



# Our impact across Northern Ireland



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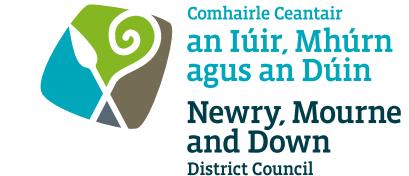
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Thanking you for your support. Information and inspirational stories from each of our partner areas. This also highlights the added value of our Food For Thought project and the impact on your communities, including increased family engagement, improvement of life skills and life satisfaction and reduction in food poverty/ insecurity. Access the individual pages by clicking on the logos opposite.

### Strategic partners



### Housing Executive



### Belfast City Council



# Welcome



**Never before has there been a greater need for our work. Live Here Love Here is designed to tackle environmental issues by encouraging volunteers to take practical action in their local communities. By working together we are inspiring a movement of people changing behaviours and creating a positive future for us all!**

## Our mission:

**To inspire and empower people to create more resilient and healthier communities**

**To change behaviours so everyone enjoys a beautiful and healthy environment**

**To create an active society where everyone takes an active role in protecting our communities and the people who live there**

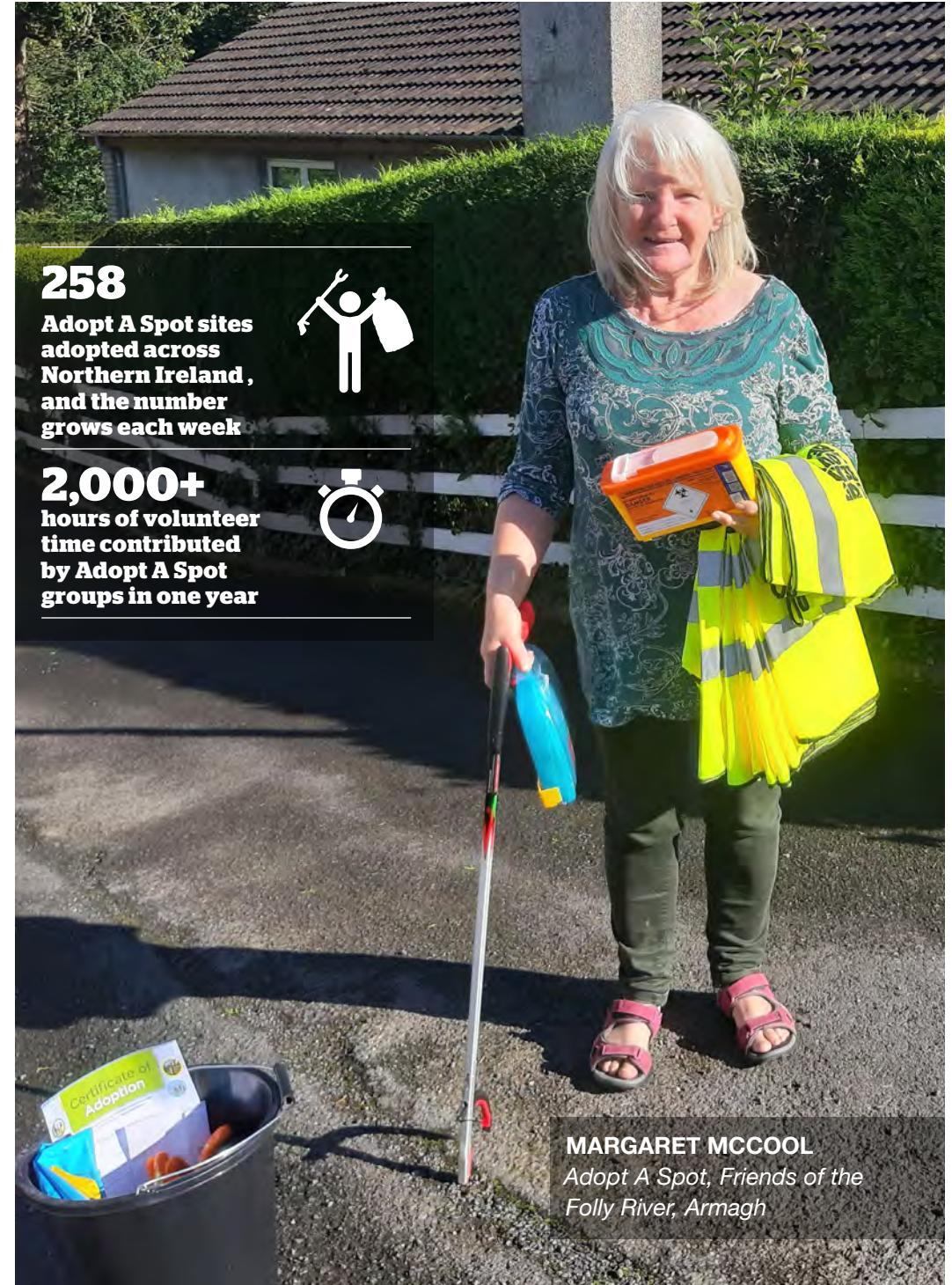


## Supporting volunteers

We have a number of programmes to support groups at all different stages of their environmental efforts, from one off clean ups with BIG Spring Clean, Clean Coasts and International Coastal Clean Up, to creating healthier communities through Adopt A Spot.

The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically changed and disrupted many of the plans we had for the year. Yet despite this, we adapted a number of our programmes for the current climate, including a rebranding our Big Spring Clean to the *Not So Big Spring Clean*, encouraging individuals to still get outside and 'do one small thing' for the environment.

## Adopt® A Spot



**MARGARET MCCOOL**  
Adopt A Spot, Friends of the Folly River, Armagh

# Our Media Campaign

**Through partnership working and ‘one voice’ messaging across a strong variety of media channels such as TV, social media and billboards, we can build strong relationships with the public as we develop the kind of place we want to live.**

In 2018, we introduced an unforgettable irate, magenta puppet called Al (below) – disgusted by all things litter and not afraid to tell you so! The character delivers memorable messages and appeals to all age ranges, raising awareness and driving the behaviour change we all need in our communities.

Since 2018, we have seen this character grow into a widely recognised and visible brand – and have since added to the ‘family’ with our newest puppet Daisy (above right), a keen vlogger and overly enthusiastic volunteer.



