zone Initiative, based in the neighbouring village of Dalmellington to deliver vital services through the Family Hub. The foundations laid in the delivery of these projects will serve as a blueprint for the rollout of futures initiatives and services.

## **Blackburn**

### **Blackburn Community Café**

The Larder Café in Blackburn is more than just a place to eat – it is a vital social hub and a sanctuary for many navigating some of life’s toughest challenges. At its heart, the café is a safe, inclusive space where individuals from all walks of life can come together, connect, and feel supported.

The Family Hub project enabled the café to extend its opening hours to five days a week, the café welcomed over 8,000 visits between during the duration of the project – each one a moment of human connection, support, or relief.

The space is stigma-free and non-judgemental, allowing users to engage on their own terms, whether staying for just half an hour or spending up to three hours.

Visitors range in age from toddlers to those over 70, with the majority aged 40–65. People come as individuals, families, or multi-generational groups – such as grandparents, parents, and adult children from separate households meeting weekly in the café – underscoring its role in strengthening community ties and reducing social isolation.

Throughout the year, The Larder’s main delivery services delivered a variety of socially impactful activities including weekly meals, mental health and wellbeing drop-ins, one-to-one support and signposting, and employability training.

These interventions contributed to helping people rebuild confidence, access new opportunities, and feel part of a wider, caring community.

## **CASE STUDY**

Kaitlyn, who had faced significant behavioural challenges, received tailored, compassionate support. Through this, she grew in confidence and capability, eventually becoming a valued and permanently employed member of the café team. Her excellent customer service and personal growth stand as a powerful example of what’s possible with the right support.

In every way, The Larder Café is helping to rebuild lives, reduce loneliness, improve wellbeing, and create real pathways out of poverty – one meal, one conversation, and one opportunity at a time.

## **Eat Well for Oral Health programme**

The Eat Well for Oral Health programme was delivered for children living in vulnerable circumstances and experiencing socio-economic inequalities. Its aim was to equip young people and their families with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to make healthier choices – both in the kitchen and for their overall wellbeing.

The programme focused on practical, life-enhancing themes:

- The benefits of healthy eating,
- Good oral hygiene,
- Cooking nutritious meals on a tight budget.

Ten pupils were originally identified, and seven children aged 9 to 11 took part alongside four parents and carers. NHS Lothian played a key role by offering signposting for further dental care, helping bridge access to wider health services.

### **Children’s feedback reflected genuine enthusiasm and impact:**

“I learned so much about how what I eat affects my teeth. The recipes were easy to follow and delicious!”

“The sessions were fun and I enjoyed trying the healthier choices.”

“I didn’t realise how much sugar was in some of the foods and drinks I eat.”

### **Teachers also recognised the broader benefits:**

“As the teacher responsible from the school’s point of view, I consider it a great success. Although some families dipped in and out, the children overwhelmingly enjoyed their experience. They didn’t realise food could be both healthy and tasty – and they now want to share what they’ve learned with the rest of their family.”

“The oral health sessions were fantastic. While we cover this in school, children easily forget. This reinforced the importance of daily habits in a really engaging way.”

“One unexpected but lovely outcome was that parents cherished the protected time with their children. It gave them a space to connect, free from daily distractions. That quality time was a real bonus. A definite 5 stars!”

– Ms Anna Glencorse, Acting Principal Teacher

This programme shows how targeted, community-based interventions can have a ripple effect – not only improving individual health behaviours but also strengthening family relationships and addressing deeper health inequalities in a positive, empowering way.

## **One Pot Cooking**

This programme provided far more than just cooking lessons – it offered a vital support network for parents navigating significant life challenges, including poverty, food insecurity, and addiction.

Ten participants took part in the One Pot Programme, gaining essential budgeting and cookery skills designed to help them prepare nutritious, affordable meals using simple, accessible ingredients. But the impact reached far beyond the kitchen.

Led by The Larder’s experienced staff – all fully qualified SQA Assessors and members of the PVC scheme – the sessions were designed to foster confidence, independence, and social connection. For many participants, this was their first step back into structured learning, community engagement, and support systems.

### **Impact**

The Family Hub project enabled The Larder to enhance and further develop the services they deliver. Through its Community Café, weekly meals, cookery programmes, and targeted initiatives like Eat Well for Oral Health and the One Pot Programme, it has fostered connection, boosted confidence, improved wellbeing, and offered direct pathways to wider support services. Across all activities, the emphasis on dignity, inclusion, and community has strengthened family ties, reduced loneliness, and empowered people of all ages to take steps toward healthier, more connected lives.

## Netherthird

Netherthird has a population of 2499 which has remained comparatively stable over the past 10 years. There is an increase in elderly residents which is expected to rise significantly to 2030.

The family initiative in Netherthird is built on an established community organisational structure and has 4 parts: Food larder development, youth club, employment training for young people and an educational transitions project.

The Netherthird Community Garden has on average 100 children per day attending the community garden summer scheme at Netherthird. A big part of our project was that we have provided a free lunch to every child attending the summer scheme. This was a huge benefit as we have high levels of Child Poverty within the Community of Netherthird and surrounding area.

## SUPPORTING COMMENT

“A godsend for us as we can’t travel out with the area due to not having a car”

One of the main positives of this project is the community coming together and using this community green space to have a number of activities throughout the summer months. They used this grant to hire entertainment and equipment, provide a free lunch to all children, hire portaloos and pay relevant licenses and insurances to run the scheme Netherthird Community Action Training

We operated our “getting ready for a career in grounds maintenance and landscaping” this supported local people’s health and wellbeing by provided employment and training opportunities to local people. And reduced the chances of this young person falling into poverty.

This project focussed on people who have faced barriers to employment including;

- Lack of Qualifications
- Criminal History
- Mental Disability
- Physical Disability
- Social Isolation
- Long Term unemployment

Providing 10 trainees with 8-10 week work experience and training placements within Netherthird Action Training focussed on garden maintenance and landscaping.



## CASE STUDY

Cavan had not engaged in school and because of this he eventually left school and we were approached by Cavan's dad in order to see if he could take part in our getting ready for a career in garden maintenance and landscaping.

