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Compass Project Newsletter



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Celebrating the rain(water)

Thanks to [Greenwells](#), Compass is now home to **4 BIG** collection tanks which will allow us to start utilising the plentiful Scottish rain to water our no-dig bed crops.



These repurposed containers support the circular economy (reusing items from another business) and our ethos of sustainability by recycling rainwater collected onsite from the roofs of our buildings to nurture our plants.

Site Safety & Security

- **Public core path:** Please continue to follow the public core path when passing through the site. **Areas are fenced off for your safety. Please do not breach or move any of the fences in place.**
- **Dog walkers:** Please take **all dog waste away with you** - we do **not** have dog waste facilities onsite.
- **How to help:** Please keep watch if you are in the local area and continue to report anything suspicious to us - it's a great help!

Buildings

- **Sports Hall update:** Progress continues with refurbishment but is currently very slow due to a combination of COVID and Brexit. We continue to work towards an early 2022 opening date.
- **How to help:** We are looking to strip out damaged plasterboard, wooden flooring and insulation in the kindergarten by **mid-Oct** ready for refurbishment. Do you have the skills to lend a hand? Please get in touch: compass@cwt.scot
- **Interested in renting indoor space?** Note your **interest in renting indoor space** at Compass for purposes related to health / sustainability by emailing us: compass@cwt.scot.



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Outdoor Spaces

- **Tuesday Tasks:** Our regular Tuesday afternoon sessions have achieved a lot so far - from pruning shrubs, maintaining no-dig beds, harvesting produce, weeding around the buildings and cleaning graffiti from the walls. If you can spare an hour or two on a Tuesday afternoon, come along & join us!
- **Humble Harvests!** Our volunteers helped harvest a massive **51kg** of produce at the last volunteer day in August with 31kg of potatoes and an abundance of kale, cabbage, lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower and peas. The produce was distributed amongst the volunteers and also available to our staff on a donation basis.
- **Hands on harvests:** If you are interested in our freshly harvested, organically grown produce, let us know! We can send you an email as and when produce becomes available, or you can arrange to come onsite and harvest yourself! Alternatively, come along to the next volunteer day on **Saturday 11th September** to help us create new no-dig beds ready for spring planting, clear the fruit tree area and harvest the latest produce ready for the pop-up at 12noon. We should have leeks, celery, brambles and more all available on a donation basis!
- **Advanced Notice: Dry Stone Wall Workshops:** We are exploring running some dry stone wall workshops with an experienced dyker to restore the beautiful boundary walls around Compass. If this might interest you, please get in touch: compass@cwts.scot



Volunteers

- **Local support:** Lots of new volunteers continue to approach Compass! We've now reached an incredible **1646 hours** of time donated to the project by **138 volunteers** - a big thank-you to everyone involved!
- **Volunteer days:**
 - Week Days:** Come along to our **Tuesday afternoon** volunteering sessions starting at 1pm. Please email compass@cwts.scot before attending to check the tasks for the day.
 - Saturdays:** Sign up for the next event on **Saturday 11th September!** We will have another **pop-up** where you can enjoy local organic produce harvested onsite.
- **Volunteer feedback:** We are keen to hear how our volunteers have found their experience at Compass. If you have volunteered with us, please use our [online feedback form](#) to share your thoughts. Your feedback is important as it helps us improve and supports our funding applications.
- **Register your interest online:** Volunteers can use our online form to sign up as a volunteer. Visit www.camphillwellbeing.org.uk/compass or just click on the green button above!
- **How to help:** Share our volunteer opportunities with anyone who might be interested!

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Fundraising

Phase 1, ends 30th September 2021 | Current amount raised: £181,968 | Target: £200,000

- **Phase 1 Funding:** In the first year, Compass has set a goal of raising £200,000 towards the sustainable development of the Craigton Road site. We are just over £18,000 shy of this - can you help us reduce this? If 500 people donated **just £10** each, the project would be another **£5000** towards the goal! You can **donate online** through our [campaign page](#) or cheque donations can be sent to: Compass Project, Camphill Wellbeing Trust, St Devenicks, Murtle Estate, Bieldside, Aberdeen, AB15 9EN.
- **Phase 2 Funding:** Going forward, our next fundraising goal will be **£500,000**.
- **Fundraising Initiatives:** The Plant a Tree for Compass initiative, along general plant sales and Produce Pop-Ups, have raised over **£190** so far.
- **Next steps:** If you, or anyone you know have fundraising ideas for the Compass project, we would be happy to hear from you.



Donate now!

PR

- **ACVO Support:** The Compass project was delighted to have been featured in the Aberdeen Council for Voluntary Organisations newsletter last month. You can read the article on circular economy here: <https://acvo.org.uk/acvo-news/august-25th/>
- **Website:** Find the latest updates at www.camphillwellbeing.org.uk/compass including our **Photo Gallery**.
- **Facebook page:** Follow us here: www.facebook.com/CWTCompass
- **Next steps:** We are always interested in opportunities to raise the profile of the project. If you or any contacts you have would like to get involved, please let us know.



Upcoming Events

- **Our next volunteer event is: Saturday 11th September 2021: 9.30am - 5pm**
We plan to clear areas ready for fruit trees along the wall. We hope to have a digger onsite to assist with the larger boulders in the space. New no-dig beds will be created ready to plant spring crops and the brambles should be ready for harvesting too!

Remember to **bring cash** if you'd like to 'Plant a Tree for Compass' or pick up any **local produce** from the pop-up, including brambles! Free **Weleda body care samples** and **Deeside Water** will be available to keep our volunteers refreshed.

Events are in line with current COVID guidelines. If you can't make a Saturday, our Project Coordinator is always happy to facilitate individuals onsite during the week. Just get in touch: compass@cwt.scot

- Sign up as a volunteer using our [online form](#) to receive email reminders of upcoming events and future dates!

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