Daisy (top) meets Adopt A Spot volunteers at Tyrella Beach in Dundrum Bay.

## Added value

Supported by Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Live Here Love Here launched three new advertisements (one on TV and two on social media) to run alongside our general messaging, targeting the impact of litter on beauty spots, fast food litter, PPE littering. An additional TV ad and three social media videos have been created to promote the Adopt A Spot Campaign.

**78%** of Northern Ireland population reached in 2019-2020 media campaign

**649k** Facebook reach over the same period, average person viewed the ads three times

**933k** YouTube reach over the same period

**57%** prompted advertising awareness in 2020, up from 27% in 2015



JESSICA  
LHLH poster (above)  
CARA DE BRUN  
LHLH puppet drawing, (above right)



***“I’ve been seeing these ads for over a year now and they still crack me up, ads with a hilarious great puppet character!”***



# Moving forward in a post-COVID world



## Healthy Oceans, Healthy Minds

In November, Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful will deliver a new coastal and inland waterways campaign 'Healthy Oceans, Healthy Minds' supported by Ocean Conservancy. We will be running a number of online activities for the public to get involved in, including webinars, social media content, storytelling, podcasts and more.



Whilst the current lockdown restrictions on society are undeniably necessary to flatten the spread of the virus itself, the impact of this new and enforced way of living on health and wellbeing is

significant – levels of worry, stress, and anxiety are already showing upwards trends. Whilst nothing is certain, it is fair to anticipate that this 'period of lockdown', as we've come to know it, will be repeated in future months to tackle the spread of the disease. The Healthy Oceans, Healthy Minds campaign will encourage key actions people can take that can contribute to the health of our oceans and ultimately people's health and wellbeing.

### Our Main themes are:

- To inspire and re-establish people's connection with our seas and waterways post COVID-19.
  - To raise awareness of the benefits a healthy environment and connecting to nature/ outdoors can make to our physical and mental health and wellbeing.
- At a time when normal community clean-ups and gatherings cannot take place as usual, this forced hiatus is however giving people pause for thought about what really matters in our lives and how we can change the way we work, live and interact with our natural environment for the better. We hope this project will create some space for people to not only think about these things but to practice alternative behaviours that better protect our environment and deliver a better quality of life.



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Celebrating  
Community  
Heroes!

