



Supporting communities – Environmental Volunteering 2015

Abercorn School, Glasgow

Two teams of Clydesdale Bank volunteers have supported Abercorn School in Glasgow throughout 2015. The school which caters for young people with additional support needs had limited outdoor growing or educational spaces to take pupils to learn about food and wildlife.

The volunteers built 4 large raised beds and outdoor seating, a living willow arbour and painted a large mural on the shipping container the school uses to store their garden equipment.

Depute Head, Kay Hunter said:

“The beds are fantastic and the pupils have already planted these up with plants and shrubs they have chosen. We intend to also grow vegetables in them in the spring. The mural really brightens up the space by the beds and seating and the willow structure is a cosy, safe space for pupils to retreat to. It’s a really useful resource for us that we wouldn’t have been able to build without your help!”

Ben Lomond Footpath

In August a team of Clydesdale Bank volunteers helped repair the footpaths on Ben Lomond, one of the most popular mountains to walk in Scotland. Every year thousands of visitors leave their mark on the mountain slowly eroding the paths away.

The volunteers had to carry up the mountain not only their rucksacks but also all the tools

and equipment they needed to repair the paths.

Heath Brown from the National Trust for Scotland who organised the activity said:

“The National Trust for Scotland would like to thank the volunteers for all their hard work (and tolerance of the local wildlife – the dreaded midge!) in keeping the pathways of Ben Lomond open for the walkers of the future!”

“The team enjoyed a great day at Ben Lomond. Making paths is a lot more challenging than it looks but the end result and the great views made all the hard work worth it. I would definitely recommend it!”

Zahra from Digital and Enterprise

“It’s amazing to see what teamwork can achieve in just one day and satisfying to know that our efforts have made such a difference to the school.”

Sharon from Operations & IT

“It’s great to know that the work we did will help the pupils learn more about plants and wildlife.”

Matthew from Technology

Some highlights from our community programme include:

- The Bank and its employees have raised over £4.7million for our Charity Partner, Hospice UK
- Over 14,500 hours given by employees volunteering in our last financial year
- For the third consecutive year the Bank has been awarded Platinum Quality Mark for our payroll giving