Cavan entered the programme and as part of this we helped Cavan engage with SL66 a new service set up in Netherthird to support local people into training, education and employment. After Cavan's placement at NCAT was finished, Cavan applied for a trainee job at East Ayrshire Council in the outdoor amenities department and he was successful in this.

### **Netherthird Food Larder**

The food larder has over 200 members and they are given support to prevent them from suffering from food poverty.

We have established the food larder as the main cost of living hub in our local area, and have helped 1000 local people during this cost of living crisis.

Developed new partnerships to help local people during the cost of living crisis. One of these new partners is the cut and connect project who work with us to provide free haircuts to local people.

We have provided over 200 emergency food packages to people.

300 members of our local primary school who have benefitted from support from the centre due to our Uniform exchange working with Netherthird charity shop.

Six local people benefitting from the course "Getting ready for a career in hospitality and retail" this has improved the vocational skills, hospitality and retail skills, confidence and communication skills and has improved their chances of gaining employment in these sectors.

The community charity shop has helped the community massively by benefitting for low cost clothing and household goods. They now have a large amount of prams, baby clothes, car seats and other equipment for babies and young children coming into the charity shop. These are given often free of charge to local families who need them.



## CASE STUDY

An example of the success of this project has been the support offered to a local resident who was at complete crisis point in terms of poverty, health and lifestyle.

This local resident had no money coming in due to having a complete stop on any benefits support and had no access to her bank account.

This meant there was no way to purchase food and pay bills and this led to a serious decline in mental health which even led to this person refusing to leave the house as their mental health declined so much.

The first step was to provide emergency food parcels and household supplies delivered to the person's house this meant that they could eat and didn't suffer from food poverty. The next step was sorting out the banking and benefits problems. To do this they set up a meeting with a benefits advisor within the community centre who was able to help and sort out the necessary paperwork to make sure there was financial support coming in to help.

The mental health of this local resident steadily improved and eventually they were able to leave the house and improve their standard of living. Their mental health actually improved to such a degree that they started volunteering within the charity shop and food larder within the centre.



## Impact

The Family Hub project across the three communities has been multifaceted and provided a positive impact on the communities of Drongan, Netherthird and Blackburn. Parents now have access to after-school provision and youth clubs which provides safe spaces for learning, socialising, and skill development. These services encourages positive behaviour, confidence, and resilience among young people.

By providing food support this helps alleviate food poverty in these communities. The activities for families are bringing them together and providing a supportive environment where families can share their experiences and access support if required. This project is targeting vulnerable families and children giving them new opportunities by investing in family and youth development this leads to healthy, happy communities and more resilient communities which can potentially decreases long-term costs related to social services, health care, and crime.

Training opportunities provided through the Family Hub projects have provided the participants with confidence, expanded their skill sets, given them better job prospects which will enable them to further their ambitions and goals.

## Outputs

- 283 young people and parents attending healthy lifestyle activities
- 10 people gaining accredited/non accredited training
- 14 assisted into work
- 3 community facilities supported/created
- 70 families benefiting from child care provision
- 113 new volunteers

## Outcomes

- Reduction in social isolation
- Reduction in child poverty
- Increased health and well-being
- Increase in social economy
- Increase in services
- Reduction of anti-social behaviour
- Increasing community engagement
- Supporting opportunities for families to become economically active.

## Imagination Library

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that provides children from the age of 0 - 5 an age appropriate book every month free of charge. Countless parents have shared how excited their child is when their new book arrives each month. Many groups and individuals work hard behind the scenes to make that special moment possible for each child.

CRT continue to support the Imagination Library and are working together to establish new programmes in Coalfields Communities. We work together to identify community organisations to become affiliates and look at external sources of funding to ensure the programme can become sustainable.

### Impact

The Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library is a powerful and impactful programme that goes far beyond simply providing books. Its impact is felt at the individual level, creating a love of reading and preparing children for school, and at the community level, promoting literacy, supporting families, and building a stronger, more connected environment.

It's a simple yet incredibly effective model that has a lasting positive influence on the lives of children and the communities they live in. The programme demonstrates the power of early literacy and the importance of investing in the future of our youngest generation.

### Outputs

- 57 children receiving books

### Outcomes

- Improved literacy skills
- Enhanced cognitive development
- Greater imagination and creativity
- Stronger parent-child bonding
- Improved language skills



## CRT's Capacity Building Support Programme

In the financial year 2024/25 CRT received **82** enquiries for funding, of which **70** were based or operating in one of our eligible local authority areas.

Enquiries from 12 projects ineligible for CRT assistance were referred to more appropriate agencies such as the local Third Sector interface, Citizens' Advice Bureau, Business Gateway or the local authority. These requests were from individuals (seeking advice on setting up businesses in catering and in forestry), church requiring repairs to a place of worship (The Redeemed Christian Church of God King of Glory Parish), a school (Prestonlodge High), a national organisation (Scottish Action on Mental Health) and other groups operating outside of our eligible areas.

The volume of enquiries broadly reflected the relative amount of eligible wards in each local authority area, with most originating in Fife (24 enquiries) and none coming from East Dunbartonshire (covering just two eligible wards).

Eligible projects were contacted by phone in the first instance to discuss elements such as the group's constitutional status, their current activities, future project plans and funding needs, and details of previous or pending funding applications. This information was used to compile a list of funding bodies relevant to the organisation covering the specific types funding priorities of the funder as well as excluded items, application closing dates, match funding requirements, geographic and demographic eligibilities and other pertinent information. Projects offered details of potential funders and other advice are presented in Appendix 2

### **Continuing support**

The Haven - therapy animal and skills development project primarily aimed at special needs children in East Ayrshire. Ultimately the project plans to offer training in animal husbandry and various aspects of farm work. CRT are offering advice as the organisation establishes itself as a constituted group. A meeting with East Ayrshire CVO was convened resulting in an offer of training for the Group's committee members. CRT will continue to develop the group to take it to its planned goal of charitable registration.