## Supporting volunteers

Each year, the Community Awards are an opportunity to thank and celebrate environmental heroes who have demonstrated consistent hard work, instilling civic pride and tackling environmental issues in their local community. Although what would have been our fourth annual awards evening has been cancelled this year, celebrating volunteers has not been cancelled.

Community action is not cancelled. 'Doing good' is not cancelled. During these unprecedented times, our volunteers, who ordinarily would carry out planting, litter picking and environmental action, adapted quickly to support those most in need in their communities and found ways to continue their activities.

This year we will be celebrating our volunteers through an online event, to thank them for their efforts, network with other groups and encourage them for the year ahead.

If the past number of months have taught us anything, it is that our communities are able and willing to pull together to make a big difference to society. We need these volunteers now more than ever, so we will continue to support and celebrate these gestures of civic pride and community spirit!

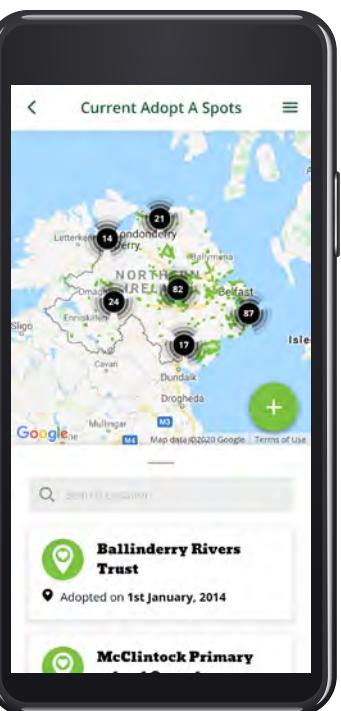
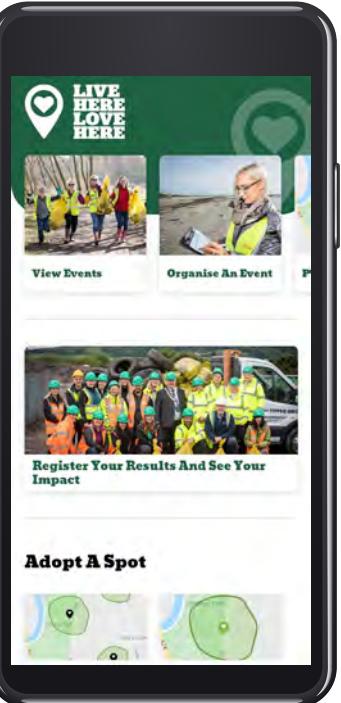
## App developments

Live Here Love Here will soon be launching an engaging and interactive web map and mobile app. The map and app will highlight the work carried out by Live Here Love Here volunteers; increase engagement with users who would like to take part or host clean-ups, events and various programmes and encourage users to record their results, including the number of volunteers attending and amount of rubbish collected. Users will be able to access useful information on local beaches, marinas and parks, as well as events and opportunities from our partners and other NGO's.

The app will also highlight local businesses tackling plastic, one of the main types of litter found during clean ups.

The interactive map will help to visualise all of this useful data with easy to use filters. Over time, layers of information can be added as new programmes and projects come on-board.

Mobile continues to grow as a preferred way of accessing the internet, and is increasingly important for volunteers. With the majority of mobile use happening within apps, our app will provide an easy to access and useful way to promote, find and apply for volunteering opportunities.



# Overcoming adversity in your local area



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## Small Grants Scheme

The scheme supports groups who focus their efforts on the themes of Pollution Solutions, Climate Action and Biodiversity Recovery. We also opened the scheme to those who were supporting our community when it mattered most.

## Over £1 million

has been allocated across Northern Ireland since 2014



**23**  
applications received



**1**  
project funded



Further funding to be allocated to groups in October

**£67,340**  
amount requested



**£10,500**  
amount to be awarded by council



**£2,000**  
additional funding by partners



£2,000 funded by McDonald's UK  
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council data for 2020-2021



"Great day had by the BIG volunteers (above and below) who turned out to weed, plant, mow, strip and litter pick! BIG shout out to Stephen Ross, our local councillor at Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council who joined us for the morning. The BIG Project is all about giving back to the environment and boosting community spirit. We Love to Live Here!"

BALLYEARL IMPROVEMENT GROUP (BIG)



"We at Monkstown Village Garden (below) greatly appreciate the financial support Live Here Love Here and their partner groups give us. It helps us to continue to serve our community and has allowed us to create a safe and welcoming outdoor space for community gatherings. We have found this especially valuable in this Covid-19 pandemic."

