

## Climate and Nature Friendly Communities Network Seminar 2025 Wednesday 3 December

Community engagement showcase and celebration - how community gardening helps pull communities together and supports the health and wellbeing of people and nature

Find out about our Climate and Nature Friendly Communities Network at  
[www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/our-communities-network/](http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/our-communities-network/)

Watch the full seminar on youtube:

<https://youtu.be/EQFUHhuLCjw>

### Individual video timeslots

**Welcome & Network/Keep Scotland Beautiful updates**, Barry Fisher, CEO, Keep Scotland Beautiful **0mins – 5mins46sec**

**2025 highlights**, Juliette Camburn, Senior Officer – Communities, Keep Scotland Beautiful **6mins10sec – 12mins37sec**

Find out about the support, resources and national recognition provided through our Climate and Nature Friendly Communities Network, and the achievements of our incredible groups and volunteers.

---

**Case studies** **12mins37sec – 1hr55mins30sec**

Be inspired by a diverse range of our [Climate and Nature Friendly Communities Network](#) groups:

**Using nature and biodiversity to engage the whole community**, Louise Begbie, Blooming Haddington, East Lothian **12mins58sec – 19mins7sec**

Winner of this year's Beautiful Scotland Medium Town category, using the 2025 theme for our Climate and Nature Friendly Communities Network, find out how the group's wheelbarrow and yarn bombing competitions helped raise awareness, educated and inspired wider members of the community including shops, businesses, churches, schools and nurseries...and was recognised with our David Welch Memorial Award for Something Special.

**Home is where the grass grows long**, Mary Graham and Imogen Scott, Riverside Naturally, Stirling **19min10sec – 26min16sec**

Natural spaces bring important health, social, environmental and economic benefits to communities – as well as a lot of fun, enjoyment and friendship. In other words, making Riverside, in Stirling, a better place for nature also makes it a better place for people.

**A city fit for pollinators**, Steven Shaw, Environmental Manager, Aberdeen City Council/Aberdeen Communities Together **26min18sec – 37min10sec**

Winner of the 2025 RHS Britain in Bloom UK finals City and Small City category, find out about the variety of projects and partnerships going on across the city to make space for pollinators.

**Biodiversity in the kirkyard**, Katherine Williams and Ian Talboys, St Machar Community Biodiversity Project, Aberdeen **37mins20sec – 47mins40sec**

This community project aims to increase the biodiversity in the kirkyard whilst balancing the differing needs of wildlife, families tending graves, and visitors to the Cathedral. It encourages community engagement

with nature and the built heritage of Old Aberdeen, providing opportunities for family history exploration and learning opportunities for all ages.

**An award-winning community park for wildlife**, Ian Talboys, Ury Riverside Park SCIO, Aberdeenshire  
**47mins40sec – 57mins39sec**

Winner of this year's Climate and Nature Friendly Communities Network 'Gardening for Wildlife Award', Ury Riverside Park is a 61ha community park for people and wildlife to enjoy together. The Park is being developed by the community for the community from a former barley field to create somewhere special for wildlife and people. A great place to walk, jog, volunteer to help create habitats or watch wildlife.

**The success of partnerships and volunteering**, Linda Anglin, Parks and Open Space Development Manager, City of Edinburgh Council/Edinburgh Inspiring Capital **57min40sec – 1hr10min43sec**

We were delighted when Edinburgh came back to our Beautiful Scotland competition in 2025 after over a 10 year break. They went on to win best City; our Garden for Life Biodiversity Award; the New Entrant Award; and the Wright Sustainability Award! Find out how this new and successful partnership between the council, The Caley and RBGE, as well as 1,000s of volunteer hours, is making Edinburgh a better place for people and for nature.

**People are at the heart of community**, Amanda Jackson, Carluke, South Lanarkshire  
**1hr10min43sec – 1hr24min40sec**

Find out about the challenges faced and still facing Carluke; no matter what the title of the organisation, it is the people who keep the heart of a community beating.

**Greener Peebles Community Garden**, Nichole Dow, Greener Peebles, Scottish Borders  
**1hr24min40sec – 1hr30min58sec**

Greener Peebles run a thriving intergenerational community garden. Running 5-7 sessions per week in the garden, they offer volunteering opportunities for all ages and abilities, on food growing, horticulture, crafting and biodiversity.

**Delivering the Burns story in a sustainable way**, Chris Waddell, Robert Burns Birthplace Museum Sustainability Group, South Ayrshire **1hr30min58sec – 1hr43min31sec**

Made up of staff and volunteers from the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, the group's vision is to deliver the Burns story in a sustainable way: enhance the broader site for the benefit of biodiversity; use Burns' love of the natural world as an inspiration; and inform visitors and communities of their 'green' vision.

**Turning council cutbacks into a positive**, Tom Campbell, Brighter Bervie and members of Grow Means, Aberdeenshire **1hr43min33sec – 1hr55min30sec**

How a newly formed network in Aberdeenshire, and collaborative volunteer effort, set about the task of developing a scheme to replace the loss of their annual plant allocations from the council. You'll get to hear from some of the participants, from a project catering for adults with special needs.

---

**Support, resources and opportunities** **1hr55min30sec – 2hr6min47sec**

**Nature and biodiversity** - Scottish Wildlife Trust

**Supporting Scottish communities to tackle litter and waste** – Keep Scotland Beautiful

---

**Showcase images** **2hr7min52sec – 2hr12min11sec**

---

**Celebrations - a moment to celebrate our volunteers and groups' achievements**, Tom Brock OBE, Chair of Charity Trustees, Keep Scotland Beautiful **2hr12min25sec – 2hr32min18sec**

Join us in raising a glass or a cuppa to celebrate and thank all of our wonderful Climate and Nature Friendly Communities Network groups, volunteer judges and assessors, supporters and partners. Includes:

- Keep Scotland Beautiful volunteer reflections, Alma Toth **2hr16min22sec – 2hr19min14sec**
- 2025 award and certificate announcements, including our
- NatureScot Pollinator Friendly award winners, [Jim Jeffrey](#), [Pollinator and Biodiversity Strategy Manager](#), [NatureScot](#) **2hr24min20sec – 2hr32min18sec**

---

**Closing remarks and plans for 2026 2hr32min18sec – 2hr36min**

---