

**Beautiful Scotland and It's Your Neighbourhood Annual Seminar
and
It's Your Neighbourhood Awards**

Albert Halls, Stirling
Wednesday 28 October 2015

10:00 - 10:30	Registration & coffee (served in the Main Hall)
10:30 - 10:40	Welcome and introduction Mary McLuskey, Operations Manager, Keep Scotland Beautiful
10:40 – 11:00	Charlie's Plot & Methilhill Community Children's Initiative – engaging with young people Shirley Faichney, Emily Alexander, Melissa Beveridge and Aimee Faichney
11:00 – 11:20	Leith Crops in Pots – how to galvanise a community starting from scratch Evie Murray, Founder and CEO, Crops in Pots
11:20 – 11:30	<i>Comfort break</i>
11:30 – 11:45	The East Tullos Burn Improvement Project Ian Talboys, Countryside Ranger, Aberdeen City Council
11:45 – 12:00	Practical biodiversity Dr Stan da Prato, Beautiful Scotland Judge
12:00 - 12:30	Grow & Learn Margaret Teale, Vice President/Grow and Learn Project Coordinator, Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society; and Jordan & Amanda, Green Routes, Gartmore
12:30 - 12:40	Question & answer session
12:40 – 13:40***	<i>Lunch in Main Hall; exhibitor viewing upstairs in Lesser Hall</i>
13:40 – 14:00	<i>Coffee back in Main Hall, or extra time with exhibitors</i>
14:00 – 14.20	How to achieve financial sustainability...without grants! Karen Davidson, Scotland Advisor, Growing Together
14:20 – 14:30	2016 and the 50th anniversary celebrations Mary McLuskey, Operations Manager, Keep Scotland Beautiful
14:30 – 16:00	It's Your Neighbourhood Awards Presentations Mary McLuskey, Operations Manager, & Ann Loughrey, Trustee and Executive Officer, ScottishPower Foundation
16:00	Close

*****Lunch will be served in two sittings: 12:40 – 13:10: the front half of the hall will be served lunch while the back half visit the exhibition stands; 13:10 – 13:40 – the back half of the hall will be served lunch while the front half visit the exhibition stands**

EXHIBITORS (viewing between 12:40 & 14:00)

Bumblebee Conservation Trust

The Bumblebee Conservation Trust was established because of serious concerns about the 'plight of the bumblebee'. In the last 80 years our bumblebee populations have crashed. Two species have become nationally extinct and several others have declined dramatically. BBCT are working to support the conservation of all bumblebees, rare or abundant and raise awareness and increase understanding about bumblebees.



Butterfly Conservation Scotland

Butterfly Conservation is a charity working hard to save butterflies, moths and our environment. See www.butterfly-conservation.org/scotland



Federation of City Farms & Community Gardens

FCFCG exists to support, promote and network community gardening projects Scotland wide. We organise regional networking events, operate an enquiry service, produce a popular and informative bulletin and have a range of resources online at www.farmgarden.org.uk/scotland. If you would like to know more about how we can support you, have a specific query you need advice with or would just like to say hello' and tell us what you are up to please come and find us in the Lesser Hall over lunchtime.



Forth Environment Link

FEL's Forth Valley Orchards' team is researching various models of how community groups, schools and businesses can share tools & equipment at a local or regional level – variously known as tool pools, tool banks, Tools' Co-op; Tool Lending Library. FEL will support the groups to establish a sharing scheme to become self-sustaining into the future. We would be very keen to hear from anyone about their experiences of being a part of, or setting up a tool & equipment sharing scheme - how it was set up, how it has worked (or not!). Please get in touch with Diane Alderdice, FEL's Forth Valley Orchards' Initiative Co-ordinator at diane@forthenvironmentlink.org or 01786 449215.



Garden for Life Forum

Garden for Life is a partnership of organisations working in Scotland. Its key aims are: to increase enjoyment and understanding of biodiversity; to support action by gardeners for the benefit of Scotland's biodiversity; and to promote the benefits of gardening for health and well-being. www.gardenforlife.org.uk



Grow and Learn – Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society

The Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society (The Caley) is Scotland's national horticultural and gardening Society. We are a registered Scottish charity that seeks to inspire, encourage and improve the science, art and practice of horticulture. We also seek to provide a national voice for horticulture in Scotland. From its beginning in 1809 The Caley has endeavoured to ensure that skills are not lost. We recognise expertise in horticulture through the presentation of prestigious awards and promote activities that advance education, such as Grow and Learn a unique award scheme for people with a complex learning needs.