MONKSTOWN VILLAGE INITIATIVES



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**550**

Food For Thought packs distributed across Northern Ireland in 2020



**33**  
packs distributed



"We grew lettuce, potatoes, carrots, peas, celery, and strawberries. They were delicious! We decided to get involved as a learning curve and a nice bonding exercise for our family (above). The produce is much better than that at the supermarkets and lasts longer. It improves our health and saves us some money! You've got to nourish to flourish!"

EILIS CAITRIONA PEOVER

"It is a hobby that everyone can participate in no matter what your age. The social aspect of meeting up is great for us all (below)."

CHRISTINA RITCHIE



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Ards and  
North Down  
Borough Council

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North Down  
Borough Council

29  
applications received



25  
projects funded



£102,845  
amount requested



£58,443  
amount awarded by council



Ards and North Down Borough Council data for 2020-2021



Sadly, Eric Rainey, the Hon Sec of the Cloughley & District Community Association died in 2019. Eric had been a tireless worker for the local environmental and coastal groups on the Ards Peninsula, and an enthusiastic protector of wildlife. To honour his commitment to the local community, the CDCA secured a grant through Live Here Love Here to place a memorial bench on the Cloughley Warren (above). The Warren was a particular passion of Eric's, and everyone involved was pleased to have a part in organising this memorial. The bench was placed to catch the afternoon sun with an uninterrupted view of the Mourne Mountains, a favourite spot of Eric's, and is used regularly by the community and walkers on the Warren.

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is today."

**ERIC RAINY**  
Ex-Hon Sec of the Cloughley & District  
Community Association

"The grant we received from Live Here Love Here allowed us to transform large, neglected, overgrown and ugly flowerbeds, in the street where we live, into a bright, colourful, wildlife friendly community garden. The creation of the garden has brought the neighbourhood together, both young and old. It is a privilege and a joy to have in the area. We will be forever grateful to Live Here Love Here for allowing us to achieve this."

MARYVILLE COMMUNITY GARDEN  
VOLUNTEERS



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Ards and  
North Down  
Borough Council

37

packs distributed



"We are a small group from Portavogie who has successfully transformed our area with flowers and shrubs over a few years (above). We were thrilled as we wanted to 'branch out' into growing our own vegetables and herbs. Already our efforts have been successful and our seeds have flourished! Our next step is to transplant them and finally harvest and eat them!"

**ELAINE MCFEETERS**  
Lawson Learners

"At Harmoni, we provide supported accommodation to people with physical and learning disabilities. We applied to the project with the aim of encouraging our tenants to be more self-sufficient. This project has provided us with a great opportunity to introduce planting , growing and healthy eating to our tenants."

**MARGARET HILL**

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Armagh City  
Banbridge  
& Craigavon  
Borough Council

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**45**  
applications received



**24**  
projects funded



**£144,776**  
amount requested



**£17,550**  
amount awarded by council



**£2,600**  
additional funding by partners



£1,200 funded by NIHE  
£1,400 funded by McDonald's UK



"The tenants at Millmount have loved the garden project (above), some have been involved in fundraising for the project and most have benefited from having a lovely place to sit outside.

A number have developed a love of and interest in plants and the raised beds give access to everyone for planting, weeding and general maintenance.

The wildflower garden has been a constant source of joy and has attracted all kinds of insects, which has been fascinating. It has also attracted attention from visitors to the scheme, many of whom have taken photographs of what has been a stunning display.

We could not have achieved this without the funding from the Small Grants Scheme. We attracted funding from Choice, and our own fundraising efforts will enable us to continue to develop and extend the project."

MILLMOUNT GARDEN PROJECT



"This project serves to create richer links within our community and further grow the bond between Spelga Mews and Bridge IPS (above). We thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to take part in the Small Grants Scheme and the benefits were immense for the residents, pupils and staff. It was incredible to witness the conversations which took place so naturally between pupils and residents suffering with dementia. Pupils felt a great sense of satisfaction being able to work together and provide a beautiful sensory garden for everyone to enjoy.

Two past pupils Thomas Russell and Steven Doonan, who were instrumental in securing the grant, joined us to mark this special occasion by planting a beautiful Victoria plum tree. Our thanks to Mr Frank Beckett, who gave so generously of his time, to source the plants and help pupils plant them out."

