



Yorkhill Green Spaces

Trustees' Annual Report

From 1st January to 31st December 2025

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Objectives and activities

The main objectives of the charity are:

The advancement of community development by improving and maintaining the parks, streetscape and play areas within the Yorkhill and Kelvingrove ward of Glasgow, as set out by the electoral boundary,

The advancement of environmental protection or improvement through the protection of green spaces within the Yorkhill and Kelvingrove ward of Glasgow, as set out by the electoral boundary.

Yorkhill Green Spaces was set up in 2017 when it was recognised in the community that there was a need to improve the green spaces in the area to encourage better use of the facilities.

The areas were neglected, dirty and the play areas dangerous and therefore rarely used. We first recognised that there was a need for regular litter clearing, path clearing and management of the safety of the areas.

We then agreed that the areas could be improved by planting and regular maintenance. This would improve the appeal of the community areas and encourage biodiversity.

There was also a community desire to a) carry out gardening activities in an urban area with very few gardens. b) involve the community in an activity which would encourage community spirit and empowerment.

In addition we have come to realise how important our activities are in improving the biodiversity in an urban area to tackle the climate and biodiversity emergencies.

Main activities in year eight:

- Regular trustee meetings have taken place.
- Regular group volunteer's meetings and events have occurred at least twice per month.

- The parks approved by Glasgow City Council (GCC) with Permission to Use (PTUs) agreements continue to be Overnewton Park, Cherry Park and Yorkhill Park.
- A management plan has been followed for all the three parks with short, medium and long term goals.
- Assorted small native soft fruit bushes have been planted in Yorkhill Park, Overnewton Park and Cherry Park
- Pollinator friendly herbaceous perennial plants and bulbs have been purchased throughout the year, and planted and maintained in the three parks
- Wildflower meadow strips have been extended and maintained in all three parks.
- Further bog gardens and habitat log piles have been installed in Yorkhill Park to encourage biodiversity
- Two bee banks have been maintained on the south facing sunny meadows at Yorkhill Park which provide habitats for ground nesting solitary bees.
- An additional two bog gardens were created in Yorkhill Park and planted with aquatic, Marsh and meadow plug plants. The previous two bog ponds have been maintained.





- The 'bed for bees' has been maintained at Overnewton Park and has had further native cottage garden plants added. A new cottage garden perennial bed was created at the Blackie Street perimeter of the park.
- A new cottage garden 'bed for bees' has been created adjacent to the path at Yorkhill Park.



- Over 1400 native bulbs were planted along the edge of the Roman Path from Gilbert street to the playpark at Yorkhill Park.
- The meadow management plan has continued to be followed on the south facing slopes of Yorkhill Park. This has included scything the upper areas and an annual cut and lift of the meadows. Previous sowing of yellow rattle has helped reduce the couch grass and encouraged the wildflowers to flourish. As a result, in late summer, the yellow rattle seeds were again harvested and sown in additional areas (at YP and OP)
- Poppy and cornflower seeds were sown amongst a wildflower seed mix at the Lumsden Street side of Overnewton Park.

- Promotion of the group developments and achievements has continued to take place via social media and mailing list. Information, news and educational material is updated on the glazed noticeboard which was installed at Overnewton Park. An additional glazed noticeboard has now been installed at Yorkhill Park.



- Continued recruitment of volunteers

Structure, governance and management

Our governing document is a Constitution (see appendix 1 attached) which explains our purpose, structure and operating procedures.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The position of secretary has been advertised widely but not yet been filled. The Chair (Fiona MacLeod) and Treasurer (Sheila Pearston) remain unchanged and are in position for year eight, following a vote at the AGM in 2025. Howard Ashton a non office-bearing trustee, also remains on the board.

Fiona MacLeod (Chair)

Sheila Pearston (Treasurer)

Vacancy (Secretary)

Howard Ashton

Achievements and performance

The main achievements of Yorkhill Green Spaces in year eight have been:

- The expansion and management of the sensory garden at Overnewton Park with accessible raised planters featuring planting for touch, sound, smell, vision and taste





- YGS have continued to seek and secure further support and funding from organisations and businesses.

- We have installed a glazed notice board at Yorkhill Park. This is updated each month with information on the work being carried out, the initiatives and events taking place and how important the enhancement of biodiversity is.



