

LINWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST



6

local women who started taking action to regenerate Linwood nine years ago

13

trust staff by the end of May 2018

4

community owned enterprises

3

hectares of green field in community ownership

24

places in a children's outdoor nursery created

316

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation – rank of the most deprived area of Linwood

The Linwood Community Development Trust (LCDT) is located in Linwood, a Renfrewshire town of roughly 9500 whose economy was formerly dominated by automotive manufacturing. Spurred-on in part by several major regeneration projects in the area that had proceeded without community consultation, LCDT was set-up in 2011 to tackle decline in the community. The trust currently has a dozen volunteers, three part-time staff, and six full-time employees. They have several active projects, including a green grocery that delivers fruit and vegetables within the community, a community flower gardening project, and a community choir.

The Trust owns three hectares of land comprised of two greenfield sites acquired through Asset Transfer from Renfrewshire Council for £1.00. Later in 2018 construction will begin on these sites for a new community centre, football pitch and changing facilities. The Trust has a further six acres in the Asset Transfer process, also from Renfrewshire Council, another twelve acres of woodland and green space that they are seeking to purchase from a private land owner, and they are also seeking an Asset Transfer of two buildings from Police Scotland. Plans for the land include an outdoor children's forest nursery, which will be operational in August 2018.

Facts about the site:

- The trust currently has a dozen volunteers, three part-time staff, and six full-time employees.
- They have several enterprises, including a small green grocery that delivers fruit and vegetables within the community, a community flower gardening project, and a community choir.

What your plans for the future are:

- Ground will be broken in 2018 on a new community centre, football pitch and changing facilities.
- An outdoor children's forest nursery to be operational by August 2018, with spaces for 24 children.
- All four current enterprises are moving to a worker co-op model.
- 6 acres, 2 buildings in Asset Transfer process
- 12 acres of woodland and green space in private negotiation
- Encourage a sustainable local economy that re-invests in the community.
- Achieve financial self-sufficiency for the Trust in 4–5 years
- Long-term regeneration of Linwood
- Continue to address environmental improvement, service unavailability, and encouraging people to “do it for themselves instead of waiting.”