

CCF2658 LOST GARDEN OF PENICUIK *report*

Progress in December 2013

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PENICUIK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST Social Enterprise of the Year 2013

Saturday Open House in the Town Hall.

Penicuik Town Hall every Saturday from 10am to 2pm continues to be run by volunteers. Lost Garden produce is available in season and arrangements are made for visits to the Garden by our visitors and field workers. Above all this is a place to learn and talk about all the Trust's activities. And as always it's a place to meet friends or make new ones, and enjoy legendary home baking, juice and hot drinks. Our warming soup is a living testament to the Trust's ethos of reducing food waste, and uses potatoes and other vegetables produced in the Lost. There are craft and festive things to look at in the run up to Christmas (no Open House on 28th December).

Exhibitions start again on January 4th with a Blipfoto diary, and the New Year includes a great range of themes – the RSPB Bird Watch, Ice Age Mammoths, decorative Tea Towels, Badgers, Cameras, Malawi, the John Muir Trail ... we look forwards to meeting everyone in 2014, as usual serving tea, coffee, scones, cakes and soup between 1000 and 1345.

Lost Garden Christmas Trees

Although the harvest of suitable trees at the Lost Garden is much reduced from last year when we raised £1700 from sales, this year we have been able to raise a surprising £1000 with donations of around £20 for a 6ft tree., plus a £50 contribution for foliage harvested by Tiphereth for their own use and sale.

Lost Garden Produce and carbon savings

Our **crops** for this calendar year total 180 kilos of general vegetables and 560 kilos of potatoes, giving a saving of around 0.4246 Tonnes of CO₂ emissions, a small step on the road to our projected future savings. In addition we have secured the planting of around 75 kilos of potatoes in home and other gardens through our 2013 potato days, which we estimate will have yielded a minimum crop of 375 kilos in this excellent growing year. Our projected crop for 2013 in our CCF application was 222 kilos vegetables, 600k potatoes, 178k, a total of 1000k overall. Although the Lost Garden yield is slightly lower than this, the home

grown probably brings our actual total to 1115k overall, and we believe therefore that our first years carbon saving target from growing has been exceeded. On **transport** carbon savings it is early to say, but we note that many regular garden workers walk to the site as part of their enjoyment. Car sharing is also popular. Visitor cars are not authorised access, which is circuitous and difficult in any case. **Water** for crop production in 1913 was provided entirely from rainwater collection and our well supply, no mains water is available onsite. **Food and garden waste** is composted at the garden and regularly reused, this is an important part of our education message for tours and talks, as is the avoidance of waste by good harvesting, sensible food preparation, seasonal cooking, and careful use of leftovers. We're still considering how best to quantify the project's lasting influence in these areas.

Supporters working the Garden

Over the year we've had over **2,500 hours of work**. We're specially grateful this month to our tree teams as well as the harvesters, diggers, and crop planners. The Tiphereth Peregrines are out in all weathers and their purposeful work makes an enormous difference. This month's international helpers were Jack Holland from Ireland and Britt Warren from Texas. Abraham Sabido Marchena our Sevillean CO₂ auditor has made a final contribution before he leaves to continue studies in Mexico next month.

Lost Garden Climate Challenge Spending

The 48 foot long lean-to polytunnel from Citadel in Warwickshire arrived and is stored safely to await better weather and construction by a work party in the spring. The cargo bike from Maurice Careddu in Penicuik's Twin Town, L'Isle sur la Sorgue awaits a suitable transport opportunity which we and our twin-town counterparts are investigating. Our structural engineer and architect are considering the Mackenzie+Moncur glasshouse restoration for spring.

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Lost Garden vista cleared



CO2 adviser Abraham



Siller Burn skirts Lost Garden



Lost Garden terrace in December, ready for 2014