

Growing Together



CASE STUDY

Horshader Community Development was awarded a Climate Challenge Fund (CCF) grant to work in partnership with Western Isles Council and run the Horshader Community Growing Project (HCGP). The project will reduce local carbon emissions and meet both community and Local Authority objectives. HCGP is the first project to be funded through the innovative CCF 'Ideas Bank' developed by Keep Scotland Beautiful as part of its management of the CCF. The Ideas Bank contains eligible CCF project templates submitted by organisations such as Local Authorities

Consultation before applying for a CCF grant:

- Door to door survey and consultation day by Horshader Community Development (HCD) identified community priorities which included a growing project.
- HCD identified an opportunity to develop the community growing project in partnership with Western Isles Council which had submitted a growing project template to the CCF Ideas Bank and were looking for a community group partner.
- HCGP meets Western Isles Council objectives for sustainable, economic development so they have contributed funding of £50,000 to the project.
- HCD discussions with Common Grazing Committee to secure a 25 year land lease.

What is the CCF grant of £270,354 funding?

- Polycrubs - super tough polytunnels.
- Staff salaries.
- Site work, shed, toilets, seeds & tools.
- Rent of land and office space.
- Partnership fee - contribution to Local Authority Case Officer post. HCGP receives support from Western Isles Council Case Officer with:
 - site development & procurement
 - monitoring and evaluation
 - identifying opportunities for partnerships across Council departments and external funding opportunities.

Why will carbon emissions decrease?

The project aims to save 126 tonnes of CO_{2e} through:

- More food being grown and consumed locally reducing miles driven to local supermarket.
- Reducing amount of food wasted - workshops and cookery workshops.
- Increasing composting - workshops and demonstrations provided.

Measuring the reduction in carbon emissions:

- HCGP to measure and report with support of experience of Local Authority Case Officer.
- Fruit and vegetables grown locally weighed.
- Waste composted weighed
- Figures obtained can be input into the recommended carbon conversion spreadsheet to convert them into carbon emissions.

Community benefits:

- Community growing space.
- Improving diets to include more fresh, seasonal produce.
- Reducing food waste – saves money.
- The mental and physical benefits of growing your own.

Sustainable legacy:

- Consumption of more seasonal, local produce and a reduction in food waste.
- Postive partnerships with Local Authority and local common grazing committee.
- HCD has ambitions that this project will lead to a sustainable social enterprise that will benefit the local community through the provision of local food, employment and support the development of local skills.
- Project to be an exemplar that can be replicated across Western Isles.

For further information see www.climatechallengefund.org

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.



Keep Scotland Beautiful is a multi-faceted charity operating across the spectrum of environmental issues from littering to climate change. Our initiatives are estimated to reach at least one in five people across Scotland.

We operate in three main areas: sustainable development education, local environmental quality and sustainability and climate change.

We are the leading provider of sustainable development education initiatives in schools, encouraging action and behavioural change by young people which will leave an enduring legacy for Scotland. The Eco-Schools Scotland programme, part of an international initiative coordinated by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), empowers young people of all ages to take action on sustainable development issues. It is an environmental management tool, a learning resource and a recognised award scheme. It is complemented by Young Reporters for the Environment, also coordinated by FEE, which encourages investigative youth journalism into sustainable development issues.

We are Scotland's leading force acting, campaigning and training others to clean

up local environments and to change the behaviour which blights our urban and rural landscape. Clean Up Scotland aims to reduce litter to make Scotland the cleanest country in Europe, and Local Environmental Quality Network aims to achieve similar goals working with local partners; Beautiful Scotland and It's Your Neighbourhood reward success in improving communities; and the Blue Flag and Seaside Awards recognise quality in Scotland's beaches.

We enable action on sustainable development, by helping organisations and communities reduce their carbon emissions and environmental impact so that Scotland plays its part in tackling climate change. The Sustainable Scotland Network, funded by the Scottish Government, supports sustainable development across Scotland's public bodies. The Climate Challenge Fund, also funded by and delivered on behalf of the Scottish Government, provides grant funding to community groups wishing to pursue carbon reduction measures.



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