



Lanarkshire
CLIMATE ACTION HUB

CASE STUDY



Hareleeshill Community Garden

By Larkhall Community Growers

Larkhall Community Growers is a small social enterprise whose main aim is to make a positive impact on the lives of people living in the Larkhall Community. One of their projects which began with the aim of reducing social isolation, helping with mental health and empowering the community is Hareleeshill Community Garden.

After taking on a 25 year lease of a derelict piece of land which is located behind an area of housing. Larkhall Community Growers have built an area which is used by many individuals and groups in the community. It contains raised planter beds, polytunnels, sensory garden, wildlife garden, artworks from local artists and school groups and an outdoor classroom.

It provides a welcoming place where people can grow and build relationships together. Individuals are encouraged to grow their own produce and can hire a raised planting bed. Other community organisations like Larkhall and District Volunteer Group use the garden to grow produce which they use in meals served at their Community Lunch Club and distributed through their Community Fridge. The garden has a toddler group called Little Buds. As an example of their recent activity, the children coloured in fairy doors for the Wildlife Garden, they potted spring onion plants to take home and planted garlic in the garden's children's beds. There is also a monthly gardening club for older children called Young Buds, where they learn to grow vegetables, and participate in cooking activities and sessional events.

Find out more at

<https://www.larkhallcommunitygrowers.com/>