Partick East Kelvindale Area Partnership

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Annexe Communities:

Round 13 of the Partick & Thornwood Ideas Fund has now concluded, with 11 local projects successfully awarded a total of £9,189. The initiative is currently in its final reporting stage. A total of 403 local residents participated in the voting process - both online and via telephone, helping to determine which ideas would receive funding to benefit the local community.

Following the conclusion of Round 13, a new funding round is now open for applications from 6th to 19th October Participatory Budgeting Initiative | Annexe Communities. A community marketplace event will be held at the end of October, where shortlisted groups will present their ideas ahead of the next voting stage. A further £10,000 will be available for distribution, with funding to be awarded by mid-November, making this an ideal opportunity for projects and activities planned over the festive period.

Additionally, we are pleased to report that we have recently secured £2,900 from GFT funds to carry out essential roof repairs. These repairs address gaps in the skews that were causing water leaks during heavy rainfall and contributing to dampness and plant growth around the affected areas.

Partick Community Growing project:

PCGP would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Area Budget Committee for the funding support provided for the replacement of our planters and the installation of bird boxes. The associated workshops delivered in partnership with Glasgow Wood have been highly engaging and well-received by participants.

We have also organised a beach trip to collect seaweed for use as a natural fertiliser for our garden plots.

Looking ahead, a joint Halloween and Diwali community meal is planned for the 31st of October, featuring seasonal crafts and activities. All members of the community are warmly invited to attend.

Additionally, PCGP is pleased to report that we have successfully secured Civic GRID funding to support upcoming seasonal craft sessions and 'winter warmer' community meals at the garden.

Partick Housing Association:

Thanks to previous Area Partnership funding, PHA maintained several small community projects through 2025 while developing its own Community Benefit Fund, which is now starting to take shape.

Projects supported by Area Partnership funding:

- Combat Social Isolation – classes, activities, and workshops (Jan–Mar annually)
- Emergency Food & Fuel Support Fund – ongoing

PHA is now collaborating with three contractors through community benefit clauses and corporate social responsibility (CSR) to sustain these initiatives long-term.
A community-led approach guides future classes and activities, with tenants helping shape what's offered, when, and for which age groups.

Recent Highlights:

- Cycling UK Fund:
    - £13,000 secured in partnership with The Annexe
    - Provided bikes and equipment to 12 tenants and 1 volunteer
    - Recipients reported improved mobility, reduced car use, and greater freedom
- Beith Grove Garden Project:
    - Change-of-use permission granted by Glasgow City Council
    - £20,000 funding resubmitted to National Lottery Awards for All
    - Partnership with *CIC PlantUp* to create an accessible, tranquil garden for local residents, including wheelchair users

Upcoming Plans:

- 50th Anniversary Celebrations
    - Event for staff, volunteers, and partners – Fri 7 Nov, National Piping Centre
    - Launch of Activate Course (with University of Glasgow)
        - Starts early 2026; info sessions in late November
        - Completion guarantees an interview for the Community Development Degree or entry into HND courses
- Winter Support & Activities
    - Expanded Food & Fuel Emergency Support with vouchers and "cozy packs"
    - Community Panto with Halo Arts – 2 school shows (free) and 2 public shows at Partick Burgh Halls (£5 tickets)

Partick Victoria Park Church:

The front lawn and new seating area have now been completed and are fully open for use. This welcoming space is available to anyone in the community and provides a relaxed environment to sit, reflect, or socialise.

Our Warm Welcome Thursdays are also now running from 12 noon to 2pm each week, offering a free hot bowl of soup, bread, cakes, tea, coffee, and friendly conversation. This initiative aims to support anyone seeking warmth and connection during the colder months and will continue throughout the winter.

In addition, a number of community groups are running throughout the week that may be of interest. These include:

- Al-Anon on Mondays at 12pm
- AA on Mondays at 7pm
- GA on Tuesdays at 7pm
- A free toddler group on Thursdays at 9:30am - during school term time
- The Community Choir on Thursdays at 5:30pm
- And a free community meal every Sunday at 5pm, along with food and clothing donations from Greggs

All are welcome to attend and take part in these supportive and inclusive sessions.