

Bothwell Community Garden

Funded by the **Climate Challenge Fund**, construction of the Bothwell Community Garden began in 2010 on land leased by **South Lanarkshire Council**. Since the end of May 2010 members of all ages and abilities have been able to sow and grow their own organic vegetables.

Raised Beds and Polytunnels

The garden comprises 62 raised beds, six of which are narrowed for easy access with another six lowered for use by junior gardeners from local schools and nurseries. Two polytunnels are used for sowing seeds and to lengthen the growing season.



Orchard and soft fruit

A new orchard of mixed fruit varieties has been planted and an area is set aside for growing soft fruit.

Bog garden and wild planting

A new bog garden was created by draining the land and wild flower meadow planting maximizes biodiversity within the grassy spaces. Native shrubs and trees which will provide shelter and food for birds have been planted along the perimeter fence.



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A Growing Success



The Organic Growers of Bothwell at the Bothwell Community Garden

Our Community Growing Together:

- Individuals, families, groups, schools
- Experienced gardeners, novices
- Volunteering
- Partnerships with Scottish Water, Brighter Bothwell, Bothwell Horticultural Society.

Our Community Learning Together:

- Sharing skills
- Training events
- Children and young people
- Enhancing the garden
- Ensuring sustainability.

Our Community Showing Together:

- Visitors from other similar projects,
- Visiting other similar projects,
- Participation in Bothwell Horticultural Society's Annual Show.



Reducing CO₂ Emissions:

- Encouraging members to walk or cycle
- Composting, preventing food waste going to landfill
- Producing local food
- Reducing, Re-using, Recycling
- Rainwater collection
- Solar (Photovoltaic) Panels.



Working With Nature:

- Organic methods and ethos
- Companion planting
- Promoting biodiversity—bog garden, wild flowers, beekeeping
- Recording observations.

Letting Nature Do The Work:

- Wormeries
- Attracting pollinators
- Attracting natural predators by
 - ◇ Providing nest and bat boxes,
 - ◇ Planting native shrubs and flowers.

Promoting Good Health:

- Outdoor activity, walking, cycling, green gym
- Increased consumption of fresh, organic vegetables and fruit
- Recipe book.

Opportunities For Children:

- After school groups, child minders, nurseries
- Garden provides secure setting for children to 'learn by doing'
- Growing food, bird watching, minibeads,
- Cooperative physical activities in fresh air.



Action For The Future—Today:

- Sustainable planting—two orchards
- Fifteen year lease
- Making Bothwell a Better Place
- Protecting, promoting biodiversity
- A Legacy for the next generation
- Sharing, influencing others
- Promoting best practice.