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Year 1

Success Stories





Forres Area Community Trust Thermal Wool Insulation Forres Town Hall

A whopping 497 rolls of thermal wool insulation were installed at Forres Town Hall with funds secured from the Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund. The Forres Area Community Trust is currently undertaking a substantial renovation of this beloved building, and insulation was a crucial step in reducing overall running costs, carbon footprint, and making sure the Hall is warm and toasty for local people and community groups who make great use of this community space.

Transition Town Forres Community Composting & Wormery

The Community Garden at Transition Town Forres has six new large composting bays and several hot bin composters to properly deal with excess garden waste. A new wood shedder is also helping with larger bits of composting and path work too. A wormery is also now open to local school children, who are learning about the importance of the composting process. All purchases made possible by the Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund; Inspiration made possible by Transition Town Forres.

Elgin and District Men's' Shed Battery Driven Power Tools



The Elgin & District Men's Shed upgrade of their power tools to battery driven, is lowering their energy costs AND making it easier for them to help more community groups with diy projects.

Their successful application to the Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund has spurred them on to make the Shed completely carbon neutral in the next two years.

They plan to install a small solar/wind generation system to charge the batteries for the tools, and also to power LED lights, thereby further decreasing their dependence on electricity from the grid.

'Who would have thought that an application to the JT PB exercise would have such a positive effect on our organisation so we offer our heart-felt thanks to those people who voted for our application'.



REAP Scotland, Keith Improving Access

Meeting with REAP Scotland's energy advice team in Keith is easier now, thanks to new technology and improvements made for disabled access. At a time when their advice is most needed, REAP's commitment to tackling rural poverty and inequalities, has helped the most vulnerable households receive home visits too, improving people's access to affordable energy options. All of this made possible by funding from the Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund.

ReBOOT
The Circular Economy Keeps Rolling

ReBOOT, a charity and social enterprise based in Moray for over 25 years, was fortunate to receive enough votes from the public to go forward with the purchase of a new van. ReBOOT had been running an old unreliable van which was costing the enterprise considerable revenue each year. In addition to an unreliable van, new carbon zones introduced in 2022 would restrict their ability to collect redundant technology from city centre locations. Inevitably without a more reliable van, ReBOOT would have to look at closing their operations.

The new van has now meant increased collections of redundant IT -- which keeps more tech out of landfill. With more room to collect more items, the van is also giving volunteers space to stand up during loading and unloading!

With a lifeline of a van secured, ReBOOT can continue to create new products with recycled waste, provide training, employment and bespoke volunteer opportunities, and give re-furbed technology to people who need it most...

'To say we're over the moon is an understatement.'





PROJECTS AWARDED

- 1st Elgin Scouts £9,161 - Electric Lawnmower
- Elgin & District Men's Shed £6,343 - Tools Upgrade
- Elgin Street Pastors £45,986 -Safezone Vehicle
- Forres Area Community Trust £50,000 - an Enterprising Community Venue
- Friends of Biblical Garden £9,000 - A Greener Friendly Environmental Garden
- Moray School Bank £42,000 - Electric Transport
- Moray Waste Busters £41,040 - New Van
- Outfit Moray £37,800 - Bike Revolution (Delivery)
- REAP £25,507 - Inclusion for People with Disabilities
- ReBOOT £30,000 - Renewal of Company Vehicle
- Transition Town Forres £4,584 - Forres Community Composting
- Wild Things £30,000 - Wild Things Minibus