

East Ayrshire Coalfield Environment Initiative

CEI Projects

The CEI has implemented a range of projects that will enhance, conserve and promote the environment in East Ayrshire.



Habitat Creation and Enhancement projects have been implemented on former opencast coal sites providing new wetland and woodland habitats.



Promoting the East Ayrshire environment through education. Working closely with local schools a number of projects aim to improve pupils' knowledge and understanding of their local area.



Conservation volunteering events help to maintain some of East Ayrshire's wildlife areas and involve local people in conservation.

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Enhancing, conserving and promoting the environment in East Ayrshire



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enhance



conserve



promote



East Ayrshire is a diverse landscape of contrasting land uses. Opencast coal sites sit amongst lowland farmland, blanket bog and upland grouse moors, whilst at its heart is a 263 km² Special Protection Area (SPA), designated as one of the most important places in Europe for the rare birds it supports.

The CEI - a Successful Partnership

The CEI has been established to enhance biodiversity and improve the quality of the natural environment for the mining communities of the East Ayrshire coalfield.

The CEI is a partnership, between the local authority, conservation bodies and industry, working together to enhance, conserve, and promote the environment in East Ayrshire.

The CEI project area

The focus of the CEI is the East Ayrshire coalfield, principally the areas around **Cumnock, Dalmellington, Muirkirk and New Cumnock.**



Our Aims and Objectives

The 3 aims of the CEI are **Environment, Understanding & Engagement.**



Environment – to enhance the natural environment and landscape within the CEI project area



Understanding – to increase understanding and appreciation of East Ayrshire's value, providing and developing opportunities for learning about and experiencing wildlife.



Engagement – to increase community participation in wildlife conservation, enabling local people to contribute to environmental improvements and develop new skills