Growing Together

Growing Together is a new partnership initiative of community and environmental sector organisations that will unlock income, land and skills for community growing groups to them become financially self-sustaining.



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Inner Forth Landscape Initiative

The Inner Forth Landscape Initiative (IFLI) is a four year project, supported by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund. Our vision is of an Inner Forth where local people and visitors alike value, protect and celebrate this unique landscape at the heart of Scotland. The eight organisations that together make up the partnership are working with local partners, community groups and volunteers to deliver fifty inspiring and intrinsically –linked projects between 2014 and 2018.



IFLI projects focus on: conserving and restoring features of the natural environment and built heritage; researching and recording local wildlife and histories linked to mining and trade; increasing community access to the landscape in a range of ways and; providing a diverse range of training opportunities for all. Together, these projects, activities and events aim to bring lasting positive change for the Inner Forth landscape and people who live and work here.

Find out more about the partnership, projects and how you can take part at www.innerforthlandscape.co.uk

Keep Scotland Beautiful

Keep Scotland Beautiful is the independent charity which campaigns, acts and educates on a range of local, national and global environmental issues which affect people's quality of life. It is committed to making Scotland clean and green, today and tomorrow.



MyParkScotland

MyParkScotland is a new way for people to discover, enjoy and support parks. It's a web info portal with details about all parks in an area (searchable by location and facility) and listings for park events and activities. As Scotland's only crowdfunding platform specifically for parks and greenspaces, it also provides a new way to resource park projects and activities through donations from individuals and businesses. Visit www.mypark.scot



Plantlife Scotland

Plantlife is the charity that speaks up for Scotland's wild flowers, plants and fungi. From the open spaces of our nature reserves to the corridors of Holyrood, we're here to raise their profile, to celebrate their beauty, and to protect their future. www.plantlife.org.uk



Plants with Purpose & Appletree Man

A family business rooted in Perthshire which propagates and sells hardy, heritage and Scottish fruit trees, grows and sells unusual herbs and purposeful plants, and runs horticultural, community events. <http://plantsandapples.co.uk/>

Resourcing Scotland's Heritage

Resourcing Scotland's Heritage aims are to realise the potential of your heritage organisation (including nature); support staff, volunteers & trustees to develop new skills; and to establish networks for sharing and discussion in your area and across Scotland.



RSPB

The RSPB is the country's largest nature conservation charity, inspiring everyone to give nature a home.



We have currently over one million members and nearly 20,000 volunteers supporting the conservation and research work we do. The RSPB has over 200 nature reserves in the UK. Our vision is a world rich in wildlife.

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Scottish Allotments & Gardens Society

The Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society www.sags.org.uk is a membership organisation working for all ploholders in Scotland. SAGS campaigns for more allotments, protects allotments, preserves skills in gardening and promotes the benefits of allotments. Our recent publications include a Scottish Allotments Site Design Guide and A Scottish Ploholders' Guide. SAGS is currently working hard to ensure that the Scottish Parliament's Community Empowerment Bill delivers changes which will benefit allotments.



Scottish Gardeners Forum

The Scottish Gardeners' Forum exists to provide the communication link between Scotland's many horticulturally-oriented organisations, around a hundred of which are members. We encourage the exchange of ideas and information and promote excellence in all aspects of gardening and horticulture.

Trellis – the organisation for therapeutic gardening.

Gardening helps us care for our physical, social and emotional wellbeing. Trellis is the framework that helps Scotland's therapeutic gardens to flourish. From public parks to prisons, walled gardens to care homes and allotments to zoos, we support over 240 gardening projects. We can call on the knowledge and experience of our network of more than 500 people. Our Services: we advise people on how to set up and run therapeutic gardens; we run courses on everything from health to horticulture; we bring people together to be inspired, share ideas and good practice; we spread the word about the good that therapeutic gardening can do.



Woodland Trust

As the UK's largest woodland conservation charity, we are the leading voice for woods and trees. We campaign to protect precious ancient woods, restore the ones that are damaged and fight for those under threat. We create new native woodland around the UK with the help of communities, schools, organisations and individuals. We inspire people up and down the country to visit woods, plant trees, treasure wildlife, and enjoy the overwhelming benefits that woods and trees offer to our landscape and lives.



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