

JANUARY 2022 TO JANUARY 2023

# FLOURISHING FAIFLEY

Year 1 Annual Report

## What a year!

Well, we can hardly believe that we have 'just' been going for a year and what a year it has been. If you cast your mind back to the beginning of 2022, we started off clearing out a garden space, working in partnership with Knowes Housing Association. Through chatting with Faifley folk, we knew the project was needed and that local people would be supportive of it, but WOW. The support, fun, family time and memories created have been truly unbelievable.

Over the last twelve months we have seen Flourishing Faifley fully transform the Secret Garden site into a unique community asset for the Faifley community.

We secured funding meaning that we could continue to employ a dedicated Project Officer, run free family events, bring back Community Fairs, organise and run groups for the local community, all while holding regular drop-in and voluntary sessions within The Secret Garden.



## Contact Us

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(or scan the QR code)



## What we have achieved

FREE FAMILY EASTER EVENT

FREE TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

FREE SUMMER EAT AND PLAY PROGRAMME

A HUGELY SUCCESSFUL SUMMER FAIR

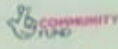
FREE FAMILY PUMPKIN PICKING EVENT

FREE FAMILY HALLOWEEN DISCO

A HUGELY SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS FAIR

FREE SANTAS GROTTO

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## Our Community Base

When we began work in the secret garden it soon became clear that we needed a base, a place where we could grow as a community group. With initial funding for the project we were able to add raised beds for community vegetable growing, a polytunnel to extend the growing season for the community and to show what is actually possible to grow in our climate. We then added our Community Hut. And small kitchen area. This has been an amazing addition to the site as it allows the group to have meetings and get our groups and clubs up and running. This meant that we were able to provide an activity programme throughout the whole of the school summer holidays for the kids and families of our community. Running these events and activities we noticed the need for a toilet facility so after a few meetings to find out how this could be achieved we managed to secure funding and support from our local Housing Associations and the Provost for the installation of a disabled access composting toilet. which we are in the process of getting a date for installation.

As we look to the future of the site and Flourishing Faifley, we are hoping to eventually have our own building/annex as close as possible to the site allowing us to continue and expand on our work in the community.



## Community Fairs

We delivered two community Fairs within Skypoint. Both our Summer and Christmas Fairs had numerous local stalls, were free to enter, and were full of free fun and games for all.

## Training & Awards

In our first year, we have achieved:

- 5 First Aid Certificates
- 5 Food & Hygiene Certificates
- 4 Wildlife Leadership Award
- Level 4 Keep Scotland Beautiful Award
- Recognition in Parliament for our work within Faifley.

During 2022,  
we engaged  
with 872  
families and  
1,576  
children



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We listened to our community and over the festive period we provided over 50 food vouchers to families struggling

## Community Groups

We run daily drop-in sessions within our Secret Garden - always advertised via our Facebook page. We have also managed to start and run FOUR very successful and popular free groups and clubs:

Meet at The Secret Garden

- Walking Group - Tuesdays & Thursdays (6-8pm)
- Book Club - every 2nd Wednesday (6-8pm)

Located within Skypoint

- Family Ceramic Club - every Monday (5:30-7:30pm)
- Adults Ceramic Club - Friday (10am - 12pm.)

To attend any of these groups message our Facebook Group or Contact Tony Ercoli.



## Funding Secured

During the year, we received funding from:

- National Lottery Community Fund - Awards for All
- The Robertson Trust - Wee Grants
- West Dunbartonshire CVS
- FlightPath Fund - Glasgow Airport

We received donations from:

- Knowes Housing Association
- Caledonia Housing Association
- Community Links Scotland



## Thank You!

None of the work we do would be possible without our amazing team of volunteers, our Management Committee and our own Project Officer – everyone has gone above and beyond this year to support everything that we have done – our first year has been a massive success because of you.

To our supporters and our funders, we are so thankful that you believed in us and in all your hard work in helping to make Flourishing Faifley first year such a success. We also want to say a massive thank you to all the businesses and services who donated to our events over the year, we are truly grateful.

Our success and the positive feedback that we have received goes to show how much this has been needed in Faifley. By bringing OUR community together, by having fun, by creating friendships ( and a bit of hard work!) we can all work together to improve our community – creating a better connected, healthy and resilient Faifley for our children and families.



## What is next?

We have recently applied to become a SCIO. By getting Charitable Status, we are able to access additional grant funding to help us undertake more across the community. Make sure you keep up to date with everything going on and you follow and like our Facebook Page

**"What a fantastic job you all are doing. All the kids that come in have so much fun. The laughs you hear coming from the garden is so nice to hear(not only the kids lol). Keep up the great work"**

**"Amazing work you are doing, it is lovely to see the whole community coming together"**