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PEOPLE
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the coalfields regeneration trust

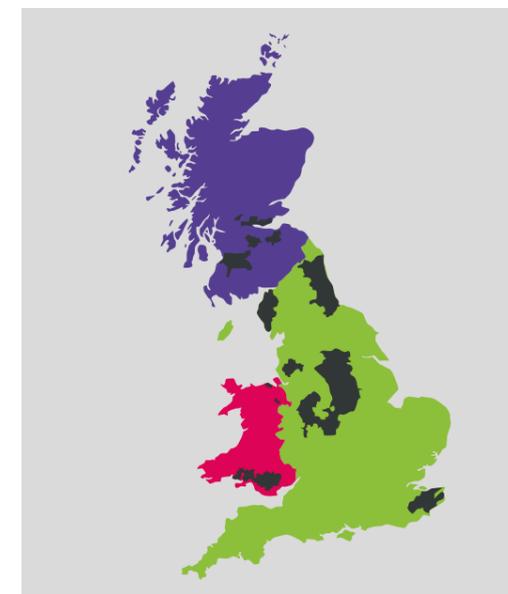


CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF PROGRESS

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT) is this year marking two decades of helping mining communities recover from the devastating and long-lasting effects of pit closures, and as a trustee since the charity's formation I'm proud of our achievements.



Nicky Wilson
CRT Trustee



The Trust was formed in 1999 following a report into the problems affecting the coalfield areas in England, and Wales, and how to find a solution, which was commissioned by the Westminster Government. The former Scottish Office agreed that the issues highlighted in the report were equally relevant in Scotland and that the Trust should also operate north of the border. Every Scottish Government since then has continued to support and fund our much needed work.

Helped with funding from the Scottish Government we have invested more than £20 million in local initiatives to improve health and employment prospects for residents of coalfield areas. We focus on community-based projects and job creation schemes in Scotland's hardest hit areas.

During 2019, under the 'Pits, People, Progress' banner we will be reflecting on progress made in regeneration in Scotland where we have supported more than 1,000 community groups. But it would be wrong to call this a celebration of achievements, as such, as much work remains to be done to support the ongoing rejuvenation of forming mining villages and towns across the country. So this will also be a year of reflection and planning for future initiatives.

This book of photography is designed to showcase the great work that is taking place across the country. It charts the progress from the dark days of the closure of the mines to the gradual rejuvenation of communities.

As well this book of photography we have created a 'Pits, People, Progress' mining banner, we are producing a commemorative ceramic plate and holding anniversary activities across Scotland and an event at The Scottish Parliament.

I'm personally pleased what we have managed to do at the CRT having been involved in mining early in my working life, since starting as an apprentice electrician at Cardowan Colliery in 1967. I have also held various positions in the National Union of Mineworkers since 1972 and it was through my Union role I first got involved in Community Projects.

I hope you enjoy reflecting on CRT's progress as much as we have, and gain a snapshot into the lives of the communities we've supported but it is important to remember that it is the many volunteers and the Communities themselves that make our work successful and long may it continue.



