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The Langriggs

The Village Langriggs date back to medieval times. These Lang (long) riggs (runs) stretch out behind the homes on the Main Street and were used for food production and keeping livestock. Today the Langriggs are protected through Fields in Trust and area a welcome haven for locals and visitors alike.

Cumbernauld Village Community Council and Cumbernauld Village Action for the Community have been busy these past months. 420 hedging trees sourced from the Woodlands Trust have been planted to restore some of the historic hedges. These hedges will provide a welcome home to wildlife and a sheltered barrier from the winds.

CVAC have created community allotments on the Langriggs to continue this long history of food production. There are plots for fourteen allotmenters currently and we have plans to expand in the next year. There is a communal cabin providing shelter, for meetings and to exchange seeds. We have also created a small orchard with apple and plum trees, which we also hope to expand in the next year. These fruit trees provide free fruit for local residents and improve biodiversity on the Langriggs.



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The Langrigg Weavers beds

Coming months the groups will be weeding and planting up the old Weavers beds (observing social distancing of course!).

These Weavers' beds are a pleasure to spend time beside with the flowers bursting in colour and insect life - the butterflies certainly love them.



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Mitigating Flooding

With Cumbernauld clay soils flooding can become a major issue. The group have planted willow, just below the Langriggs to help soak up excess water and reduce flooding of the permanently wet ground. One patch has been planted as a hedge and the other in a 4 x 4 grid for future coppicing.

Together with the bog garden this planting will create habitat for wildlife and make access more enjoyable for visitors. The willow may also be used for crafts, especially at Christmas time depending on how much is needed to reduce the flooding!



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Looking after the Village

Floral tubs are seasonally planted with bulbs, annual bedding and herbaceous plants to brighten up the Main Street, Baronhill and The Wynd.

Community volunteers supplement the work of the Council at the war memorial and in the cemetery, by carrying out weeding, planting flowers and cutting back overgrown vegetation to maintain an open aspect.

This cemetery is registered with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as a resting place for men and women who died in the armed forces during the First and Second World Wars. Maintaining the cemetery ensures they will never be forgotten. The work of the Council and the community enhances the cemetery visually for visitors and increases biodiversity, creating a haven for birds, butterflies and insects and supporting a wildlife corridor through the Village.



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