

CCF2658 LOST GARDEN OF PENICUIK *report*

Progress in January 2014

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PENICUIK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST Social Enterprise of the Year 2013

The New Year got off to a great start with fair weather for the First Sunday work and tour day on the 5 January, followed by the first-ever crèche day on Friday 10th. Midlothian Council are providing crèche places for parents of young children to allow them to volunteer at the Lost Garden on Friday mornings and the first two families took advantage of this. There are still more places available.

Seed buying

The Lost Garden team's various growing departments have been ordering its vegetable seeds for the new season and preparing for the Lost Garden Potato Saturdays throughout February and March in Penicuik Town Hall. Next year we'll massively increase vegetable production, and plan to top last year's record potato crop in the Lost Garden and with our home growers. The Lost Garden needs your help, your interest, your unwanted tools, slabs, bricks and gravel!

Penicuik Sunday Cinema. A great spring programme includes The Hobbit and Sunshine on Leith, save yourself money and save precious time and fuel by coming to the weekly local cinema on your doorstep. The Trust's Town Hall cinema doors open at 7 pm and films start at 7.30 pm. Tickets at the door £5 (adult), £3 (first accompanied child under 13, up to two more free). Refreshments are available and everyone gets a warm welcome. You can suggest films you want to see for the season after

Saturday Open House and Community Café continues to offer a warm refuge from the winter blues and cold weather with scrumptious home baking, hot drinks and soup, plus exhibitions and things to do and see. Come early and you will find an informal German conversation group round one table; come after 11.30 am every other week and you will find children and adults busy at the crafts-for-all tables at one end of the hall. During February and March we'll have the seed potato days too. On display every week are exhibitions of all kinds: for example on Feb 8 John Scott and friends have a display of cameras; on Feb 22 Jane MacKintosh illustrates Scotland's top 5 favourite animals; on March 1 we show the latest on

the Lost Garden; on March 8, we celebrate International Women's Day.

Penycoe Press: our Town Centre base + store

We continue to welcome new volunteers to run the shop every day, as well as people with expertise about paper or printing, and gifts of artefacts. To make up for previous neglect of the workshop roof, we've just carried out a major re-roofing project, not quite finished when torrential rains in mid-January caused a flood. Now the building is watertight for the first time in decades we can start interior refurbishment and should soon create dry office space to house a growing library of books and documents. We are having meetings with Midlothian Council about planning and building consents to allow public access for the future museum part of the heritage centre. All of this costs money – the emergency re-roofing was an unexpected demand on our very limited resources – so donations are welcome and we'll soon announce a Heritage Centre funds appeal.

Science+Engineering Week at Penicuik High .

To mark the national event, the Trust is working with teachers to give presentations and displays on the theme Exploring the Future: a World Without Paper? Penicuik, Papermaking and Communication. Class sessions will be on the mornings of Friday March 14 and Monday 17, with the public invited on Friday from 2pm till 4pm, entry free.

Supporters working the Garden

New volunteers have been starting, including our crèche users see below. As always the Tiphereth Peregrines are out in all weathers with purposeful work pulling up huge numbers of stumps this month.

Lost Garden Climate Challenge Spending

The new cargo bike from Maurice Careddu in Penicuik's French twin town arrived ready for its service on the potato days. We hope to use it for our fresh produce deliveries and pop-up stalls around Penicuik in season. The bike transport was paid, but the interbank transfer for the bike itself will take place next month.

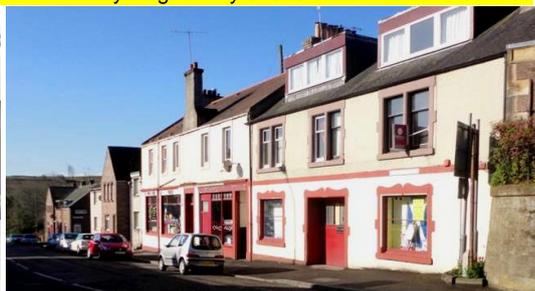
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Friday crèche users at the Garden



Potato seed supplies arrive at Penicuik Town Hall



The Lost Garden's big town centre base at the Press