

Beautiful Scotland and It's Your Neighbourhood annual seminar

10:00 - 10:30 Registration, tea & coffee

Exhibition: 'birds, bees and trees'

Cast your vote for your favourite (winner to be announced at end of day)

10:30 – 11:50 **Birds, bees and trees**

10:30 - 10:35 Welcome & introduction – Colin Bayes, Charity Trustee, Keep Scotland Beautiful

10:35 - 11:15 National down to the local level

During this session, you'll hear from Scottish Natural Heritage on biodiversity plans at the national level and practical measures you can take; get an update from the Garden for Life Forum; find out about the support and resources Keep Scotland Beautiful has to offer; hear from the 2017 Beautiful Scotland winner of the 'Garden for Life Biodiversity' Award; and have your chance to join in the panel discussion.

11:15 – 11:35 'Birds, bees and trees' celebrations

See and hear from a number of Beautiful Scotland and It's Your Neighbourhood groups – how they created their 'birds, bees and trees' show pieces/how they celebrated, and how these activities helped bring their communities together.

11:35 – 11:50 Comfort break

11:50 – 12:30 **Case studies**

11:50 – 12:00 Linlithgow's 'bye bye' campaign – Ian Orr, Burgh Beautiful Linlithgow

Hear how Burgh Beautiful responded to local authority cuts and ended up galvanising the community into action.

12:00 – 12:10 GROW food. GROW soil. GROW science – Amanda Wilman, GROW Observatory

Learn how you can get involved in this exciting new European-wide project.

12:10 – 12:20 Sharing experiences – Wendy Murray, East Haven, and Agnes Harvey, Blairmore

Always wanted to visit another community to learn how they've been so successful...but money is an issue? Wendy and Agnes share their positive experiences.

12:20 – 12:30 Engaging with young people – Davie Stewart, Clyde Shopping Centre

Co-ordinated by a shopping centre, this novel project is reaching out to young people.

12:30 – 14:00 *****Lunch and exhibitor viewing**

14:00 – 14:40 **Presentation of the 2017 It's Your Neighbourhood certificates**

14:40 – 15:45 **The Year of Young People – setting the challenge to you**

14:40 – 14:55 Presentation slot – John Muir Award students

14:55 – 15:45 Group work – grow and expand your projects through engaging with young people

15:45 - 15:50 The best 'bird, bees and trees' activity (the result of the people's vote!)

15:50 - 16:00 Closing remarks

*****Lunch will be served in two sittings: 12:30–13:05: tables 1-10 will be served lunch while tables 11-20 visit the exhibition stands; 13:05–13:35 – tables 11-20 will be served lunch while tables 1-10 visit the exhibition stands. 13:35-14:00 tea/coffee in main hall.**

EXHIBITORS (viewing between 12:30 & 14:00)

Amberol

Amberol – are the originators of the Aquafeed™ self-watering system, available in a comprehensive range of self-watering Hanging Baskets, Window, Barrier Baskets. Stone effect Trough, Barrels and Tiered Planters. Making a visible difference in villages, towns and cities and introducing colour into dull urban landscapes.



The Amberol range of waste and recycling bins, including Percy Penguin the 'Talking Bin', keeps streets and parks clean and tidy, with capacities from 40-180 litres, we have the bin to suit your location and need. www.amberol.co.uk

Blairmore Village Trust & East Haven Together

The joint exhibition stand from East Haven and Blairmore highlights the combined strength of two communities learning from one another and sharing good practice. @BlairmoreVillageTrust www.easthavenangus.com



Buglife

Buglife is the only organisation in Europe devoted to the conservation of all invertebrates. They are actively working to save Britain's rarest little animals, everything from bees to beetles, worms to woodlice and jumping spiders to jellyfish. Buglife's aim is to halt the extinction of invertebrate species and to achieve sustainable populations of invertebrates. www.buglife.org.uk



Bumblebee Conservation Trust

The Bumblebee Conservation Trust was established because of serious concerns about the 'plight of the bumblebee'. We have a vision for a future in which our communities and countryside are rich in bumblebees and colourful flowers, supporting a diversity of wildlife and habitats for everyone to enjoy.



www.bumblebeeconservation.org

Burgh Beautiful Linlithgow

Burgh Beautiful Linlithgow was delighted to be the 2017 winner of the Royal Horticultural Society Scotland's 'Overcoming Adversity Award' for its 'Bye Bye' campaign as a result of which sufficient volunteer and financial support was gained from the local community to take over practically ALL the planting and maintenance of the floral displays which were formerly the responsibility of West Lothian Council. Come and have a chat with representatives of Burgh Beautiful to find out about the campaign and how local people responded to the challenge.



