

The Rural Communities Ideas into Action 2021/22 funded projects

120 projects have been approved for funding from the Rural Communities Ideas into Action fund. Information about each project is given below. You'll have the opportunity to meet the other projects during the welcome and training events in the coming weeks and months.

Large grants (£3,001 - £50,000)

Organisation	Community	Local Authority	Project description	Amount awarded
Alyth Development Trust	Alyth and wider Glen Isla	Perth & Kinross	To formally explore the potential of purchasing and redeveloping the town's derelict Millhaugh sawmill.	£21,340.00
Arisaig Community Trust	Arisaig	Highland	To support project management costs and a SUDS pond as part of the development of affordable housing.	£37,093.77
Arran Eco Savvy Community	Arran	Argyll & Bute	To support staff resource and capital outlay for a zero-waste 'pop up' cafe pilot and Eco Hub.	£32,006.12
Colintraive & Glendaruel Development Trust	Colintraive and Glendaruel	Argyll & Bute	To host a sustainable food ecosystem pilot to increase local food production and market opportunities	£33,542.60
Community Energy Scotland	North Ronaldsay and Sanday	Orkney	To explore the opportunities and locations for EV installation, including community consultation through a feasibility study.	£25,120.09
Countryside Learning Scotland	Gairloch & wider Wester Ross area	Highland	To expand pathways to rural work provision and establish a steering group will to address the community challenges of local rural employment for young people.	£15,883.75
Culbokie Community Trust Limited	Culbokie	Highland	To complete the creation of Culbokie Green - a car-free 'Green lung' in the heart of the village - with paths, seating, planting and play.	£25,392.66
Cycling Without Age Lewis and Harris	Lewis and Harris	Eilean Siar	To purchase two electric trishaws, to replace minibuses or other forms of transport for people unable to get out and about due to mobility restrictions, or for residents in care homes.	£19,788.00
Dundee and Angus ADHD Support Group	Angus	Angus	To expand and develop support services for people with ADHD, including moving to larger premises and a greater number of events & training.	£38,096.75
East Fife Sports Council	Cupar	Fife	To introduce and qualify pupils in aquatics and lifeguarding, increasing understanding of water safety and employment opportunities.	£13,342.35
ENABLE Scotland	Moffat	Dumfries & Galloway	To develop a service to nurture a more inclusive community through peer-led community groups and advocacy opportunities.	£32,746.23

Ettrick and Yarrow Community Development Company	Ettrick	Scottish Borders	To install wildlife cameras and develop a wildlife hub in the former school building.	£26,190.00
Falkland Stewardship Trust	Falkland, Freuchie, Newton of Falkland, Strathmiglo, Auchtermuchty and Dunshalt	Fife	To explore options to re-model estate to better support community and generate income.	£33,309.80
Farr North Community Development Trust	Bettyhill, Strathnaver and Altnaharra, Strathy and Armadale, and Melvich	Highland	To pilot a 'meals on wheels' type meals delivery service; delivering an enhanced nutritional meal delivery service to vulnerable, at-risk and isolated members of the community.	£13,459.72
FEAT Trading CIC	Levenmouth	Fife	To create a Visitor Development Officer post to engage with Park visitors and gather intelligence to enable the Park to meet the needs and demands of the community and other stakeholders.	£28,456.02
Fife Migrants Forum	North East Fife	Fife	To employ a part time Community Development Worker and volunteers to look at ways in which migrants can be better integrated in and welcomed by the local community.	£29,178.22
Grantown YMCA Community Centre	Grantown on Spey	Highland	To refurbish their soft play area.	£31,842.19
Hope Cohousing Community Interest Company	Orkney	Orkney	To support professional fees and statutory costs for a community-led housing development.	£48,163.41
Islay Energy Trust	Islay, Jura and Colonsay	Argyll & Bute	To train local people to install and maintain heat pumps and solar panels to lower the cost and increase efforts to decarbonise.	£17,498.70
Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust	Isle of Eigg	Highland	To produce a series of podcasts and a website to raise awareness of Eigg islanders' way of life to encourage sustainable tourism.	£8,245.00
Kinlochleven Community Trust	Kinlochleven	Highland	To develop a community land and woodland management project including experimenting with fencing, flood defences and rewilding or other pilot projects.	£39,807.43
KPT Development Trust	Keir, Penpont and Tynron	Dumfries & Galloway	To provide the initial means of producing & distributing food locally and to explore the feasibility of setting up a gardening and ground maintenance social enterprise.	£32,023.87