**Clackmannan Development Trust** – working with the Clackmannan Town Hall Trust further to applying for a community asset transfer of Clackmannan Town Hall. The two organisations have merged in order to address the needs of the village and are in the proceeds of developing a business plan pursuant to their application. CRT are advising and have facilitated meetings with the Community Ownership Support Service and with another local community centre which has undertaken a similar process.

**Stephen Lyon Organisation** – a Fife based suicide awareness and self-harm prevention service, CRT worked with the group to develop their applications to suggested funders, as a result of which a successful application of £20k was made to the National Lottery to cover staff costs over two years. A planned move to Clackmannanshire was postponed in favour of a move to Perth, CRT will continue to work with the group once the planned move is complete.

**Waterside Community Hub** – CRT continues to provide support as the re-constituted former Miners' Welfare develops its plans to replace the derelict building with a custom built community hub. Fundraising this year will focus on reaching the £50k target to cover the cost of demolishing the existing structure. Until this is complete funders have so far proven reluctant to consider applications for the new build.

**Valleyfield Community Council** – a planned application to Fife Council for community asset transfer of a small area of land at the village entrance for use as a garden of remembrance continues to be supported by CRT. Following a meeting facilitated with Community Ownership Support Service the group has identified particular areas of their application requiring additional details and are reconsidering broadening the scope of their operation to include the future acquisition of the community centre.

## Impact

The impact of supporting organisations with advice on where to access funding is positive and far-reaching. It acts as a crucial catalyst, enabling organisations to secure the resources they need to thrive and, in turn, deliver vital services and create positive change within their communities.

## Outputs

- 70 organisations assisted with funding support
- 12 organisations signposted to other supporting organisations
- 42 facilities supported/created

## Outcomes

- Increased capacity for development opportunities
- Improved grant writing skills

## Network Meetings

CRT held a network meeting in East Ayrshire. With guest speakers from Ochiltree Hub, Yip World and Drongan Grass Roots Group.

A Reception was also held at Scottish Parliament which was attended by a large number of organisations supported by CRT over the last 25 years.

## Impact

Together, these activities demonstrate a strategic approach to support our network at both the local and national level, ensuring that the vital work of regenerating coalfield communities continues to be recognised, supported, and celebrated. The presence of a large number of organisations at the reception is a powerful testament to the enduring impact of the CRT's support over the past 25 years.

## Outputs

- 130 attended network/reception event
- 2 training events, event, workshops, seminars, consultations and surgeries delivered

## Outcomes

- Increased capacity building for participating groups
- More networking opportunities
- More opportunities for learning and nurturing new skills
- Greater experience sharing among participants



# CONNECTING COMMUNITIES



The Coalfields Community Landscape Partnership (CCLP), which started back in 2020, backed by East Ayrshire Council with grants of more than £6million including support from the National Lottery, set out to deliver 22 projects over a four and a half year period. These projects focused on connecting communities with each other, the landscape, and the heritage across our former coalfield communities within the designated CCLP area.

(CCLP designated area can be seen on the website – <https://coalfieldcommunities.co.uk/cclp-projects/>)

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust as part of the Connecting Communities project and separately, worked across East Ayrshire engaging with and supporting community groups and organisations with accessing funding strategies and applications, promotion and marketing, social media development and general capacity building, along with bringing in support from partner organisations and funders adding value for money and return.

The CRT's Connecting Communities project Work as part of the CCLP Partnership came to a conclusion in the first quarter of 2025.

This work continues separate from the Coalfields Communities Landscape Partnership.

## COMMUNITY COMMENT

“We are a CCLP delivery partner and we believe we have a strong relationship with CRT. We have found CRT to be excellent, highly collaborative and capable partners and will prioritise retaining this relationship after the CCLP ends. We very much hope to sustain our relationship with CRT and to continue to work towards shared goals”



## Community Engagement

A key part and facilitating element to our work in East Ayrshire has been and will continue to be the continued and consistent direct engagement with groups within communities we work within. This type of engagement, where we regularly attend meetings in person, has allowed us to build rapport and a presence to such a degree that we are known and are a 'familiar face' within the communities and groups we work with. Having this presence allows us to not only provide meaningful support but allows us to provide timely support. We are able to act on enquiries and requests there and then or within the day, with this degree of response being something that we have come to know the communities appreciate.

The communities that we have engaged with through 2024 - 2025 are:

- Dalmellington
- Patna
- Cumnock
- New Cumnock
- Catrine
- Drongan
- Muirkirk
- Ochiltree

## Training

Through 2024 heading into 2025, we continued to utilise our internal 'CRT Engage' programme to provide invaluable training opportunities to groups and individuals. Over 11 training courses were delivered in East Ayrshire alone covering food hygiene and emergency first aid among others. Providing this level of support is vital as it provides necessary skills to communities groups and organisations to enable them to develop their own offerings within their respective communities. Giving communities the ability to access training at no charge also provides individuals with skills that increase their level of employability, hopefully helping them secure employment or even better-paying jobs and ultimately, improve their economic situation. With this providing a helping hand to families to build a better future.

Heading further into 2025 the CRT has already received enquiries for training and expect this interest and number of enquiries to continue going forward.

This level of support would not be possible if it wasn't for the continued and consistent direct engagement with groups as this gives us the ability to better understand the needs of communities allowing us to act on these needs.

## Videography

Working through 2024 - 2025 the continuation of providing videography support to community groups and partner organisations has proved to be an invaluable tool to help with documenting and monitoring outcomes, supporting funding bids, promotion of events, and the promotion of local visitor points of interest. We expect this to continue to be the case for the above mentioned reasons, and as more funds locally across east Ayrshire become available via the numerous wind farms and community benefit schemes we are expecting communities to look for ways to best demonstrate projects and outcomes, and in many cases there is no better way than this than visually.

A couple of the events we created videos for are:



## Event Support

Through 2024, the CRT was pleased to be able to support a number of communities and events.

The funding support provided for these community event consisted of direct funds and application support. As part of the CRT's Partnership within the CCLP we were able to provide direct funding support, assisting with the cost to run these events.