Butterfly Conservation Scotland

Butterfly Conservation wants to help make Scotland better for butterflies. You can do your bit for them by making some small changes to your garden or greenspace. Visit us to find out more!



www.butterfly-conservation.org/scotland

Clyde Shopping Centre - Eco Project

Working in partnership with local schools, Clyde's Eco Project provides children with a fun, hands on learning experience with tangible results that will actually mean something to young ones who may otherwise struggle to understand environmental issues.



Federation of City Farms and 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.



Froglife

A national charity specialising in the conservation of amphibians, reptiles and the habitats on which they depend. Froglife is currently running a Scotland-wide conservation project called Scottish Dragon Finder and is looking to develop a new project within the Forth Valley called Come Forth for Wildlife. www.froglife.org/



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



Funding Scotland

Funding Scotland is a free online search engine that can help you find funding for your charity, community group or social enterprise. From small grants to funding for big capital projects, we can help you track down the funding you need to make a difference in your work. We provide information on over 1200 funds which support Scottish projects. www.fundingscotland.com/



GROW Observatory

The GROW Observatory (GROW) is a European-wide project engaging thousands of growers, scientists and others passionate about the land. We will discover together, using simple tools to better manage soil and grow food, while contributing to vital scientific environmental monitoring.



We are coming together to GROW soil, GROW food, GROW science. If you are interested in growing healthier food, building better soil, learning more about sustainable practices and, by working together to validate the latest European Space Agency satellites to help society to adapt to extreme climate events, then please join us through our website www.growobservatory.org

Keep Scotland Beautiful

Keep Scotland Beautiful is the charity that campaigns, acts and educates on a range of local, national and global environmental issues to change behaviour and improve the quality of people's lives and the places they care for. We are committed to making Scotland clean, green and more sustainable. www.keeptoscotlandbeautiful.org



MyParkScotland

www.mypark.scot is an established and successful project that will help people discover, enjoy and support their local parks and greenspaces. MyParkScotland is Scotland's only crowdfunding approach to support local park & greenspace improvement, projects and activities. It provides a safe and easier way for individuals and businesses to make donations to support park improvement projects developed by Friends of Parks and other local groups.



Paths for All

Paths for All want to create a happier, healthier Scotland, where increased physical activity improves quality of life and wellbeing for all. We work to develop more opportunities and better environments not just for walking, but also for cycling and other activities, to help make Scotland a more active, more prosperous, greener country. www.pathsforall.org.uk



Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Scotland

The RHS is the UK's foremost gardening charity, helping and inspiring millions of people to garden. The RHS Scotland team has a number of activity programmes including supporting school gardening via its Campaign for School Gardening and supporting horticultural training, education and volunteering within communities. Please visit our website at www.rhs.org.uk/scotland to find out more.



RSPB

RSPB Scotland is part of the RSPB, the country's largest nature conservation charity, inspiring everyone to give nature a home. Together with our partners, we protect threatened birds and wildlife so our towns, coast and countryside will teem with life once again. We play a leading role in BirdLife International, a worldwide partnership of nature conservation organisations. www.rspb.org.uk



Scottish Allotments & Gardens Society

The Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society 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. www.sags.org.uk



Scottish Gardeners Forum

The Scottish Gardeners' Forum exists to promote garden clubs/horticultural societies in Scotland. www.scottishgardenersforum.org.uk/



Tesco Bags of Help

Grants of between £1,000 and £4,000 available for a wide range of indoor and outdoor uses – including **TESCO** Bags of Help equipment, facilities, volunteer training, activities and special events. Funded by bag levy, and voted on by customers instore (blue tokens). Supported by greenspace scotland. More info search <http://bit.ly/bagsofhelp4>

The Caley

The Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society, known to many as The Caley, is a charity dedicated to supporting and promoting all aspects of gardening and horticulture throughout Scotland. www.rchs.co.uk

