

CCF2658 LOST GARDEN OF PENICUIK *report*

Progress in November 2013

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PENICUIK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST Social Enterprise of the Year 2013

Roger Kelly 01968 677854 or 07726 862850

History Festival

The Trust's contribution to Scotland's History Festival in November 2013 included singing events plus three talks in Penicuik Town Hall, all very well attended:

The Lost Garden of Penicuik (Roger Kelly), the tradition of Making the Most of Hedgerow Fruits (Ruth Tittensor) (coupled with a very popular Saturday Open House exhibition) and A Kirk Disrupted, the inspiring tale of massive C19th fundraising by Penicuik's Charles Cowan MP (Don Macleod)

Pen-y-Coe Press.

This is a real community venture with nearly a score of enthusiastic volunteers working round the clock to keep alive a cherished part of the vintage trading heritage of Penicuik and all the region around. All money raised gets ploughed back into the business to keep the stock attractive and meet customer demands, but also to repair and refurbish the building, and prepare it for opening as a Papermaking Heritage Centre. Since opening in March, the shop income has allowed us to invest some £4000 in new printing and display equipment and some £6000 in new stock, as well as paying the usual bills for services and rates. The target of being able to open a heritage centre to the public for Easter is a challenging one and all offers of help in the shop or with building refurbishment would be very welcome, as would gifts or loans of papermaking artefacts and energetic fund raisers.

Penicuik's own community Cinema.

Why give yourself the hassle of trekking into Edinburgh when for only £5 you have an amazingly varied programme including some of the world's best films shown on the big screen here, right on your doorstep every week?

Lost Garden Christmas Trees

Christmas Trees grown at the Lost Garden will be available to support our project at the Town Hall any Saturday in December from 10am to 2pm or contact us on 677444 We're looking for donations of around £20 for a 6ft tree. We'll have wreaths and decorations

made with natural ingredients and foliage from the Lost Garden. All this fundraising helps to bring the magnificent Garden back to life for community growing : we raised £1700 with the trees last year!

Lost Garden support

Thanks to all our customers who bought over 500 kilos of our 18 varieties of Lost Garden grown potatoes and many vegetables in 2013. We're preparing the ground for even more tasty produce next year. Our project has now been given support from the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund and The Royal Horticultural Society, and depends on a backbone of local volunteers, school and therapeutic groups, and supporters from all over the world. Our manned desk at the Library at the start of November brought more local help. We'd like to encourage ideas for a Kirkhill backpackers hostel for the visitors to Penicuik and some of the many international volunteers who want to work here. Helping in the Lost Garden this month were Curtis Simmons (Wilmington USA) and Jack Holland (Tralee, Eire).

Lost Garden Creche

If you're interested in volunteering at the Lost Garden of Penicuik on Friday mornings in early 2014 and require childcare, a limited number of crèche places will be made available by Midlothian Council Community Learning & Development in their Creche at Penicuik High School. For details and to register, please ring 677444 / 07796157545 or email info@lostgarden.org.uk

Lost Garden Climate Challenge Spending

Although some of our major expenditure is too late to receive this calendar year's grant support, the Trust has advanced its own resources to make a start, ordering the 48 foot long lean-to polytunnel we want from Citadel in Warwickshire and the cargo bike from Maurice Careddu in Penicuik's Twin Town, L'Isle sur la Sorgue.

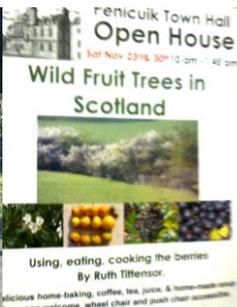
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Last Garden produce



megaphone awaits November tour



Ruth Tittensor's wild fruit display in the Town Hall



lower Lost Garden in November