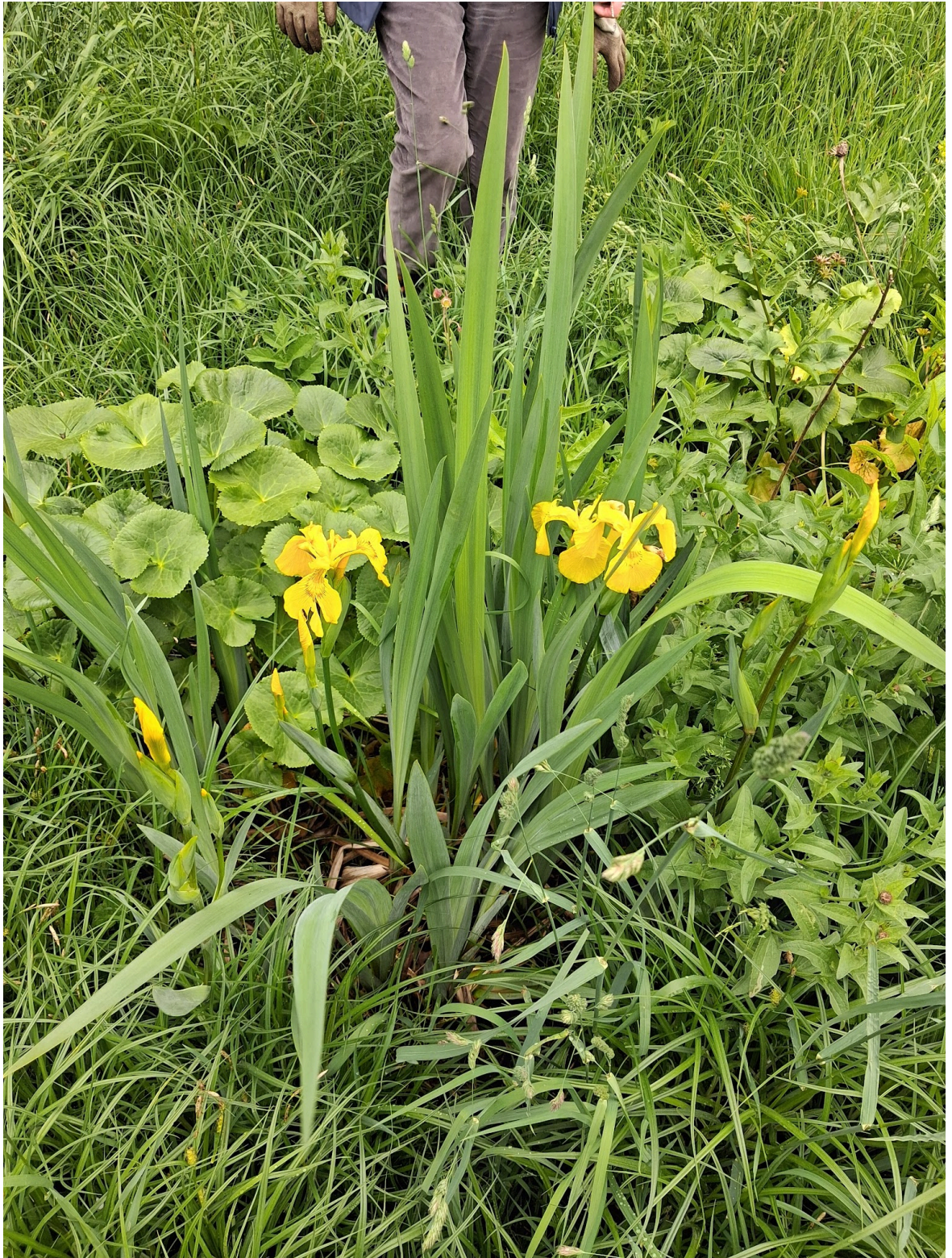
- We created ideas for local art students so they could create wildlife murals on the outside walls of the Recreation Centre at Overnewton Park.



- We have a diverse pool of volunteers from across the community



- We have increased the installation of bog gardens and beds for bees to encourage biodiversity.