Kyle & Lochalsh Community Trust	Lochalsh	Highland	To set up an electric community transport scheme and establishing 2 community polytunnels to train and promote growing local food.	£44,959.50
Live Learn Earn CIC	Tweeddale	Scottish Borders	To create a new 'Mobile Workshop' to enable the R-evolve project to visit youth communities across the Scottish borders region.	£18,445.52
Loch Ken Trust	Loch Ken	Dumfries & Galloway	To expand engagement with schools and community groups and provide a canoe to manage more remote areas.	£24,250.00
Lunan Bay Communities Partnership (LBCP)	Lunan Bay	Angus	To support the Community Ranger Project through purchase of an ATV and materials for its Education Programme.	£16,559.39
Morvern Community Development Company Ltd	Morvern	Highland	To develop a community action plan for next 5-10 years to replace existing community plan.	£29,100.00
Mull And Iona Community Trust (MICT)	Isles of Mull, Iona, Ulva and Gometra	Argyll & Bute	To commission a consultant to carry out a detailed feasibility study and options appraisal for the provision of key worker accommodation on Mull and Iona.	£20,016.92
Netherthird Initiative for Community Empowerment	Netherthird	East Ayrshire	To pilot a Mental Health Test of Change Project with young people who are in emotional distress and displaying maladaptive coping behaviour.	£6,354.00
North Queensferry Community Trust	North Queensferry	Fife	To buy and fit-out a two-bay modular building as a flexible workshop/social space for crafts and a tool library.	£19,400.00
Orkney Athletic and Running Club	Orkney mainland & islands	Orkney	To purchase hurdles and a trolley to allow people to participate in national events and support hosting national and international level events.	£11,477.04
Perth Autism Support SCIO	Perthshire	Perth & Kinross	To expand and tailor outreach activities and support plans for autistic young people and their families in more rural areas.	£28,842.95
Plastic@Bay CIC	Durness to Ullapool	Highland	To support a small, innovative plastic recycling enterprise to focus on the problem of mismanagement of old fishing gear and ocean plastic.	£18,808.30
Rosemarkie Amenities Association	Rosemarkie	Highland	To purchase a self-propelled tractor to manage greenspaces and bring overgrown areas back into use.	£5,340.86
Scottish Canoe Association	Mid Atholl, Strathtay & Grandtully Council area	Perth & Kinross	To create a car park, public toilets, and facilities for cyclists and motorhomes at a key access point for locals and visitors.	£48,375.84
Scottish Seabird Centre	East Lothian	East Lothian	To work with care providers and other organisations to support older and isolated audiences to access the many benefits of time spent engaging with marine habitats and wildlife.	£16,975.00

Scourie Community Development Company	NW Sutherland	Highland	To undertake feasibility and technical support to explore income generation options around wind and hydro power.	£36,860.00
South Islay Development	Islay	Argyll & Bute	To increase motorhome hook up points from 4 to 12 and add waste disposal, toilets, showers and laundry facilities.	£48,329.28
South Uist Estates Ltd	Lochboisdale, Isle of South Uist.	Eilean Siar	To undertake technical work to support development of a community led/cooperative housing model aiming to deliver modern affordable homes and community facilities.	£48,306.00
Street League	South Carrick	South Ayrshire	To support young people from rural communities into employment by trialling and adapting Street League's model to meet rural needs.	£30,145.31
Taigh Dhonnchaidh	Ness	Eilean Siar	To purchase a marquee to allow for ceilidhs, performances and community gatherings.	£7,074.15
The Birchvale Players	Dalbeattie	Dumfries & Galloway	To undertake an extension to create costume workshop, supporting skills development for young people.	£48,073.20
The Cabrach Trust	Cabrach, Dufftown, Rhynie, Lumsden, Glass	Moray	To support the curation and promotion of a rural skills, education, and wellbeing programme in a restored stone bothy.	£36,460.40
The Dornoch Area Community Interest Company	Dornoch	Highland	To build a motorhome, coach and car park as part of multi-phase community-led redevelopment of brownfield site.	£48,500.00
The Glendale Trust	Glendale	Highland	To pilot new building approaches to identify a way to maintain heritage buildings and provide affordable housing in rural areas.	£47,840.40
The Langholm Alliance	Langholm and Eskdale	Dumfries & Galloway	To develop an Explore and Discover Guide to Langholm and Eskdale and support local people to see and experience local attractions.	£11,383.92
The Southern Uplands Partnership	South Scotland	Scottish Borders	To develop an app to map EV recharging infrastructure.	£15,342.01
The Stove Network Ltd	Sanquhar, Stranraer, Dumfries, Langholm and Castle Douglas	Dumfries & Galloway	To support 5 community anchor groups to host 2 creative community practitioners to work directly with local people to co-create place-making projects.	£45,682.15
The Whithorn Trust	Whithorn	Dumfries & Galloway	To host "Skills sabbaticals" for young people to access advanced training which may not be available locally, and the purchase of specialised tools which they will need to progress further in their chosen crafts.	£47,833.03