BRIDGE INTEGRATED  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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**550**  
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Armagh City  
Banbridge  
& Craigavon  
Borough Council

**48**  
packs distributed



"Martha finds academic learning difficult and more so during remote learning but through gardening she gained her confidence. The project brought a sense of community, those who felt isolated during the lockdown could stand at a window or a fence and watch. Martha thrived through this form of connection with a generation who shared stories and experiences. Martha has shared her produce with the neighbours and hopes to convert the small patch of grass out the front of the pensioners houses to a wild flower haven next Spring."

DONNA LIVINGSTONE



"The Food For Thoughts project has been extremely positive for our family bringing together three generations to learn and love growing our own in our beautiful countryside."

SHARON  
Granda's Growers, Co Armagh

"I really enjoyed planting our apple tree with my Granda (above), he showed us how to plant it and how to look after it. I can't wait to eat the apples that will grow in it next year."

CONOR  
aged 6, Granda's Growers, Co Armagh

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Belfast  
City Council

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Belfast  
City Council

51  
applications received



21  
projects funded



£159,900  
amount requested



£22,950  
amount awarded by council



£2,500  
additional funding by partners



£1,500 funded by NIHE  
£1,000 funded by McDonald's UK

Belfast City Council data for 2020-2021



"Thanks to the Small Grants Scheme, our garden and volunteers (below) continue to grow, sharing common goals of civic pride and a desire to keep our shared spaces growing and flourishing."

GLENBANK CROSS COMMUNITY GARDEN



"Our area is really urban (above), it is surrounded by roads, has an interface which blocks access, has limited green spaces yet is densely populated. The main motorway in Belfast is at the rear of the community so there are issues with poor air quality and noise and the commuter parking compounds this. The funding helped to unleash the potential of younger and older volunteers by sharing gardening, ideas and brightened up the community. The result is an active group who want to keep momentum going and make our community the best it can be and help to contribute to an improved environment for Belfast by creating usable green spaces and reducing the impacts of pollution."

JOSEPH BLACK Operational Manager  
Grosvenor Community Centre, Roden Street Community Development Group.



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Belfast  
City Council

58  
packs distributed



"The community garden has brought together so many people who may not ordinarily interact to make something both useful and beautiful. We are from all kinds of backgrounds, but with the collective skills, knowledge and spirit to make a community initiative happen.

The supplies from Food For Thought have empowered us to grow our project. They also help us give newcomers something practical to do to contribute, so when they see the garden and want to get involved, there is something really tangible they can do and watch grow. We hope that this will help us to reach more neighbours so we can affect change in our area in more ways."

ALICE GAVIN  
Windsor Hub Community Garden

# Overcoming adversity in your local area



Derry City & Strabane District Council  
Comhairle Chathair Dhoire & Cheantar an tSraitha Báin  
Derry Cittie & Strabane Destrick Council

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Derry Cittie & Strabane Destrick Council

**30**  
applications received



**14**  
projects funded



**£107,536**  
amount requested



**£11,400**  
amount awarded by council



**£1,900**  
additional funding by partners



£1,900 funded by NIHE

Derry and Strabane District Council data for 2020-2021



“Thanks to funding from Live Here Love Here we were able to organise the first North West Bioblitz so that we can discover and record species living at Creggan Country Park and Bay Road Park Local Nature Reserve. Providing an opportunity for people to go walking outdoors and learn how to identify wildflowers, mammals, birds, bats and trees is a great and much needed boost to their mental and physical health. Once we know what species live there we can create management plans to protect and enhance biodiversity.”

**NORTH WEST BIOBLITZ** Creggan Country Park

“Thanks to funding from Live Here Love Here we were able to answer a call for help from the Western Health and Social Care Trust to help revamp their waiting room garden at the North West Cancer centre. A few volunteers were able to weed, replant, paint and install new visual features including ornaments, wind mills and solar lights for patients to enjoy. We were honoured to be asked to help with this project and delighted to hear that both staff and patients love the new garden. The garden is a new way for patients to be close to nature when they need it most.”