In 2024, the CRT was proud to have been able to support a number of events including:

- Muirkirk Gala Day
- D in the Park Funday
- Patna Extravanza
- Make Catrine Sparkle
- Dalmellington Flower Show
- Hannahston Woods Nature Day
- Doon Fest
- Woodroad Park Fun Day

The events we were involved with proved to be a success and garnered a positive reaction from community members, the groups within those communities and supporting partner organisations.

## COMMUNITY COMMENT

“We are a CCLP delivery partner and we believe we have a strong relationship with CRT. We have found CRT to be excellent, highly collaborative and capable partners and will prioritise retaining this relationship after the CCLP ends. We very much hope to sustain our relationship with CRT and to continue to work towards shared goals”



## Impact

The communities we have supported are some of the most deprived areas in the coalfields our aim was to connect them together through common themes by investing in deprived communities. This has spurred economic growth and by supporting community groups in their communities CRT is providing skills, knowledge resources and opportunities, that can contribute to local economies and support sustainability.

## Outputs

- 5 young people moved into positive destinations
- 230 families supported with anti-poverty projects
- 40 people supported with addiction recovery
- 180 people attending networking events
- 14 new volunteers
- 1 new jobs created
- 125 people participating in healthy lifestyle activities
- 8 community facilities supported/created
- 9 training events, event workshops, seminars, consultations and surgeries delivered

## Outcomes

- Fewer children in poverty
- Fewer individuals in food poverty
- More economically active families
- Greater long-term sustainability and resilience
- Improved physical health
- Improved relationships within family and between peers
- Improved mental health and emotional well-being



# CRT GAME ON - SCOTLAND



The Coalfields Regeneration Trust has championed the role sport and physical activity can play in supporting positive outcomes for individuals for the last 20 years. CRT Game On is the Trust's award-winning sport for change programme, directly delivering sport and physical activity in some of our most disadvantaged coalfield communities across England, Scotland and Wales.

As a programme each year we help over 3,000 people gain new skills, achieve qualifications, find work and become more active, making lives better through sport and physical activity. We produce over £1 million of social value yearly from an increase in individuals' wellbeing. This equates to over £8 of social value generated for every £1 we invest.

Poor health is one of the most widespread challenges coalfield communities have to face. More than a third of residents aged over 16 report having health problems that last more than 12 months and over 400,000 people are suffering with a long-term condition that limits their ability to get out and enjoy day-to-day activities. The benefits of being physically active have been well publicised; from improved physical health to a decreased chance of depression and anxiety, it can lead to a better and more balanced lifestyle.

However, with more affluent parts of our society nearly twice as likely to be active as those from more disadvantaged communities, we still need to provide greater opportunities and to try to change the attitudes and habits many people in our most deprived areas have towards sport and physical activity.

Indeed 30% of CRT Wards sit within the 20% most deprived in Scotland showcasing the need to break down access and participation.

This is why a key focus for the programme is young people to try to develop sporting habits for life at a young age. This will help to improve health and develop softer skills in young people such as confidence, leadership and communication skills.





## Programmes

### Football 5ives & Community Cup

Free weekly turn up and play diversionary football sessions for 12 to 17 year olds delivered across some of Scotland's most deprived coalfield communities. Providing a positive activity to engage in at times where there is an increased risk of anti-social behaviour and at risk behaviours in young people, typically delivered on Friday nights. In 2024-25 CRT delivered across four Local Authority areas with the aim of developing the programme through 'real' partnership approach in 2025-26.

In addition, CRT Game On has created an inspirational pathway to retain and create community spirit within our sessions with the opportunity for those attending Football 5ives sessions to represent their community at our annual CRT Community Cup. Not only did this bring together participants from across former mining communities but gave the opportunity for finalists to go on and represent 'CRT Game On Scotland' at the 2024 aspirational Home Internationals tournament, which sees young people from Scotland compete against those from similar coalfield communities in England and Wales.

## SUPPORTING COMMENTS

"The experience was absolutely amazing and great memories that will stay with me and the lads for a lifetime! To get the chance to play at both the Indodrill and City Academy is something I ever thought would happen to me"

Participant, Game On Football 5ives | Dalmellington

"Being given the chance to play with your mates and no pressure of club football is why I come along every week. The coaches are good banter as well!"

Participant, Game On Football 5ives | Valleyfield



## Game On Active & Game On Girls Weekly sessions & Holiday Camps

Game On Active introduced boys and girls between seven and twelve years old to football across seven venues. Here our main outcomes were to increase health and well-being, learning new skills and having fun. We want children to build a lifelong love of football, increase their confidence levels and to bring on the next generation of players in the sport and transition to community football.



## SUPPORTING COMMENTS

“Just wanted to send a quick message to thank you and the rest of the coaches for making last week such an enjoyable experience for the kids.

Elsie, Cole and Finn all enjoyed their time, have grown in confidence and gained new skills.

Thank you for the extra care gave to Cole, being included means the world to him with his Autism diagnosis”

Parent, Game On Easter Camp | Tullibody

“My boy has attended a few Football sessions both commercial based and through community football clubs. Without doubt CRT Game On Active sessions are the one that is most organised, fun and developing kids on and off the pitch and it’s free. In his own words. “it’s the highlight of the week”!

“My daughter has also begun attending and as much as Football is not her thing she enjoys going along with her friends and the coaches ensure all levels of ability/experience are supported”

Parent, Game On Active | Ballingry

## Impact (Health & Well-being)

Like music and food, football is a common and international language, providing opportunities for connecting people and creating well-being for all members of the community including those from other countries and religious communities.

CRT Game On Active is one of CRT Game On principle offers. Our free, weekly sessions aim to engage with young people between five and twelve years old. Everyone is welcome, whether you're a seasoned pro or total beginner, we have an activity to help those within CRT wards live a more active life. We help a child to find the sport for them, leading to a lifetime of benefits.



Initially launched primarily to increase health and wellbeing and learn new skills, supported by our dedicated coaches on local pitches/facilities for those 12 - 17 years of age. We delivered across a number of LA's:

- 5 Local Authority Areas
- 21 Game On Active Sessions across 10 CRT Communities
- 268 sessions = 365.5 hours Free coaching

In addition CRT Game On Active provides volunteers and those looking to gain experience working with young people in a sporting context. We do this through mentoring process with experiences and UEFA licenced coaches whilst giving them the opportunity to hone their own skills and coaching personality.