Third Sector Hebrides	Lewis and Harris	Eilean Siar	To develop a horticultural hub, providing space for people to take part in outdoor activity and creating volunteering opportunities.	£23,675.74
tide - Together in Dementia Everyday	All Scotland	Glasgow City	To undertake a consultation, report and campaign about the needs of rural carers of people with dementia.	£27,441.30
Trossachs Community Trust	Trossachs	Stirling	To repurpose an old village school into a community led visitor centre featuring heritage displays toilets, parking, café & shop.	£48,500.00
Tweedsmuir Community Company	Tweedsmuir	Scottish Borders	To develop a series of community gardens, access points and recreation areas, increase understanding of rural practices, and promote rural regeneration using sustainable development methods.	£42,214.40
Voluntary Action Orkney	Orkney mainland & islands	Orkney	To develop a community-led local Food Dignity Strategy, in which people who have experienced food insecurity will be in the driving seat of the planning process.	£20,709.88
Wormit Boating Club	North East Fife	Fife	To work with local Scouts to train them in two-oar boat rowing.	£9,700.00
Yetholm Community Shop Limited	Yetholm	Scottish Borders	To repair and refurbish a local shop to support a community-owned business and develop economic and social opportunities.	£38,984.30
Youth Highland	Highlands	Highland	To support youth work services using a voluntary network approach, in which local community-led organisations are supported by a Youth Highland coordinator.	£38,450.80

Small grants (up to £3,000)

Organisation	Community	Local Authority	Project description	Amount awarded
Aberchirder Village Hall	Aberchirder	Aberdeenshire	To landscape the outside of the village hall & use it for community recreational activities.	£2,850.00
Ability Shetland	West Shetland	Shetland	To set up parent and child groups for families of children with complex additional needs.	£3,000.00
Annan the History Town Group	Annan	Dumfries & Galloway	To visit and meet with other rural communities to learn from their experience.	£3,000.00
Arts Inc. CIC	Creetown	Dumfries & Galloway	To create a board-game based on their village (to improve knowledge of the area, create interest in heritage and to engaging local residents in its design).	£3,000.00
Athelstaneford Primary School Parent Council	Athelstaneford	East Lothian	To improve the facilities of the local playground.	£3,000.00
Avoch and Killen Community Council	Black Isle	Highland	To support a new working group to advocate for better destination management and improve education around the marine environment.	£2,500.00
Bornish Community Council	South Uist	Eilean Siar	To buy a lawn tractor in order to maintain the grounds and graveyard of one of the local churches.	£3,000.00
Campsie Memorial Hall Trust	Lennoxton and wider Campsie	East Dunbartonshire	To provide a range of evening courses for local people to improve employability skills and encourage community development activities and social enterprise.	£3,000.00
Castlebay & Vatersay community council	Castlebay & Vatersay	Eilean Siar	To purchase materials which community volunteers will use to build planters for flowers and plants.	£3,000.00
Colinsburgh Community Trust	Colinsburgh, Kilconquhar & Arncroach/Carnbee	Fife	To convert the community library into a multifunctional space offering a community cafe and pantry.	£2,907.00
Colmonell Community Association	Colmonell	South Ayrshire	To replace the roof and to make the local community toilets accessible for disabled people.	£3,000.00
Colvend & Southwick Community Council	Colvend & Southwick	Dumfries & Galloway	To fund the cost of new community 'get-togethers'.	£300.00
Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd.	Loch Goil	Argyll & Bute	To purchase a 'people counter' to monitor visitor numbers and enable better management of the woodland.	£2,076.00
Craigencault Westside Allotment Society	Kinghorn	Fife	To improve disused allotments by creating an additional plot, installing better water supply, buying a strimmer, planting a mini orchard, and creating a communal compost area.	£1,200.00

