

RHS In Scotland



Development Officers

- Angela Smith covers West of Scotland
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- Education, Funding and Communities Division

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Supporting, mentoring and assisting all of the community Gardening schemes the RHS support, taking a presence and supporting shows and events throughout Scotland, sharing our passion and knowledge in plants

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RHS Aim In Scotland

- To provide direct and meaningful support to grassroots gardeners and to have a more lasting presence in communities across Scotland
- Establishing strong partnerships with like-minded organisations, such as Beautiful Scotland and RBGE which will be crucial in helping us achieve this aim.

RHS strategic Objectives

- Transforming communities through gardening
- Be known, loved and trusted as the charity for all gardeners
- Safeguard and advance the science, art and practice of horticulture of the benefit of future generations and the environment
- Share and build expert knowledge

RHS Community Gardening

- RHS Britain in Bloom
- RHS It's Your Neighbourhood (part of RHS Britain in Bloom)
- RHS Affiliated Societies

RHS Community Horticulture

- 300+ Community gardening groups in Scotland
- 900+ Schools in Scotland
- Creating greener, more cohesive communities
- An integrated approach to community improvement with horticulture as its foundation

RHS Community Horticulture

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RHS Community Horticulture

- Communities section on the RHS website
Communities map
- Growing Communities magazine
- RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Support Pack
- Insurance for community groups

It's Your Neighbourhood Support Pack

- RHS Resources
- Assessment Guidance Notes
- Sponsorship and Funding Information
- Engaging with the Press Media

Insurance for Community Groups

- RHS, in partnership with NFU Mutual, offers a range of coverage options for:
 - employers and public liability
 - sheds, cups and trophies
 - For example:
 - Public liability coverage for up to £10 million for only £110 for 17 months

RHS Campaign for School Gardening

Free for schools to enter

- Support packs for all registered schools
- Access to special offers and training for teachers
- Benchmarking scheme with rewards
- Over 900 schools registered in Scotland

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RHS Britain in Bloom & It's Your Neighbourhood

- Benefits of participation:
- Cleaner and greener surroundings
- Creating a sense of community through improvement of public spaces
- An increase in local pride and sense of community empowerment
- Safer environments

RHS Britain in Bloom & It's Your Neighbourhood

Benefits of participation:

Long term improvement for the environment

- Reduction in anti-social behaviour
- Positive effect on the local economy - an increase in commercial enterprise and tourism
- Regeneration of run down and/or disadvantaged areas

Cash Boost for Community Groups



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- The three year scheme is making £100,000 available to schools and community groups
- £30,000 has been awarded this year.
- Twelve community groups will receive funding to help with gardening projects in communities across Scotland
- Four flagship projects to receive grants of up to £10,000 along with support from Angela Smith and Mairi Coxon.

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The RHS has also provided an additional £10,000 to fund five projects working in partnership with BBC 2's The Beechgrove Garden.

Isle of Colonsay, Ardentinny Walled Garden,
Moniack Mhor Writers Center, Knockando
Woolen Mill,
Ninewells Hospital

Cash Boost for Community Groups

Over 100 Applicants

The number of applications shows clearly that there's a hunger for, and awareness of the benefits of community gardening in Scotland and this is really positive and we want to help meet this demand. It is a shame we could not support every group who applied but there will be another opportunity next year so do watch this space! ”

Thank you for listening