**NORTH WEST CANCER CENTRE**  
Creggan Country Park



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Derry City & Strabane District Council  
Comhairle Chathair Dhoire & Cheantar an tSraitha Báin  
Derry Cittie & Strabane Destrick Council

**54**  
packs distributed



“Members of the Arts in Mind Creative group have decided to create a series of gardening features around a new centre based on the outskirts of the city. The group agree that gardening is the art that uses flora as the paint, and the soil and sky as canvas to dress up our new centre. On a collective basis we know that growing and gardening helps to boost self-esteem, rejuvenates the soul, heart and mind and reduces stress levels to generate inner peace. To reap the rewards of gardening, we know that we have to make time to love and care for our patch. Plans are underway to extend our project and make the project shine out for one and all. Thank you to Live Here Love Here for all your help and support.”

**EDWARD KERR**

Above: Ollie Green Artistic Director of Studio 2 Arts (far right), presenting some of the Arts in Mind Group with the generous contribution from the Live Here-Love Here project ‘Food For Thought’

“Our two boys are adopted and have suffered trauma and attachment issues. They were so excited to get their own apple tree which they helped to plant with their own compost. The regularity of the seasons and harvests helps to create a sense of permanence. Each year of harvesting produce will be another year we have all been together as a forever family. It also fosters belonging, this is their apple tree in their forever home!

There were lots of opportunities for learning including digging and measuring the depth and width of the hole. The boys can't wait to put them into their lunch boxes to show them off at school. We will be making tarts and toffee apple cake too!”

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT VOLUNTEER**



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District Council  
Comhairle Ceantair  
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Fermanagh & Omagh District Council  
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**30**  
applications received



**10**  
projects funded



**£94,384**  
amount requested



**£8,500**  
amount awarded by council



**£1,000**  
additional funding by partners



£1,000 funded by McDonald's UK



"Live Here Love Here has provided funding to help us restore our shared Community Garden and to help our community learn gardening skills. This has given our shared community garden a whole new lease of life. The gardens provide so many benefits to our community including benefits to our physical/ mental health, reducing loneliness, and the health benefits of eating organic home grown fruit and vegetables."

DONAGH DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION



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Fermanagh & Omagh District Council  
Comhairle Ceantair Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí

**65**  
packs distributed



"I applied for the scheme as I do have a interest in growing my own and with the extra seeds and pots I will be able to explore growing some things I haven't tried growing before, also to encourage some of the other Residents to do the same and be more self-sufficient."

OLIVER BEATTIE

Above: Oliver Beattie and Philip Darcy from the Enniskillen Town Residents.

"I love the thought of being self sufficient and getting the kids involved by giving them each a small square bed so they can grow and eat what they want which is why I applied."

AMANDA IRWIN

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council data for 2020-2021

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## Housing Executive

**85**  
applications received



**9**  
projects funded by NIHE



**£9,500**  
funded by NIHE



**£33,230**  
additional funding



**£30,730**  
funded by council



**£2,500**  
funded by McDonalds



Northern Ireland Housing Executive data for 2020-2021



"These events were aimed at encouraging residents to come out onto their local streets and create their own flower boxes which would provide a very colourful decoration to place outside their homes. In one case, we arranged for the boxes to be made by students at the Springvale campus and this was a good opportunity for collaborative working with the students. We had a volunteer from Belfast City Council who assisted us in providing guidance in how to create and fill the boxes in the most imaginative, productive and attractive way."

Local residents loved these flower boxes as they provide colour throughout the winter and brighten up the grey days.

We were fortunate in being able to purchase portable tables which enabled us to bring the event onto the different streets in a convenient way.

Ultimately, despite the challenges of unreliable weather and street conditions, we were able to tailor our project and provide very gratifying experiences for members of the local community close to their own homes."

TOP OF THE ROCK HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE



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**Housing Executive**



"Getting the Food For Thought growing packs has been a godsend. It opened our eyes to lots of other things and we've started to look into things more. We're watching the webinars and googling everything and we've joined other groups on Facebook. We're experimenting more and we want to branch out and get a polytunnel and a glasshouse."

The majority of what we grow is given away in the community; it's just enough to know we grew it ourselves. Some people have mental health issues and suffer from anxiety so it's OK for them just to be here and not work. Just getting out helps them"

**JIM MC LAUGHLIN**  
Derriaghy Village Community Association

"There are quite a few isolated and vulnerable people in our group, and we can't all meet as before.

So there are very few of us who can meet up in a socially distanced way and bring a flask of tea each to sit in the garden where the lettuces are growing.

