

East Ayrshire Coalfield Environment Initiative

New Cumnock Community Wildlife Garden
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 and school groups in the heart of town*



The East Ayrshire Coalfield Environment Initiative worked with the local community, New Cumnock Primary School, New Cumnock Nursery and the East Ayrshire Strategy for Youth Group to create a community wildlife garden in the heart of the town.



The aims of the garden project were

- to create a place to relax and connect with nature,
- to create a showcase for ideas to attract wildlife to gardens,
- to make a safe place to educate and enthuse people about wildlife and wildlife gardening and

- to create a safe area to encourage people to become involved in conservation volunteering.

Planning permission was granted in December 2008. Following this we constructed paths, a recycled plastic bottle greenhouse and started the planting with a bog garden and woodland area.



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This project was funded through grants from:

The Cumnock & Doon Valley Minerals Trust, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Big Lottery Breathing Places.

We installed raised beds made from sleepers, interpretation boards and brass rubbings depicting different garden insects.

The East Ayrshire Strategy for Youth Group created some environmental art from willow and other natural materials.



There were plenty of strawberries in the summer and the sensory garden was very fragrant with herbs and lavenders.

The wildflower meadow was full of native plants and into the autumn berries provided a late food source for birds.

The garden has been visited by jackdaws, blackbirds, robins and swallows.

We have also spotted bumblebees, hoverflies and butterflies.