**CRT GAME ON SCOTLAND**

## Outputs

- 8 new volunteers
- 3 training events, workshops, seminars, consultations and surgeries delivered
- 769 football participants (Game on Active/Girls)
- 192 young people taking part in frequent moderate exercise (5ives)
- 2 jobs created in addition to retaining previous 2 coaching positions from 23/24

## Outcomes

- Increased individual physical and mental well-being
- Improved essential life skills
- Increased social integration

## Game On Social Value Insight Data

Activity	Budget	Outcome/Value	Ave. Person Value	No. qualifying (U25)*	Nett Benefit minus deadweight
CRT Football 5ives	£28,435	♥ Frequent moderate exercise	£4,179	212	£611,889
CRT Game On Active	£58,805	♥ Football	£3,101	175	£641,708
Game On Girls	£3,753	♥ Football	£3,101	10	£36,276
CRT Game On+	£1,000	♦ Regular volunteering	£3,249	3	£5,163
	<b>£91,993</b>				<b>£1,295,036</b>

\*Participants qualifying attend min 6/12 sessions as regular attendees

Whilst we can highlight the quantitative figures and impact our real impact comes from the participants themselves and the impacts on people's everyday lives. One such case study is from our CRT Game On Active Session & Camps in Tullibody:



## CASE STUDY

"We originally heard about CRT Game On through word of mouth and our daughter attended a girls-only week long camp and had a fantastic time but having other siblings both cost and transport provided its own challenges. This year, I spotted an advertisement for the CRT Easter Camp on Facebook and had been looking for something local that our twin boys might enjoy.

After enrolling, Sean reached out to discuss our children's needs. Our twins were born prematurely and, even at age seven, C continue to experience some developmental challenges. He has previously worked with Occupational Therapy to support his coordination and continues Speech and Language Therapy sessions to aid his communication. He is currently awaiting assessment through the NHS 0-18 Neurological Pathway and has support in place at school. Due to his additional needs, we're often cautious about pushing C beyond his comfort zone. However, his recent interest in football has felt like a positive opportunity to gently broaden his experiences

CRT Game On has provided the opportunity to develop the boys' physical skills by improving their coordination, balance, endurance, and overall fitness through running, kicking, and teamwork activities. It also promoted gross motor skills for C, aligning with personal goals to enhance body awareness and social participation. Additionally, the outdoor setting offered valuable health benefits, including exposure to fresh air and vitamin d.

C has often found it hard to make friends and tends to shy away from group activities, so we were naturally anxious about introducing him to a new, team-based environment. Taking that first step is always daunting, especially when your child has additional needs. But from the very first session, the coaches and other boys made him feel genuinely welcome. The atmosphere was warm and inclusive, and our worries were quickly eased by the thoughtful support he received. The coaches often adapted games, sometimes with extra balls or small rule changes to keep him engaged and comfortable. That kind of flexibility and thoughtfulness has had a positive impact on his eagerness to participate.



After further chats with Sean, we embarked on Easter Camp. E had a great time learning new skills, F enjoyed the freedom to play without feeling responsible for his brother, and C was supported with shorter, tailored sessions that suited his needs. Each child came away with something of their own, new friendships, confidence, and a renewed love for the game.

Taking part in the program has helped all our children connect with others and boost their confidence in social situations. After signing up for the Easter Camp, we felt it would help C to meet everyone beforehand, so we began attending the weekly sessions. The boys loved the camaraderie, and as parents, we were reassured and encouraged by how inclusive the sessions were, no matter the child's skill level.

CRT Game On has given many children in our community, the chance to take part in a valuable extracurricular experience that might otherwise be out of reach, by making these sessions accessible and affordable (free). As parents of twins, the cost of enrolling both children in activities can quickly add up, so having access to these affordable and inclusive sessions has made a real difference.

CRT continues to offer opportunities for young people in former coal mining areas, interestingly, our own family has roots in the local mining community, so it feels especially meaningful to see such worthwhile, vital programmes being delivered in the area. It's a powerful way of honouring the past while investing in the next generation. CRT Game On doesn't just support physical activity; it helps strengthen our communities and offers hope, belonging, and growth for children who might otherwise be left out."

Parent, Game On Active, Tullibody



CRT in partnership with The Killie Community and Yipworld delivered an eight week employability programme with young candidates aged 16 – 24 years+ providing a unique environment to develop young people’s skills, confidence, and to break free from the limitations of their circumstances. Sitting within SIMD employment, Health & Well-being and Income domain 1-3 we specifically targeted communities in Cumnock and surrounding communities in Auchinleck and Netherthird.

Linking in with several key local partners including Yipworld, Netherthird Community Development Group, SL33 and Auchinleck Community Development Initiative (ACDI), Job Centre and East Ayrshire Active Schools/Education we have ensured widest audience had the opportunity to engage with the programme and ensure those furthest from the job market were targeted.

Many of the young people involved within our CRT Sport Worxs programme experience significant challenges. CRT Game On programmes target participation and inclusion from the most deprived areas, where poverty, social stigma and barriers to positive destinations are all too common. For our CRT Sport Works Programme young people, simply attending the programme is a courageous step toward overcoming the limitations imposed on them by their environment and circumstances. With examples from increased Health & Well-being and referrals to suicide prevention to increased confidence and applying to University we know our employability programme makes a real difference across our communities and highlight ‘Sport for change’ and real impact!

Our primary target is to increase physical health and mental well-being of each candidate who attended our course engaging in sport and physical activities, completing daily tasks. Candidates were able to bring to life ‘life skills’ including; time-keeping, teamwork, resilience, motivation, budgeting, CV writing etc. all using the power of sport to adopt these skills into day to day life and steps into or towards positive destinations.

In addition mock interview, vocational learning and volunteer opportunities were created alongside local partner Active School networks as well as CRT Game On where we are now in active conversations of complementing Yipworld existing youth group services through our diversionary and female targeted sessions.