We always say it's amazing how you can put your hand in the earth and feel connected to people who are no longer with us.

As a group we keep communicating and appreciate the fundamental things like companionship and how much a lettuce split in two means to people."

**BRIDGHE MCPOLIN**  
Mayobridge Women's Group

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Lisburn &  
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**LCCC**  
Lisburn &  
Castlereagh  
City Council

**16**  
applications received



**10**  
projects funded



**£59,073**  
amount requested



**£11,600**  
amount awarded by council



**£1,500**  
additional funding by partners



£1,500 funded by McDonald's UK

Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council data for 2020-2021



"As you can see from the picture the difference is remarkable and all of the people who have taken time to help plant and maintain the garden have reported a lot of benefits to both their physical and mental health. The garden continues to provide an area of colour and peace for those of us who just need some time outside in pleasant surroundings. I can't thank your organisation enough for the funds which helped us get to where we are now."

RHONA BLAIR  
OT Ward, Ulster Hospital



Photos (left and above) show the garden before and after.



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**55**  
packs distributed



"I applied for the food for thought for my family(below) as we home educate four autistic kids, we have incorporated growing and planting all into our home education. Growing the food covers many subjects and we love it."

JOANNE BODELL



Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council data for 2020-2021

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Mid & East  
Antrim  
Borough Council

## Small Grants Scheme

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**Over £1 million**

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 **Mid & East Antrim**  
Borough Council

**22**  
applications received



**9**  
projects funded



**£62,536**  
amount requested



**£10,140**  
amount awarded by council



**£1,400**  
additional funding by partners



£1,400 funded by NIHE

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council data for 2020-2021



"Receiving funding from Live Here Love Here gave the staff and children in our organisation a chance to look after our area through regular litter picks and planting which created a sense of achievement and pride in our community (above). We have continued to litter pick on a regular basis which shows that the benefits last beyond the duration of the grant and we now have further plans to improve our local area"

**LARNE COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE**

"The members of Brighter Whitehead are pleased and proud to be associated with this project and grateful for the support given by Live Here Love Here, Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful Small Grants Scheme. We applied for this grant to demonstrate our determination and enthusiasm to improve and enhance the environment. The Willow Dome continues to be a recognisable environmental icon and a very enjoyable play area for local children attending Whitehead Nursery School and Whitehead Primary School. The parents of these children, together with townsfolk and visitors have expressed their appreciation of the project."

**BRIGHTER WHITEHEAD**



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"We recently created a Nature Corner in the garden for the children to learn about insects, birds, wildflowers etc. I applied for these packs as I thought it would be a lovely activity for the children to learn about where our fruit and vegetables come from and how we can grow our own to be more self sufficient. We will be able to add them into our Nature Corner activities. The children are excited to get started!"

**CATHERINE CARSON**  
Catherine Carson Childcare



**36**  
packs distributed



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**70**  
applications received



**13**  
projects funded



**£229,565**  
amount requested



**£12,300**  
amount awarded by council



**£600**  
additional funding by partners



£600 funded by NIHE

Mid Ulster District Council data for 2020-2021



"The project has been a great success and thanks to the support shown our group has been able to improve the quality of the local environment, help reduce litter in the local area, develop the environmental management of the village, instil civic pride by bringing people together with a common goal and improve health & well-being of the local community by encouraging gardening activities."

Newmills now has an interested, dedicated and enthusiastic team of community members of all ages and abilities making a difference to their local area and contributing to looking after our important wildlife species."

**NEWMILLS CULTURAL GROUP**



"Through the Small Grants Scheme we spruced up the village telephone box and repurpose it into a community hub, with noticeboard, books, local history and flowers to make it more attractive.

We were also able to clear and restore the long-overgrown village nature trail, which proved invaluable during lockdown. It gave village residents a more scenic, safer exercise route than the main roads."

**TAMLAGHT O'CRILLY**  
Parish Vintage Group



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**550**

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Mid Ulster  
District Council

**52**  
packs distributed



"It's great to be involved in this, as a childminder I think it's important to teach children they anyone can grow their own healthy food. Our pots line the driveway (right) so parents can follow progress too and pick bits to take home for dinner."

**VICKY SEVIOUR-CROCKETT**



"At Sunflower Support (left), it is our aim to be able to make a difference in the lives of people with an additional need and their carers. Being part of this programme has enabled us to help nourish the body, mind and soul of our families by providing them with the tools and the skills in order to become more confident in taking steps to be more self sufficient."

