

# Climate Challenge Fund Case Study: Fintry F8, Fintry Development Trust



Fintry Development Trust received a grant from the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund in 2012 to help the local community move towards micro-renewables, increased home energy efficiency and lower carbon transport options. The project also ran a Centre of Low Carbon Excellence to share knowledge and experience.

## What type of project would decrease carbon emissions and help the community?

- Reducing fuel poverty, increasing energy efficiency and uptake of micro-renewables.
- Facilitating safe travel by lower carbon transport alternatives.

## Consultation before applying for a CCF grant:

- CCF application developed with full support of the local community; local surveys, consultations and meetings, plus engagement with neighbouring villages and environmental sector.

## What did the CCF grant of £314,972, (2012 - 2015) fund?

- Staff costs to run the project, (4 members of staff, 3 full-time and one part-time).
- Energy efficiency advisor training.
- IT equipment and promotional material.

## What support did the project offer to help the community decrease carbon emissions?

- Community Energy Advisors offered energy efficiency advice, household micro-renewable switch information and installation support.
- Expansion and promotion of the Fintry Energy Efficient Transport (FEET) rural car club.
- Development of shopping sharing consortium.
- Car share scheme for regular commuters to Glasgow and Stirling.

## Measuring the reduction in carbon emissions:

- Collection of primary data from homes and buildings participating in energy scheme e.g. Kwh from energy bills to show decrease in energy use before and after micro-renewable measures installed and energy efficient behaviour adopted.
- Decrease in miles travelled by single occupancy car journeys and increase in miles travelled by car club and car shares.
- Figures collected were input into the [recommended carbon conversion spreadsheet](#) to convert them into carbon

## Community benefits:

- Reduction in Fuel Poverty
- Creation of a Living 'Fintry Centre of Low Carbon Excellence' encouraging community-based learning and sharing of knowledge and experience.
- Increased access to, and use of, low carbon, sustainable and affordable transport for Fintry and surrounding region.

## Sustainable legacy:

- Energy project resulting in extensive physical upgrades to local residences and community buildings and uptake of renewables.
- A shift towards lower carbon travel.

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## Community Owned Buildings

Edinbane Community Hall Association, Isle of Skye was awarded a CCF grant for the Edinbane Hall Energy Efficiency project and installed new insulation, windows and doors. Further activities included raising the awareness of climate change and action that can be taken to tackle it such as increased energy efficiency and lower carbon travel alternatives.

## Energy Efficiency

The SCOREscotland Green Futures project has been awarded CCF grants to work with members of black and ethnic minority communities in south west Edinburgh, raising their awareness of climate change and supporting them to take actions to reduce carbon emissions through energy efficiency advice and promotion of lower carbon travel options.



## Travel

Fallin Community Enterprises Recyke-a-Bike was awarded CCF funding to run the 'Cycling into Sustainability' project which worked with local communities in Stirling, Clackmannanshire and Falkirk to promote cycling as a healthy, lower carbon form of travel and a first choice for local journeys.



## Food

The Charlie's Plot CCF projects have been led by young people in Methilhill, Fife to grow and cook their own fruit and vegetables, learn about climate change and to share that information with their community. Methilhill Community Children's Initiative has been awarded CCF grants to support the young people.



## Waste

Lightburn Elderly Association have been awarded CCF grants to run the R:evolve Recycle project in Cambuslang and Rutherglen. This intergenerational project has involved the older generation sharing skills to help the community repair, upcycle or swap clothes to reduce the amount of textiles landfilled. *The 2017/18 CCF Grant of £143,416 includes maximum funding of £41,075 from the European Regional Development Fund.*



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