

ELDERPARK HOUSING ASSOCIATION

- Hinshelwood Drive -



Background

In the early 1970's, Glasgow District Council had decided to proceed with wholesale purchase and demolition of many tenements in the area. This was a change of policy for the City Council and in 1975 a survey was commissioned declaring the city's first Housing Action Area under new legislation. Elderpark Housing Association Limited was established in 1975 to provide good quality, affordable rented housing. Its aim is to improve the quality of life for the people of Greater Govan by providing high quality housing and associated services in a safe and secure environment.

The Association now has £72.5 million of properties, £55 million of which has been funded by Social Housing Grant and a Net Asset position of £9 million. The association own now 1,230 properties.

Project

Stalled Spaces funding was awarded to the Housing Association to create a community garden/growing space in an unused gap site located between traditional tenements at Hinshelwood Drive, Ibrox. The site had become neglected and overgrown in recent years and was regularly used as a dumping ground for items of unwanted furniture, fridges and general refuse. It was also used by dog owners in the area and prone to dog fouling.

The community garden was created with lawned areas, a centrally planted tree and raised planters/beds. This provides access to a growing and education space in an area of high deprivation for local residents and school children. Level access and raised beds provide opportunities for people with mobility issues to engage with the wider community. The overall benefit promotes social cohesion and wellbeing by providing a safe and attractive space that promotes access to healthy living initiatives and is inclusive of all members of the community.

Partners/groups involved in this initiative.

Pidgin Perfect (Landscape Architects)

CEMVO Scotland

Maryhill Mobile Creche

Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy Scotland

Parent Network Scotland

HomeStart

GlasgowLife

Maryhill Housing Association

Glasgow Wood Recycling

Lambhill Stables

Glasgow Community Safety Services

WSREC

Hinshelwood Drive - Before



















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