## Impact

The impact of CRT Sport Works is significant, particularly in transforming the lives of young people facing considerable challenges.

Participants gain confidence through sport, skill development, and positive engagement, empowering them to pursue further education, training, or employment opportunities.

The programmes focus on increasing physical activity and mental health support, leading to better health outcomes.

The young people have developed crucial life skills, including teamwork, resilience, time management, budgeting, and CV writing, that are vital for employment and personal growth.

As this programme has just recently been completed final destinations will be reported at a later date.

## Outputs

- 7 people participating in healthy lifestyles
- 7 people gaining accredited/non accredited training
- 7 people assisted in skills development

## Outcomes

- Increased individual physical and mental well-being
- Improved essential life skills
- Increased social integration





## **Kincardine Hub**

We are working with Fife Council to look at ways to publicise the hub through various Fife Council platforms including Economic Development Newsletter and Social Media. Hot desks have been hired out to staff from Macmillan Cancer Trust.

The training room continues to be utilised for various training courses which are made available to groups and individuals from the surrounding areas.

## **Dalmellington Hub**

North Kyle Wind Farm and Dalmellington Parish Development Trust continue to rent the office space. The space is also made available to community groups in the evenings.

### **Impact**

By having other organisations and businesses operating within our Dalmellington Hub it is raising the profile of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust within the community. The Development Trust are able to create an informal networking space and have a presence in the heart of the community.

## CLES

The Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) was commissioned to evaluate the community wealth-building model of the CRT. CRT's charitable, economic and social impacts were analysed to illustrate the wider impacts of the Trust's work. CLES finds that CRT's model represents an innovative fusion of charitable objectives and commercial operations, creating sustainable economic and social value not only through the charitable activities that it funds but also by addressing a sector historically neglected by larger commercial developers – the development of high quality small to medium light industrial units in former coalfield communities.

“CRT's ability to translate national objectives into locally tailored solutions makes it an invaluable partner in bridging the gap between policy and practice, ensuring regeneration efforts meet the specific needs of coalfield communities. Its various activities directly contribute to job creation, addressing health inequalities, business innovation, skills development and economic growth in former coalfield communities. There are opportunities to develop these further through a community wealth-building lens and expanding the CRT Property Investment Ltd.'s role in local development”.

The economic benefit of the CRT portfolio includes:

- Estimated 3,495 jobs (1,593 direct and 1,902 are indirect and induced jobs)
- GVA generated by the direct, indirect and induced jobs are estimated to be £380million per annum.
- Estimated annual economic benefit of CRT charitable programmes in 2023 was £35.4million, compared to total invested the economic benefits amount to £7.50 per £1 spent.

There is a real need for catalytic capital to enable CRT to deliver this model in former coalfield communities in Scotland, providing high spec industrial units, enterprise and local jobs.

CRT Property have exchanged contracts with Fife Council for the purchase of the site in Cowdenbeath, Fife, on a subject to planning basis, and are working towards submitting a planning application in June for the development of 47,000 sqft of industrial accommodation. The accommodation will be developed in three separate buildings providing a range of units from 3,000sqft to 20,000sqft in size. This size range will enable us to accommodate enquiries from variety of different business who may which to locate on the new development.



# HOW WE MEASURE PROGRESS

## How we measure progress

CRT is part of the following initiatives to support high quality delivery of activities:



CRT is a Mindful Employer and part of a national initiative supporting employers to take a positive approach towards mental health at work.



CRT is a Living Wage Employer, accredited to be paying the real living wage to employees.



CRT is approved as a BSC ISO 9001 organisation with the BSI Kite Mark awarded to organisations delivering high standards in their services.



CRT has the Matrix Mark for delivering high quality advice and guidance.

We are committed to effectively measuring progress, monitoring and evaluating our programmes and services. To that end we report on progress quarterly to the CRT's Scottish Committee, with regular updates on specific programmes to the CRT's UK Board with annual reporting and also quarterly risk assessment updates. Reporting to our service users is at network meetings and through our social media channels.

Six principles guide us. We will;

- Continue to consult with our communities and stakeholders to review our work in relation to the needs of coalfield communities
- Embed a robust evaluation processes in the delivery of our activities to review performance and impact to help inform our future plans through an evidenced based approach
- Provide the necessary resources to measure impact and our effectiveness in coalfield communities
- Continue to develop our customer satisfaction processes to help inform the development of our activities
- Continue to develop effective communication channels with our communities to inform them of our plans, activities and achievements
- Maintain our ISO9001 quality mark ensuring effective systems are in place

CRT uses our Sage CRM software which helps businesses improve customer relationships by organizing and automating communications and activities across all customer-facing departments.

<http://www.sage.com/za/products/crm-customer-relationship-management/sage-crm>

We also use a number of tools depending on the purpose of monitoring and evaluation.

- STAR – Situation Task Action Result Tool
- Social Value Impact - Measuring the value of social interventions in financial terms.
- Social Investment Readiness Tool – Produced by Social Investment Scotland to evaluate entrepreneurial readiness.

Finally, we track how our programme and project outcomes follow through to CRT high level outcomes and Scottish Government National Performance Framework outcomes. (Annex D)

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## Spend

	Total
(Head of Ops; 2 x Programme Manager; 1 x Learning Manager; 3 x Development Officers; 1 x Admin	296,592
Core costs (HR, Finance, training, governance, etc.)	45,000
Office costs (phones, rent, stationery, travel etc.)	80,000
Coalfields Worx	50,000
Strategic Interventions	110,000
CRT Place	10,584
Training and Learning	14,000
Sport Works	12,000
Doon Valley programme/CCLP match	26,824
Network	5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>650,000</b>

## Additional funding/ Income

	Total
Game On Scotland - CRT Central Funds	93,605
Programme Support Officer - CRT Central Funds	14,000
CYPFEIF & ALEC	26,250
Dalmellington Hub/Kincardine Hub	14,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>147,855</b>