**SHAUNA SCULLION**  
Sunflower Support



"Green fingers Hughie has worked very hard on the garden and growing plants to inspire others in the fold to take part (left). They miss the pupils and the pupils miss them."

**CLARE DEVLIN**  
St. Colm's High School  
Cornstore Youth Club & Ballinascreen Fold – a multi-generational project

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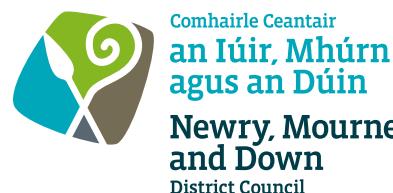
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47  
applications received



24  
projects funded



£151,076  
amount requested



£14,820  
amount awarded by council



£1,900  
additional funding by partners



£1,900 funded by NIHE

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council data for 2020-2021



"Mayobridge Development Association got involved in Live Here Love Here as we pride ourselves on our village looking good as it is a reflection of the people, with bright bubbling flowering throughout. We wanted to be a village that people remember when they pass through. Our local community have increasingly taken pride in their gardens and more volunteers have started to get involved (below). It has inspired even the young people to help out with litter picks and cleaning up the area."

MAYOBRIDGE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION



KILKEEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"Kilkeel Chamber of Commerce are thankful of the support offered by Live Here Love Here in order to install flower planters throughout Kilkeel as part of the Bee Kind High Street initiative (above). Through the support, the Chamber were able to enlist the help of a local artist and Men's Shed to help design and create the planters, using old fish boxes. This has created a great floral display throughout the town as well as attracting pollinators into an urban environment."

KILKEEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"We have continued to develop our community orchard. We had our first Harvest this year, which was amazing to see the blossom turn in to fruit. The orchard is an investment in our future and will continue to benefit the community for years to come."

PREACHING HOUSE POTTERY



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District Council

89

packs distributed



"I applied for Food For Thought as it is a great opportunity for our group and young families to get together in the great outdoors to do a bit of planting in a safe and healthy environment (below). We as a group feel this is the way forward to try and encourage people of all ages to get involved in food growing. It is fulfilling and provides a great sense of satisfaction, as well as an opportunity to meet other like minded people in these uncertain times."

PETER HAUGHEY  
New Town Together Men's Shed



"We really appreciate the opportunity to expand on the small vegetable plot we started during the COVID lockdown as complete novices. We are looking forward to learning more about growing our own vegetables (above), as well as encouraging local biodiversity and healthy eating as a family."

JOANNE MCCOLLAM

"Our successful application for a Food for Thought pack has given our garden group the opportunity to keep Hilltown Community Garden live. Going forward our plan is to plant the seeds initially in the containers and once established offer the plants to target groups in our community, for example those people who have impacted by COVID-19 either by social isolation or financial challenges"

DEIRDRE MCVEY Hilltown Community Garden

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22

applications received



2

projects funded



£72,792

amount requested



£0

amount awarded by council



£1,500

additional funding by partners



£1,000 funded by NIHE

£500 funded by McDonald's UK

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council  
data for 2020-2021



"The Cornfield Project has engaged our local veterans group who are going to be building the "Who is Rubbish?" installation for us. This is a group of ex-veterans who sometimes feel that they don't belong as part of the local community so the opportunity to get involved in a community-based project that helps reduce littering and provides positive environmental outcomes is something that the members are really keen to be a part of. The "Who is Rubbish?" project will be installed later this year at The Cornfield Project site in Coleraine."

**FOCUS ON FAMILY**  
The Cornfield Project



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Coast & Glens  
Borough Council

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"Helping out in the allotment during Covid has been a real life-line for me. It has helped with my mental health, given me something to focus on, prevented me from feeling isolated and made me feel like I'm doing something useful. Being able to provide freshly grown food parcels to people has made it all worthwhile."

**VOLUNTEER** Vineyard Compassion

"We have planted the apple tree, down at green area in Mosside Gardens. We are expanding over the winter making new vegetable patches in beds and pots, which hopefully will be ready next year. The compost and equipment you provided will help us set up the beds for planting. We have got residents old and young to come together and help with setting up a wee allotment site. The younger residents would like to sell their produce next year to make money to buy more seeds etc to expand further."

**MOSSIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**



