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Growing Scotland: communities



Gardening contributes to the
Scottish Executive agenda to improve
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GARDENS AND GARDENING: COMMUNITIES

PROPOSED SUPPORTIVE CO-ORDINATED ACTIONS FROM THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE

‘Communities Scotland: to improve the quality of life for all people in Scotland by fostering sustainable and healthy communities.’

Scotland’s community gardens reflect the unique needs of their local communities offering gardening opportunities, training, playparks and cafes, vegetable boxes and education schemes.

ACTION

SUPPORT community gardens, orchards and allotments

‘Scottish Planning Policy 11:’

Areas for horticulture, such as allotments, can be of great value to the local community.

ACTION

ENSURE regeneration and new development plans contain space for allotments, community gardens and orchards.

‘Learning For Our Future: Scotland’s First Action Plan for the UN Decade of Education:’

Developing learning and engagement in sustainable development at community level.

ACTION

USE community gardens, orchards, allotments and horticultural societies as a valuable community resource

‘Choosing our Future - Scotlands Sustainable development strategy 2005 - Environmental Justice:’

Priority to improving the quality of life of individuals and communities in Scotland, securing environmental justice for those who suffer the worst local environments

ACTION

PROMOTE allotments, community gardens and orchards as integral parts of the local community delivering environmental justice. ‘

Gardens and gardening increase the overall well being of the Nation economically, physically and mentally. They could drive forward employment, health, communities, biodiversity, environment and education. This potential growth should be championed in a vision for Scotland’s gardens.

It is suggested that, within the time of this Parliament, **the First Minister** recognizes the importance of gardening to the well-being of the nation and instructs:

- a representative body to produce a strategy and action plan for a nationwide commitment to a gardening agenda.
- government agencies involved with employment and economic opportunities to assess the contribution the gardening sector could make to Scotland by improving the local environment, creating new business and making a real, practical difference to the urban and rural land-scape.
- the health service to recognise and promote the contribution gardening makes to health and well being.
- local authorities to make long term strategic provision for accessible gardening for local communities thus providing the means to implement the requirements of the planning regulations.
- councils, public agencies, professional bodies, education establishments, gardening societies to develop, in partnership, a range of policies which include the design and implementation of national and regional programmes of management, gardening skills and environmental research.