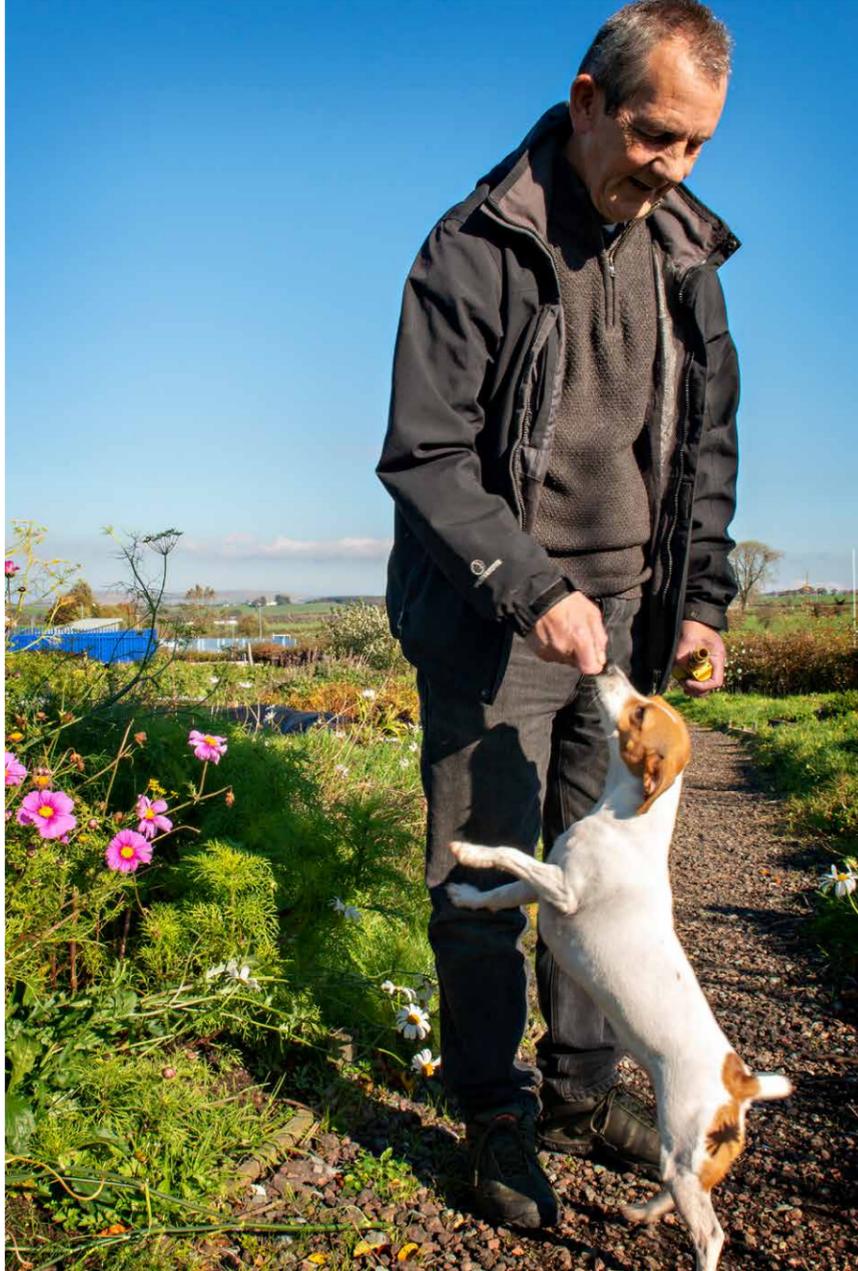
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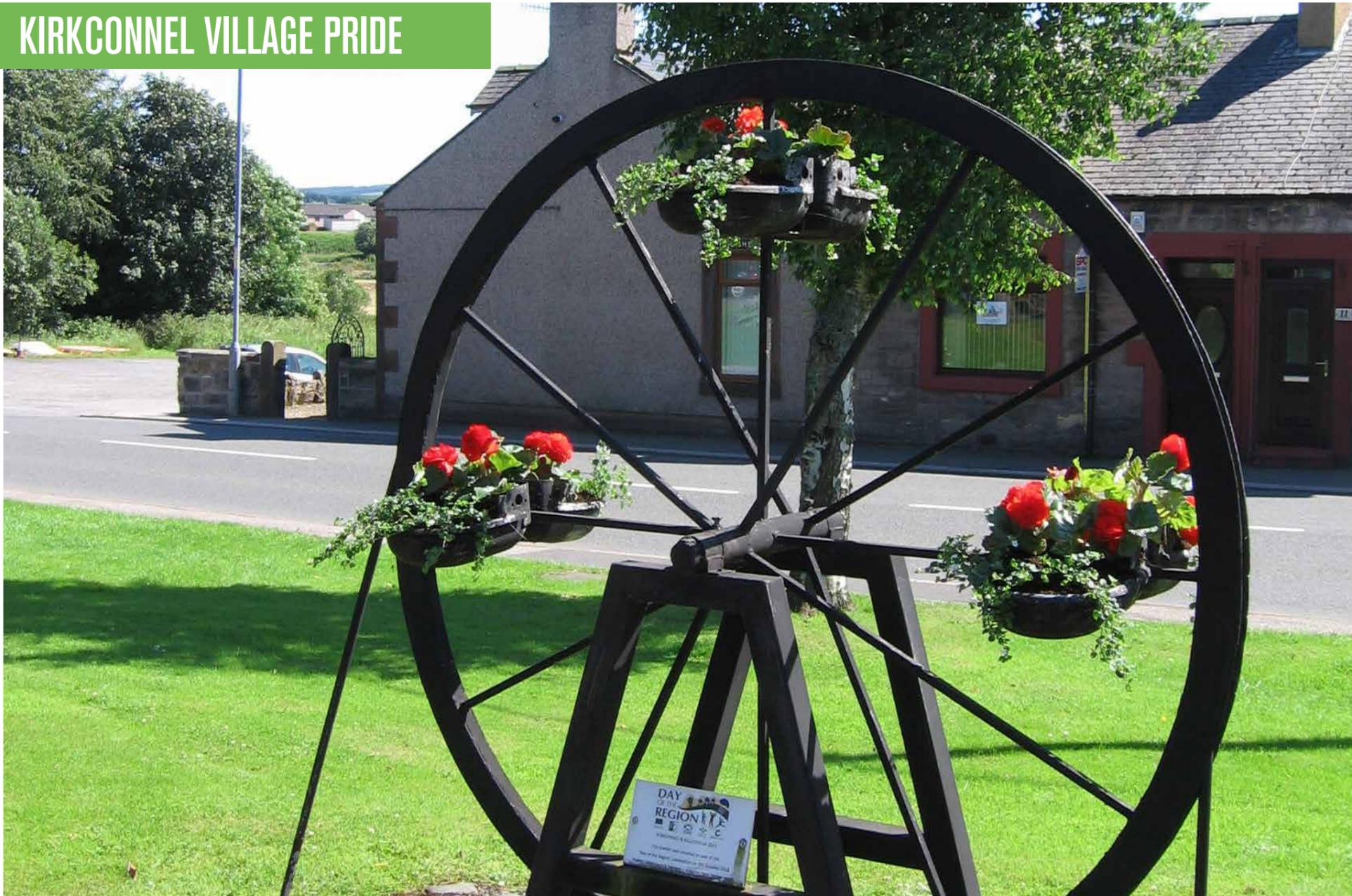
Supporting conservational projects not only benefits the environment, but also contributes towards positive wellbeing and upskilling regardless of age or background.

