

CCF2658 LOST GARDEN OF PENICUIK *report*

Progress up to and including October 2013

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Lost Garden Climate Challenge Funding: announced

It was announced on 3 October that the Lost Garden project of Penicuik Community Development Trust has been successful in our application to the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund for £31,900 towards restoration of the Lost Garden for food production. The potential grant includes £20,000 for restoring the West Plant House (the derelict 1897 Mackenzie & Moncur peninsular greenhouse); a large lean-to polytunnel for the site of the East Peach House (east end of the hothouse wall); a pair of ramped wheelchair-friendly composting toilets; access equipment (scaffold and ladders) for repairs to walls and buildings; cargo bikes and bike racks. This CCF funding commits us to a range of behaviour changing actions and monitoring for a more sustainable future: in food supply, in the transport that goes with it, and in reducing food waste.

Climate Challenge Exhibition in Penicuik

A Saturday Open House exhibition to celebrate the Lost Garden's Funding Award was quickly put together for 5 October, where we publicised the purposes of our funding and highlighted all the other projects receiving Climate Challenge awards at the same time.

This month's free Walking Tour of the Garden

Climate Challenge featured strongly in our free walking tour of the Lost Garden on 6 October. We've put together a downloadable history of the Garden which we'll print shortly, see it meantime at www.lostgarden.co.uk/storybook

Volunteers

Local volunteers continue to supplement the hardworking all-weather group from Tiphereth led by Thoren Ferguson, we've had valuable help from friends of our current volunteer CO2 intern Abraham Sabido Marchena (Seville), and by international volunteers through the [Help Exchange](#) programme, hosted locally usually for a fortnight at a time, currently Anna Sommer (Ulm), Simon Platau (Aachen), Maria Jose Calvo Miño and David Rodriguez Carreño (Madrid), working in both Garden and Town Hall.

Open House Waste Not Want Not Soup

Every week from October the Trust has been supplying its Town Hall Open House an enormous pan of soup, using carefully prepared vegetables from the Lost Garden which might otherwise be rejected, around 70 bowls this month, all sold to support the Trust's Town Hall rental payments and public activities.

Sunday Cinema Features Climate Change

We marked the Science Festival on 13 October with a screening of Al Gore's 2008 Climate Change classic in

Penicuik Town Hall: "An Inconvenient Truth", which we brought up to date with a post-screening discussion after the usual refreshments

Penicuik Placemaking Workshop in October

To build on the widespread interest in our Lost Garden and town centre interventions, in conjunction with Greenspace Scotland, Keep Scotland Beautiful and the Climate Challenge Fund, the Trust hosted a successful Community Placemaking Workshop in Penicuik Town Hall EH26 8HS on Wednesday 23 October from 9.30 to 4.30 to introduce techniques for practical place improvements. Notes and suggestions will be drawn up for Penicuik to inform future action- www.kosmoid.net/penicuik/placemaking

Give us your slabs campaign

Penicuik gardens are constantly being covered and uncovered by slabs, gravel and greenhouses. As a result of its regular postings in the Town Crier delivered to most doors, the Trust has collected unwanted items for reuse and exchange, receiving a lot of useful free pathmaking materials and tools for the Lost Garden.

Trust is Social Enterprise of the Year 2013

Each year, Business Partnership Ltd makes awards to celebrate the "dedication, commitment and success of businesses and individuals". There are seven categories, one of which is Social Enterprise of the Year. At the ceremony on October 29th, addressed by the Enterprise Minister and hosted by East & Midlothian Chambers of Commerce, Penicuik Community Development Trust won this award, jointly with the East Lothian outdoor activity group Foxlake Adventures. The award was for special progress in the past year, and the citation highlighted just two examples of the Trust's enterprising spirit in 2012-13: first the project to restore the Lost Garden to produce carbon-saving food for Penicuik; and second the rejuvenation of the vintage Pen-y-Coe Press to run as a self-sustaining retail stationer and printer and create an active papermaking heritage museum alongside. It also noted the Trust's other activities and all our local efforts to make Penicuik a better place for everyone to live in, bring up children, businesses to thrive and visitors to enjoy. This is all very welcome. Most of all the Trust recognised the continuing support and help from its members, the people of Penicuik, and thanked everyone who made the award possible



Unwanted material collected and supplies paths for the garden
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