

Our Project Story



The project was an important part of the regeneration of Hermitage Park. First stage funding had been obtained from the Heritage Lottery Fund and we were working towards second stage funding. As part of this it was necessary to demonstrate to the HLF that the community is behind the project, both by raising money and by establishing that the park is at the centre of Helensburgh life.

The HWF grant enabled us to put on a major event in the park on May 30th 2015.

This included live music from three different groups; sports competitions, fitness demonstrations, a dog show, several stalls run by interested parties and refreshments. About 1000 people came to the event, many of whom said they never been to the park before.

After expenses had been paid we raised about £3,000 towards the £20,000 required by the HLF, however more importantly, this event put Hermitage Park firmly on the map. This will help to ensure that it remains a significant resource for the health and wellbeing of the people of Helensburgh.

"Congratulations to all the organisers on such a successful day. I am delighted that it made a good start to your fundraising. It was the talk of the town afterwards and such a joy to see families and dog walkers at home in their local park - the play ground of my childhood."



"The sun came out and so did the whole town, or so it felt, the level of support and positive vibes from the community was overwhelming to see and be a part of."



Where there any unexpected outcomes?

The beautiful weather and effective publicity resulted in many more people than expected coming to the Park. The day was even more of a success than we expected.

What were the health benefits?

In the short term up to a 1000 Helensburgh people enjoyed a day in the open air and sun; many of these will return regularly. In the long term this event raised money and the profile of the park, to convince the HLF that there is wide support for its regeneration

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