NETHERTHIRD COMMUNITY GARDEN





KIRKCONNEL VILLAGE PRIDE



METHILHILL COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE



HERITAGE

Every community has a rich history and a story to tell. The beauty is watching these come to life through art, music and social groups.

AUCHINGEICH MINERS MEMORIAL



NEWTONGRANGE SILVER BAND



BACKSHIFT SCULPTURE, SHOTTS



MAGMERRY MINERS WELFARE SOCIETY & SOCIAL CLUB



COMMUNITY

Communities are at the core of ongoing rejuvenation and refurbishment of former mining areas, offering a lifeline to thousands of locals in multiple forms.

DEVELOPMENT TRUSTS



COALFIELD COMMUNITY TRANSPORT





PEOPLE

People are the driving force behind every project, with opportunities to learn, teach and share experiences together.



LOCHGELLY MINERS WELFARE



WEST FIFE ENTERPRISE



BRAG



FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



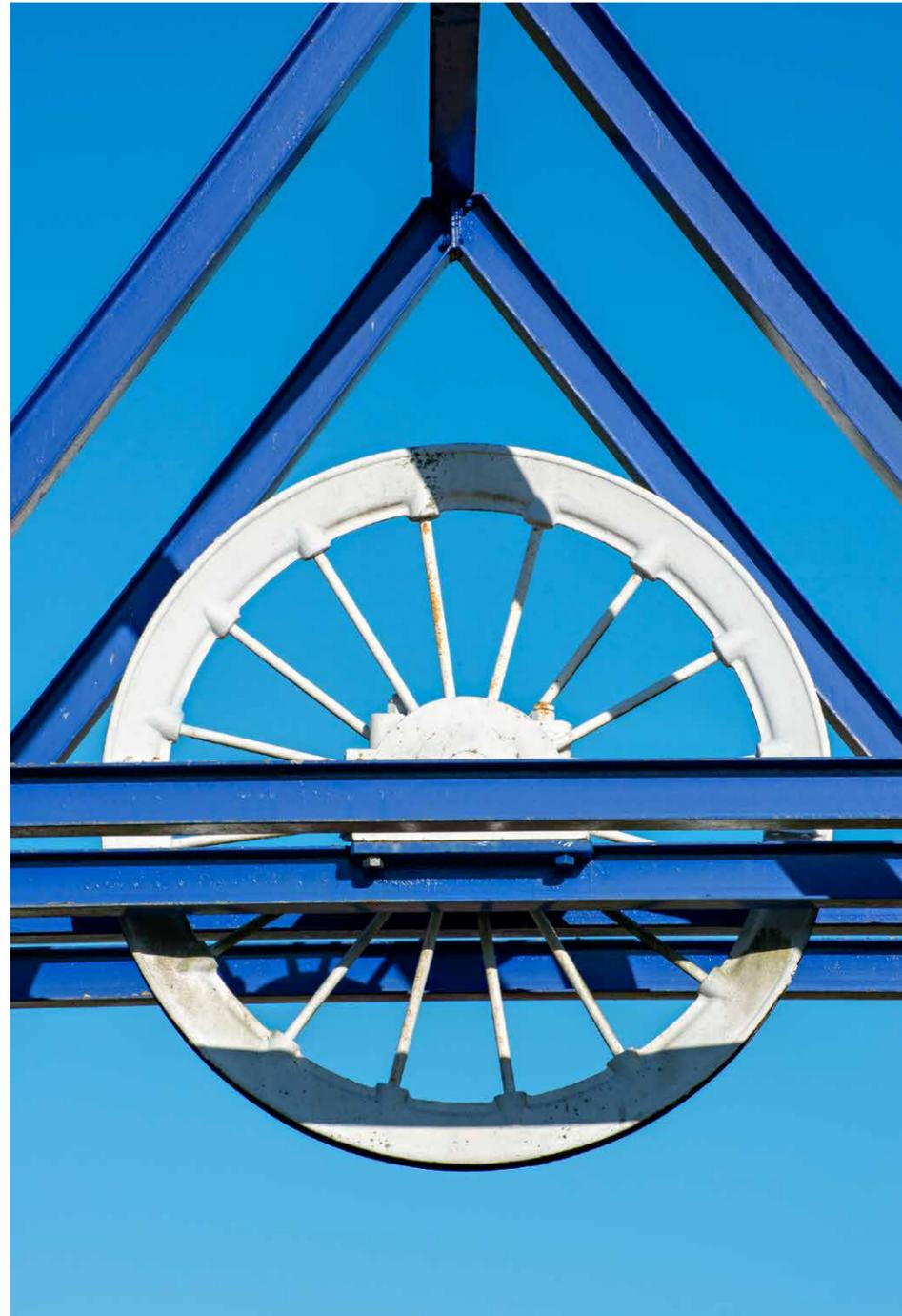
YOUTH BANKS



GOALFIELDS

By reaching out to former mining communities across the country, CRT has revitalised local economies to give them confidence to champion incredible achievements.

POLMAISE-MURRAY MINING MUSEUM



CARLOW LODGE



CRT HUB





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