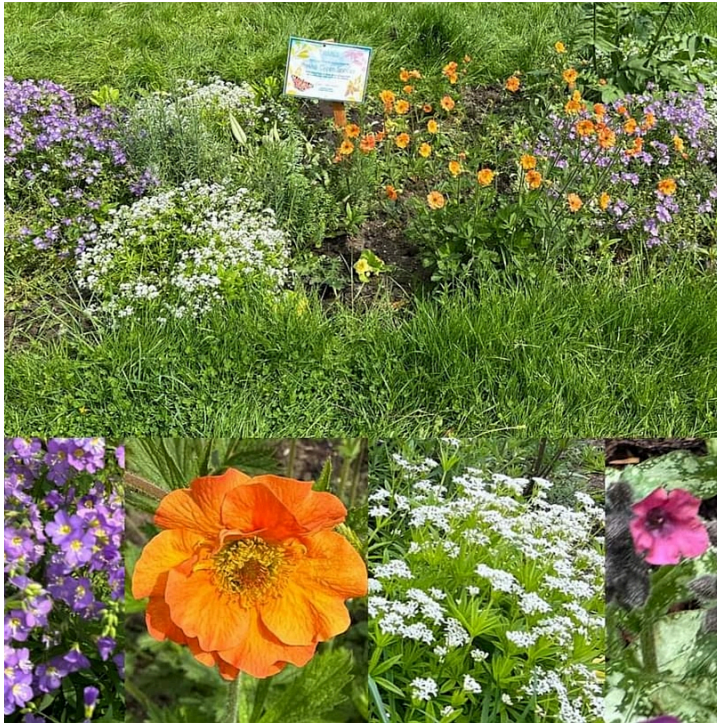


- We continued to develop relationships with other 'friends of the parks' groups and other community groups in Glasgow through networking and meetings.

- We have continued to develop strong relationships with local businesses, other community groups and corporate volunteers who have given up their time to help with major projects.







- We have continued to improve the safety and aesthetics of all three parks, encouraging the community to make better use of the green spaces.
- We have worked with local student Residences to promote biodiversity.



- YGS has expanded its community hub for litter picking and have shared the resources with other groups and individuals as a result.

- Biodiversity work carried out by YGS has been recognised and published in various Scottish Government articles and reports and displayed in an exhibition at The Mitchell Library, at the community village exhibition adjacent to The Riverside Museum and at the Yorkhill Gala Day event.
- We, once again exhibited at the annual Kelvin at the Kibble event and have taken part in monthly Kelvin Biodiversity Network meetings.
- We took part in a fresher student open day, facilitated a student wildflower sowing event and hosted a volunteer taster activity for students from Glasgow University.



- We took part in national biodiversity recording events including the Big Garden Birdwatch, Big Butterfly Count, National Bee Week, the City Nature Challenge and surveys for the UK National Pollinator Monitoring Programme. In addition our own

new species list passed the 1600 mark with new species logged throughout the year.

- An environmental management plan is being followed for almost one hectare of Yorkhill Park as a cut and lift meadow; the uncut area is being rotated each year. Yellow Rattle seed was sown to reduce the dominance of grass and 15 species of native wildflower plugs were planted plus crocus, snowdrop and native bluebell bulbs.



- We took part in several KSB Clean up Scotland events plus local litter pick initiatives in addition to our litterpicks twice monthly.
- We developed sustainability policies and practices and have continued to use hot composters at Cherry Park and Overnewton Park plus a water butt at Overnewton Park.

Financial review

See appendix 2 attached.

Future plans



In the next year we will:

- Expand our Sensory garden at Overnewton Park.
- Extend wildflower meadows in all three parks
- Plant further native wildflowers, plug plants and perennials in all three parks.
- Create a new 'bed for bees' feature at Cherry Park

- Provide further scythe training workshops
- Create further wildlife habitat piles in Yorkhill and Cherry Park
- Install new signage at Cherry Park to notify users of events, achievements and biodiversity initiatives.
- Set up night camera events to record wildlife activity.
- Create new community events in the three parks
- Create new children's activities in both parks
- Hold another community brainstorming event to allow for future planning.
- Hold social drop in events to promote the group and attract new volunteers.
- Continue to tidy, maintain and improve all three parks and surrounding areas.
- Arrange further larger community tidy ups with other groups in the west end.
- Promote physical and mental health benefits of green spaces. In addition we plan to host regular nature walks with relaxation exercises included to highlight the benefits to mental health by connecting with nature.
- Continue to provide corporate volunteering opportunities and school and college project opportunities.
- Take part in the Community Council gala day event in 2026.
- Create a website



Additional information

Our small group of volunteers have done a fabulous job working in all weather conditions to maintain and improve the parks for the benefit of the community and the wildlife.



Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Fiona C MacLeod

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Designation

Chair of YGS

Date 16 June 2026.