Cromar Future Group	Deeside	Aberdeenshire	To increase the number of young people who can access their science and technology training.	£3,000.00
Cromarty Youth Cafe	Cromarty & Black Isle	Highland	To build a 600 metre MTB Pump Track on an old disused skatepark.	£3,000.00
Duneaton Community Council	Duneaton	South Lanarkshire	To re-engage 6 rural communities post-Covid-19.	£3,000.00
Fair Isle Marine Research Organisation (FIMRO)	Fair Isle	Shetland	To produce a community led virtual tour of the Fair Isles.	£2,800.00
Fearnag Growers (Community Growing Project) Ltd	Strathnairn	Highland	To develop a willow tunnel and workshops for a community garden and allotments looking to provide community activities in a Covid-safe space.	£1,500.00
Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council	Fortrose and Rosemarkie	Highland	To buy 6 disposal units/ bins as part of a strategy to reduce litter on the beaches.	£868.00
GCAT	Glenkens	Dumfries & Galloway	To run three pilot Energy Cafes to help people to use technology to understand how much energy they are using, and to help keep their houses warmer and greener.	£3,000.00
GlobalYell Ltd	Yell	Shetland	To run art workshops with young people to look at how the uses of peat has changed and the debate around renewable energy.	£3,000.00
Harburn Village Hall SCIO	Harburn	West Lothian	To install better disabled access to new outdoor areas.	£2,862.00
Heids and Herts Scotland SCIO	Howe of Fife	Fife	To produce a short documentary in the Howe of Fife, highlighting the issue of loneliness (especially in the wake of Covid-19)	£3,000.00
High Life Highland	Skye and Lochlash	Highland	To create wellbeing packs for people who can't attend in person events, to lessen their isolation from the community.	£3,000.00
Innerleithen, Traquair & Walkerburn Parish Church if Scotland (ITW)	Traquair, Walkerburn, Innerleithen and Cardrona	Scottish Borders	To improve the community's wellbeing and mental health among elderly people by taking a free travelling social club to 4 villages.	£3,000.00
John Muir Trust	Lochinver	Perth & Kinross	To pilot a deer stalking programme for women in the Quinag Estate in Sutherland.	£3,000.00
Keiss School Parent Council	Auckengill, Keiss, Lyth and Reiss.	Highland	To buy a poly-tunnel for the local school to help children learn about the science of growing food, improving mental health and wellbeing.	£3,000.00
Kirkmichael Community Council	Kirkmichael	Dumfries & Galloway	To commission a local housing need survey to establish the profile of housing needs and demands.	£3,000.00
Lamancha & District Community Association	Lamancha	Scottish Borders	To build a shed to store equipment, which will provide steady income for the Trust.	£2,500.00

Langholm Initiative	Langholm	Dumfries & Galloway	To undertake a study into the best long term use of their community-owned properties as part of economic regeneration efforts.	£3,000.00
Lewis and Harris Horticultural Producers	Stornoway	Eilean Siar	To develop a small community garden on the grounds of their allotment site.	£3,000.00
Local association of parents and carers of autistic youth in Angus	Angus	Angus	To host music workshops for young people with autism, recording the progress through journaling, interviews, discussions and surveys.	£3,000.00
North Common Trust	Thornhill	Stirling	To thin the tree canopy over the village common land to dry it out and enable people to use it year round.	£800.00
North West Community Bus Association.	Kinlochbervie	Highland	To put more drivers through the Sutherland Access Panel Disability Awareness Course and Midas Certifications.	£2,000.00
One Step Borders CIC	Scottish Borders	Scottish Borders	To recruit a temporary co-ordinator to recruit, train and supervise an additional 30 volunteers.	£3,000.00
Orbost Trust	Orbost, Dunvegan, Isle of Skye	Highland	To develop a business plan on options for buying and managing the land the community currently lives on.	£3,000.00
ORKNEY FOOTBALL CLUB	Orkney	Orkney	To explore new methods to reignite interest in developing football skills and physical/mental wellbeing.	£2,650.00
Orkney Hockey	Orkney	Orkney	To facilitate the introduction of indoor hockey through purchase of equipment, hire venues and to support people to be able to attend hockey workshops and camps.	£3,000.00
Pairc Area Forum	Pairc	Eilean Siar	To undertake a community engagement exercise with the goal to develop a co-ordinated strategic plan for the whole area.	£3,000.00
Sandness Community Development Group	Sandness	Shetland	To support a wider plan to bring together multiple communities under a single umbrella to deliver a project to convert a community-owned building to an Airbnb, with income generation for the area.	£1,500.00
Shoshin Taiko Dojo CIC	Strathard, Gartmore, Port of Menteith.	Stirling	To host taiko drumming classes in local villages over ten weeks culminating in a final theatre show held at Gartmore Village Hall and potential first Scottish Taiko Festival.	£2,500.00
South Bragar Common Grazings	South Bragar	Eilean Siar	To train young people to make dry-stone dykes which will protect machair near the shore which is being destroyed by the influx of tourists to the area.	£3,000.00
St Margaret's Hope Bowling Club	South Ronaldsay	Orkney	To part-fund a new sit-on mechanised blade roll for the grass for improving local community greenspace.	£3,000.00
Staffin Community Trust	Staffin	Highland	To update a Recreation Plan for local woodland so it could be used for biking and to undertake user consultation to determine needs.	£3,000.00

