

### **Perth Lade Community Engagement Projects**

Following Council approval through the revenue budget, £50,000 was allocated for improvements to the Perth Lade in 2017/18. Community Greenspace were able to support the following works to physically improve the Lade and foster community buy-in to encourage pride and on-going community action:

- Supply materials to enable Community Payback to paint the railings from Lower City Mills to Crieff Road
- Tidying up of cobbled area that has been loosened due to tree roots, repair slabbing and cutting back of hedges at area beside City Mills Hotel
- 4 October 2017 – planting the Rae Place Bed with the pre-school, also started the run of the poster competition for No Dog fouling/No litter campaign with posters displayed along the Lade to encourage responsible behaviour
- 26 October 2017 – action day with Balfour Beatty/Beautiful Perth and Community Greenspace - this dealt with litter picking and cutting back of overhanging vegetation. Also worked with Tulloch Blooming Lade group and contractor in planting bulb areas throughout the Tulloch area. Good community feedback on the Spring displays.
- Vegetation works, regular communication with SEPA on guidelines etc and being mindful of the bio diversity/wildlife in that area. We have covered the area at Red Brig, area running along Drumhar Court/Pamelia Court, area from Barrack Street all the way up to Viewfield flats. Then proceeded with the area from Stanley Crescent to White bridge, then some of the Tulloch area.
- Path and steps installed by Balfour Beatty for easier access for Operational staff to access the Lade to enable more robust litter picking and debris clearance.
- Replacement of fencing from Stanley Crescent onwards as required in line with the ROSPA guidelines. Also installation of fencing at Huntingtowerfield to conform with water risk assessments. At the Huntingtowerfield area we have also relaid a path.
- Tree works carried out during the summer of 2017 to end of March 2018 on a number of different sites along the Lade, this was for various reasons from removing tree branches to allow more light in from the street lights, removal of trees that were becoming in a dangerous state and the removal of self-seeders.
- March 2018 –planting/ gapping up at the following areas:- seating area at the back of the police station, beds beside the graffiti art wall opposite Sports Direct, St Catherines Road and the bed beside the Stanley Crescent play area
- Regular community litterpicks

## Future events

- Carry on with the Action days – looking to carry out two a year where possible
- Looking to carry out a bio-blitz which identifies wildlife in a given area
- Carry on working with Tulloch Primary school on project
- Carry on working with the City of Perth Early Childhood Centre
- Develop management plan identifying future works required and to be used as a focus for future community action days

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Taken on the Action day carried out on the 15 April 2018, additional action days took place in the Letham Area.



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Bed which was planted with the City of Perth Early Childhood Centre.