# APPENDIX 1

<b>Scotland 2024/25</b>	<b>Scotland</b>		
<b>Output</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Achieved</b>	<b>Target Met</b>
Number of Community Action / Local Place Plans Developed	3	3	Met
Number jobs created	6	6	Met
Number assisted into work	12	14	Exceeded
Number assisted in skills development	50	196	Exceeded
Number qualifications achieved Accredited/SQA 1 and above	20	192	Exceeded
Number of people participating in healthy lifestyles	50	408	Exceeded
Number of new volunteers	40	178	Exceeded
Number training events, event, workshops, seminars, consultations and surgeries delivered	20	64	Exceeded
External Grant Funding Secured for community groups	£110,000.00	£202,740.50	Exceeded
Football		517	
Frequent Mild Exercise		8	
Frequent moderate exercise		193	
Number of Improved Services		11	
Number of community facilities supported/created	50	53	Exceeded

# APPENDIX 2

Organisation	Project	Local Authority	Support given
Clackmannan Brass Band	Salary costs	Clackmannan	Advised on funding sources
Arts Included CIC	Equipment and consumables	Clackmannan	Advised on funding sources
Tillicoultry Golf Club	Roof repair and groundskeeper salary	Clackmannan	Advised on funding sources
Clackmannan Development Trust	Community Asset Transfer of town hall	Clackmannan	Advised on CAT procedure, liaised with DTAS Community Ownership Support Service, provided support in business plan development
Resonate Arts House	CFO salary and general maintenance costs	Clackmannan	Advised on funding sources
Kirkconnel Parish Heritage Society	Premises acquisition	Dumfries and Galloway	Advised on funding sources
Warwick Court Social Club	Broadband costs	East Ayrshire	Advised on funding sources
MaidSafe	Benches and a mining memorial	East Ayrshire	Advised on funding sources
The Haven	Therapy animals for children and adults with special needs	East Ayrshire	Advice on governance and fund raising; adoption of constitution and formation of management committee; establishing land ownership; liaison with EACVO.
Ayrshire Railway Preservation Group Doon Valley Railway	Building renovation and equipment costs	East Ayrshire	Advised on funding sources
Mauchline Holy Fair	Publishing costs for their newsletter	East Ayrshire	Advised on funding sources

Kaizen Youth Empowerment	Youth leadership	East Ayrshire	Advised on funding sources
Feet First	Podiatry service to the elderly or otherwise infirm	East Ayrshire	Advised on funding sources
Ochiltree Community Hub	Mining memorial	East Ayrshire	Advised on funding sources
Cumnock Heritage Centre	Equipment costs	East Ayrshire	Advised on funding sources
Patna Action Group	Expenses incurred in a community asset transfer application.	East Ayrshire	Advised on funding sources
The Destiny Project	General running costs	East Lothian	Advised on funding sources
Cockenzie House and Gardens	Replacement equipment costs	East Lothian	Advised on funding sources
Waterside Community Hub	Community Centre build	East Dunbartonshire	Continued long term funding advice and support
Bo'ness Youth Theatre	Actor and writer salaries	Falkirk	Advised on funding sources
Whitecross Junction	New furniture and gala day	Falkirk	Advised on funding sources
Forth Valley College	Gardening course for students with special needs	Falkirk	Advised on funding sources
Under the Trees	Teaching equipment and ppe	Falkirk	Advised on funding sources
Newtown Park Association	Construction of community hub	Falkirk	Advised on funding sources
St Helen's Church, Bonnybridge	Building renovation and installation of new AV system	Falkirk	Advised on funding sources
The Hope Hub	Delivery vehicle	Falkirk	Advised on funding sources

Burntisland Primary Parent Association	Replace playground equipment	Fife	Advised on funding sources
The Ecology Centre	Family activity programme	Fife	Advised on funding sources
Kelty Community Arts	Equipment costs	Fife	Advised on funding sources
Rosyth Sea Cadets	Replacement minibus	Fife	Advised on funding sources
Fife Heritage Railway	Repurpose donated Portakabins	Fife	Advised on funding sources
The Karate Initiative	New premises	Fife	Advised on funding sources
Lathalmond Railway Museum	Loco transport and restoration	Fife	Advised on funding sources
Kincardine Community Association	Equipment costs	Fife	Advised on funding sources
Valleyfield Community Centre	Community Asset Transfer – memorial garden	Fife	Advised on CAT process, assistance with application, liaison with DTAS Community Ownership Support Service
Edinburgh Community Yoga	Continuation of a Leven based project	Fife	Advised on funding sources
Torryburn and District Local History Group	AV equipment	Fife	Advised on funding sources
Buckhaven Bowling Club	Grounds keeping equipment	Fife	Advised on funding sources
Denend Primary and Nursery Parent Council	General equipment costs	Fife	Advised on funding sources
Kirkcaldy Industrial Museum	Equip premises in Kirkcaldy	Fife	Advised on funding sources
Families in Trauma and Recovery	Publicise and screen a film on the miners' strike	Fife	Advised on funding sources

Scottish Museum of Witchcraft	Growth of collection	Fife	Advised on funding sources
Workers' Educational Association	Stained glass window workshop commemorating the miner's strike	Fife	Advised on funding sources
West Fife Retired Miners	Mining memorial in Oakley	Fife	Advised on funding sources
Believe to Achieve	Motivational exhibition of former academy pupils	Fife	Advised on funding sources
46th Fife Scout Group	New bike trailer	Fife	Advised on funding sources
Levenmouth Toy Exchange	Equip shop premises and expand stock	Fife	Advised on funding sources
Gilvenbank Community Sports Hub	Sports equipment	Fife	Advised on funding sources
The Stephen Lyon Organisation	Staff salaries and moving costs	Fife	Advised on funding sources
National Mining Museum Scotland	Buildings renovation and carbon reduction	Midlothian	Advised on funding sources
Drum Riding School for the Disabled	Establishment of a bursary	Midlothian	Advised on funding sources
St David's Brass Band	Band hall improvements	Midlothian	Advised on funding sources
One Parent Families Scotland	Staff and equipment costs	Midlothian	Advised on funding sources
Orbiston Bowling Club	Refurbish kitchen and toilet facilities	North Lanarkshire	Advised on funding sources
Crossfire Gaming Club	Equipment	North Lanarkshire	Advised on funding sources
Auchinloch Community Park Project	Reseed football pitch and upgrade outdoor equipment	North Lanarkshire	Advised on funding sources
Kilsyth Monday Club	Day trips and equipment	North Lanarkshire	Advised on funding sources

