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## **Inverclyde Windfarm Fund 2021**

### **Case Study – The Inverclyde Shed**

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**Amount Awarded: £1,000.00**

“We spent the grant on heritage fruit trees, stakes, ties, and compost for establishing a community orchard at Muirshiel Lane, Port Glasgow.

The project represents a long-term investment in local food production, community growing skills and betterment of the environment generally. In time, the trees will yield fruit which will be donated to the local community pantry, they will provide skills training opportunities around pruning and tree care for the local community and a source of pollen for beehives on the site. We have organised a follow-on fruit tree pruning workshop on 6<sup>th</sup> March.

We anticipate the orchard will absorb over 60 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> over its anticipated lifecycle, whilst also offsetting potential carbon miles for food delivery.

We involved volunteers and young men serving community sentences in the main for installation of the orchard. The orchard also provided opportunities to promote the project by having our local MP plant a tree and had a group from Africa (activists for the Great Green Wall Project) visit the site during COP26 to plant the inaugural tree's.

- The Inverclyde Shed (February 2022)

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### **Further Reading**

Read more about all of the other great work that the Inverclyde Shed does [here](#).

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Please also visit the Inverclyde Shed Facebook page [here](#), and also their @Inverclydeshed Twitter page [here](#).



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***Appendix 1 – Pictures of the Inverclyde Shed’s orchard before, during and after its completion. The last two pictures show an African COP26 delegation planting the inaugural tree!***