Tagsa Community Gardens	Benbecula	Eilean Siar	To start a new project 'Generations Gardening Together'.	£3,000.00
Tarland Community Housing	Tarland	Aberdeenshire	To develop a scoping study to understand the potential for a live/work development.	£3,000.00
The Ayrshire Hospice	Ayrshire	South Ayrshire	To create a fully integrated virtual day services platform to complement face to face patient care.	£3,000.00
The Ecology Centre	Kinghorn, Burntisland and West Kirkcaldy	Fife	To develop two areas: a pond and a overpopulated woodland to more useable outdoor space for their volunteers and local people.	£3,000.00
The Flourishing Well	St Cyrus	Aberdeenshire	To host two full day events for the community (in person), including Yoga, Pilates, Qi Gong, Tia Chi, Sound healing and meditation sessions.	£3,000.00
The Harburn Players Drama Group	Harburn	West Lothian	To invest in sound equipment, stage infrastructure, costumes, stage make up and props to support a drama experience that benefits wellbeing.	£2,500.00
The Hub Dumfries and Galloway	Dumfries & Galloway	Dumfries & Galloway	To support to further develop the CAPE Network and its capacity by training new practitioner volunteers from the community.	£2,875.00
The Learning Space	Duns	Scottish Borders	To enable young people they work with to learn to drive in a safe known professional environment.	£3,000.00
The Outpost	Burra	Shetland	To buy a polycrub and provide disabled access to it (better fencing/decking) at a workable height to people with mobility issues.	£3,000.00
The Selkie Collective Projects	Skye	Highland	To offer a 5-session 'winter circle' to isolated women in rural areas, including forest bathing, earth education, and nature questing.	£2,800.00
The Stephen Lyon Organisation	Perth & Kinross	Perth & Kinross	To develop a peer support group for those who have been impacted by suicide or are considering suicide.	£3,000.00
Ullapool Sea Savers	Wester Ross	Highland	To provide people with additional support needs the opportunity to re-connect with their marine environment and their community.	£3,000.00
Urachadh Uibhist	Uist	Eilean Siar	To continue and expand an outdoor nursery project to bring outdoor play to families, intergenerational gatherings, and older children, alleviating loneliness.	£3,000.00
URRAS OIGHREACHD GHABHSAINN	Ness	Eilean Siar	To re-route a path and create digital interpretation materials on the heritage trail to take walkers along the scenic coast and make this route more accessible.	£3,000.00
Valleyfield Community Club	Valleyfield	Fife	To swap the ladies and men's toilets in the Valleyfield Community Club to enable the installation of a baby changing unit in the ladies' toilet.	£2,932.00

Wanlockhead Community Trust	Wanlockhead	Dumfries & Galloway	To undertake a Housing Needs and Demands Assessment to ascertain what housing provision is required in the village.	£3,000.00
Wester Ross UNESCO Biosphere	Wester Ross	Highland	To host a 3 day workshop to explore ways of working to make the organisation financially self-sustaining.	£2,978.00
Westray Golf Club	Westray	Orkney	To build a storage facility to store members' golf equipment and to purchase and store equipment for use by residents who cannot afford equipment.	£3,000.00