Croy Silver Band	Travel and accommodation for competition	North Lanarkshire	Advised on funding sources
Annbank United	Replacement equipment and buildings renovation	South Ayrshire	Advised on funding sources
Breeze Radio	Equipment	South Lanarkshire	Advised on funding sources
Blantyre Soccer Academy	Equipment and salaries	South Lanarkshire	Advised on funding sources
Rutherglen Universal Connections	Sessional staff costs	South Lanarkshire	Advised on funding sources
Bothwell Futures	Staff costs	South Lanarkshire	Advised on funding sources
Archaeology Scotland	10 week training programme	Stirling	Advised on funding sources
Stirling City MXP Boxing	Equipment	Stirling	Advised on funding sources
Playworks	Foodbank	West Lothian	Advised on funding sources
Lodestars CIC	Premises rental	West Lothian	Advised on funding sources
Loganlea Miners' Welfare	Furniture replacement	West Lothian	Advised on funding sources
Broxburn United Sports Club	STEM training programme	West Lothian	Advised on funding sources
Fauldhouse and Breich Valley CDT	Youth leader salary	West Lothian	Advised on funding sources
West Lothian Food Train	Equipment and consumables	West Lothian	Advised on funding sources

# APPENDIX D - SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT / CRT OUTCOMES

NATIONAL OUTCOMES (Scottish Government)	CRT HIGH LEVEL OUTCOMES	CRT LOW LEVEL OUTCOMES	SCOTLAND PROJECT / PROGRAMME OUTCOMES	SCOTLAND PROGRAMME
<p>We are better educated, more skilled and more successful, renowned for our <a href="#">research and innovation</a></p> <p>We have strong, resilient and supportive <a href="#">communities</a> where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others</p> <p>We have tackled the significant <a href="#">inequalities</a> in Scottish society</p>	<p>The aspirations, organisational infrastructure, capacity to innovate, and resilience within coalfield communities will be significantly raised</p>	<p>The level of enterprise will increase</p> <p>There will be stronger / more community and voluntary organisations delivering services and facilities in coalfield communities</p> <p>The number of individuals with no educational qualifications / vocational skills will decrease</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community opportunities for families Engagement strengthened</li> <li>Stronger partnerships and collaborations</li> <li>Increased skills and knowledge</li> <li>Increased employment opportunities</li> <li>Enhance self-confidence</li> <li>Increased community engagement</li> <li>Participants were more job ready</li> <li>Participants have enhanced their financial wellbeing</li> <li>More training and learning opportunities provided</li> <li>Reduction in child poverty</li> <li>Increased health and well-being</li> <li>Reduction of anti-social behaviour</li> <li>Supporting to become economically active.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CRT Place</li> <li>CRT Engage</li> <li>CRT Hubs</li> <li>CRT Game On</li> <li>Coalfields Community Landscape Partnership</li> <li>CRT Support</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved literacy skills</li> <li>Enhanced cognitive development</li> <li>Greater imagination and creativity</li> <li>Improved language skills</li> </ul>	
<p>We realise our full economic potential with more and better <a href="#">employment opportunities</a> for our people</p> <p>We live in well-designed, <a href="#">sustainable places</a> where we are able to access the amenities and services we need</p> <p>We value and enjoy our built and natural <a href="#">environment</a> and protect it and enhance it for future generations</p>	<p>New resources, support, and assets will be attracted to coalfield areas in order to sustain and build on existing community led regeneration activities</p>	<p>More assets will be owned or managed by local communities or in partnership with others</p> <p>The level of investment in coalfield communities will increase</p> <p>More individuals will be involved in community led regeneration activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Engagement strengthened</li> <li>More sustainable developments</li> <li>Improved local services</li> <li>Increased investment and funding opportunities</li> <li>Stronger partnerships and collaborations</li> <li>Enhanced local biodiversity</li> <li>Participants were more job ready</li> <li>Participants have enhanced their financial wellbeing</li> <li>More training and learning opportunities provided</li> <li>Greater skills and knowledge</li> <li>Increase in social economy</li> <li>Increase in services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CRT Place</li> <li>CRT Engage</li> <li>CRT Hubs</li> <li>Coalfields Community Landscape Partnership</li> <li>CRT Support</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting opportunities for families to become economically active.</li> <li>Improved literacy skills</li> <li>Enhanced cognitive development</li> </ul>	
<p>We live our lives safe from <a href="#">crime</a>, disorder and danger</p> <p>We live in well-designed, <a href="#">sustainable places</a> where we are able to access the amenities and services we need</p> <p>We live longer, <a href="#">healthier lives</a></p> <p>Our people are able to maintain their <a href="#">independence as they get older</a> and are able to access appropriate support when they need it</p> <p>We have improved the life chances for <a href="#">children, young people and families</a> at risk</p> <p>Our <a href="#">public services</a> are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs</p>	<p>The services and programmes of public agencies/intermediaries will be more responsive to the needs of targeted coalfield communities</p>	<p>The infrastructure for joint working between communities and public agencies/intermediaries will be strengthened</p> <p>More services and facilities will be run in partnership or by community organisations through asset transfer</p> <p>There will be a higher level of satisfaction expressed about the services and programmes of public agencies and intermediaries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More sustainable developments</li> <li>Improved local services</li> <li>Stronger partnerships and collaborations</li> <li>Increased health and well-being</li> <li>Increase in social economy</li> <li>Increase in services</li> <li>Increasing capacity for development opportunities</li> <li>More networking opportunities</li> <li>Greater experience sharing among participants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CRT Place</li> <li>CRT Engage</li> <li>CRT Hubs</li> <li>CRT Game On</li> <li>Coalfields Community Landscape Partnership</li> </ul>

