



Forth Housing Association residents clean up and green up with reward campaign

Keep Scotland Beautiful, Scotland's independent environmental charity, runs a community engagement campaign called [It's Your Neighbourhood](#) (part of the RHS Britain in Bloom campaign).

The campaign is free to take part, is aimed at groups who are cleaning up and greening up the areas where they live, work and visit, and it gives community groups support, national recognition and a chance to celebrate all their achievements and network with groups from across Scotland.

Steve Harland, Chair of the [De Moray Association](#) who are a Registered Tenants Group based in a Forth Housing Association in Cornton, Stirling, shares why they take part in It's Your Neighbourhood:

"This was a brand new development of 40 properties ranging from one Bedroom flats to four bedroom semi-detached houses. A couple of years after we all moved in, a group of residents got together, with a development officer from Forth Housing, to set up the Tenants group with the intention of organising social events, activities for the resident children and generally to look at ways of improving and maintaining the development as a pleasant place to live.



"I personally had started to adapt and improve some of the communal garden areas at De Moray Court, and this was welcomed by Forth Housing who even donated some funds for additional planting. Alongside other residents we have further developed the space, incorporating raised beds for growing vegetables, planted fruit bushes, and planted an orchard with the children. We also managed to secure funding for a tool shed and tools for use by all tenants, as and when required, both for the communal areas and for those lucky enough to have private gardens.

“We are regularly praised by residents for the positive work we have achieved and find it helps focus the whole community to take more pride in where they live, and this positive spirit appears to also help reduce the instances of anti-social behaviour.”

De Moray Association first registered for the It's Your Neighbourhood campaign in 2010, and will take part for the fifth year running in 2014.

For more information about It's Your Neighbourhood click [here](#), and for information on how to set up a group click [here](#).

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