

# DIRECTIONS

## Compass Project Newsletter



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### CHES Community Benefits Compass

Compass would like to extend a big thanks to the expertise of **CHES Ltd** who supplied two data specialists for one week to support the expansion of the CCTV system onsite.

The two CHES employees installed additional floodlight cameras on the new network as part of their participation in the Community Benefit scheme.

The completed work is very much appreciated by Camphill Wellbeing Trust, the charity behind Compass, and demonstrates a great way to practice the circular economy of skill sharing. Staff extend their thanks particularly to Lee Thompson and his apprentice K. Macleod for their technical expertise in further securing the Compass site helping deter any vandalism.



### Call for Help

The southern public access path entering the Compass site is showing signs of deterioration and the route is often overgrown. **We are looking for local volunteers to help maintain the core path** used by many in the area. Come along as part of our volunteer sessions and help us cut back the overgrown areas for easy access for walkers.

### Compass Visitors

The team were delighted to welcome **Hamish Cattanach, Aberdeen City Council Project Development Officer**, onsite this month to learn more about the project and explore potential opportunities with the city. Hamish initially discovered the Compass project as part of our attendance at the **Come And Network (CAN) Day** organised by Aberdeen City Council's Communities Team in September. We look forward to seeing how the partnership grows.

Meantime, our volunteers sorted potatoes and corporate groups helped progress planting in the orchard.



### 2000 bulbs arrive at Compass

Compass were delighted to receive **2000 bulbs** from Aberdeen City Council's Environmental Services this month. Offered to community groups to **brighten up their neighbourhood**, the council distributed bulbs to over 100 groups last year bringing colour to the city. This year, the bulbs on offer are purple crocus and mixed muscari so keep an eye out for these flowers appearing across the Compass site and city-wide in 2024!

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## Buildings

- **Multi-Purpose Hall:** The sustainable refurbishment of the Multi-Purpose Hall continues. However due to circumstances out with our control, we have experienced significant delays and are now aiming for an opening in early 2024. Good progress has been made with the multi-user access to the hall and this work remains on track to be finished by the end of 2023. Get in touch if you'd like to find out more about **hiring a space** in our refurbished multi-purpose hall.



## Outdoor Spaces

- **Love the Leaves:** This is the ideal time to gather leaves as the trees shed for the winter. Compass volunteers and staff have been busy raking leaves and gathering them for the specific leaf composting bins. When kept separate from the main garden waste / compost bins, composted leaves, known as leaf mold, provide an excellent mulch next season.
- **Honey Harvests:** Outdoor Areas Manager, Olivier Billaud, gained experience in the **processing of honey** this month. Using harvests from the Compass bee hives as well as neighbouring Camphill sites, he was able to learn how to extract the honey using the facilities available on Camphill Estate, pictured above. We hope to offer Compass honey through our Produce Pop-Ups shortly.
- **Garden Preparations:** Volunteers have helped to terrace the bank of the polytunnel over the last few weeks in preparation for herb planting next year. A great job done, thanks team!
- **Produce Pop-Ups: every Thur 2pm - 4pm, Fri 10am - 1pm & 1st Saturday / month, 10am - 4pm** Enjoy a range of **seasonal produce** including **Compass honey** and **Compass Firewood**. Stock up on firewood during the colder months; bags are available for sale at **just £10.50** or you can bulk buy a **cubic metre for £105**. We also have kindling and wood chippings for sale. To place your order or find out more, email: [garden@cwt.scot](mailto:garden@cwt.scot).

## Volunteers

- **Local support:** We've received an incredible **7763 hours** of volunteering time from **782 volunteers**, including schools & corporate groups - **thank-you!**
- **Drivers hired!** We are pleased to announce that three **volunteer drivers** have signed up to support our Skills for Health social prescribing programme, helping people gain access to the site and assisting with delivery of produce.
- **Volunteer days:**  
We offer regular **week day opportunities** to volunteer at Compass:  
**Wednesday afternoon: 1.30pm - 4pm | Thursday morning: 9.30am - 12noon**  
Let us know you are coming: [compass@cwt.scot](mailto:compass@cwt.scot) - we can let you know the tasks!  
We will be closed for Christmas, welcoming volunteers back week of **8th January**.



Sign up as a  
Volunteer!

**Saturdays:** Our **last Saturday event of 2023** will take place on: **Sat 2nd Dec 2023, 9.30 - 4pm.** with mince pie refreshments! We welcome Saturday volunteers back on **3rd February '24**.



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### Fundraising

**Phase 1: Sep 2020 - Sep 2021: achieved £200,000**

**Phase 2: Oct 2021 - Sep 2024 | Current amount raised: £916,135 | Target: £1.5 million**

- **Phase 2 Funding:** Our next fundraising goal is to raise **£1,500,000** by September 2024. We have **raised an incredible £916,135** so far thanks to grants, donations, produce sales and a generous anonymous donor.
- **Funding Success:** We are delighted to have received an award of **£8150** through the TSG (Technology Services Group) Foundation Committee to support the inclusion of digital technology onsite at Compass, promoting access to technology and the digital world.
- **TAQA Support for Compass:** The project has secured a £1000 award from the TAQA UK Community Fund towards a volunteer cabin for the garden area. This, along with a £2000 grant from AAB, a £1000 donation from Ryden following their corporate volunteering day and our own fundraising initiatives will enable us to purchase and install the cabin onsite.
- **Support us!** You can **donate online** through our **LocalGiving campaign page** or by cheque to: Compass, Camphill Wellbeing Trust, St Devenicks, Murtle Estate, Bieldside, Aberdeen, AB15 9EN.



**Donate now!**

### PR & Connections

- **SHMU Filming:** Compass will be taking part in **Station House Media Unit (shmuFM)**'s 'Our Earth Week' in a feature celebrating the good work happening across Aberdeen by organisations such as ourselves. With the help of our volunteers, Compass will showcase some of the initiatives onsite demonstrating how we are helping communities to live better and find solutions to climate change. In partnership with NESCAN, the feature will touch on our no-dig organic garden, polytunnel growing, recycled path maintenance, beehives and wildflower projects to name a few. A number of volunteers will be filmed to share their thoughts on their involvement - we can't wait to watch the final piece!

### Upcoming Events.

- **Monthly Volunteering Day: Saturday 2nd December 2023: 9.30am - 4pm**
  - ✓ We have **firewood, wood chippings** and **seasonal produce** for sale. With our **new card machine**, we can now accept card payments and donations!
  - ✓ Free **Weleda body care samples** and **Deeside Water** to keep our volunteers refreshed along with festive mince pies.
  - ✓ **Focus on Compass:** Learn more about the project and its developments during our break-time at around 11am on Saturday.
- **Weekday Volunteering:** Volunteers are welcome throughout the week by prior arrangement or come along on a **Wednesday afternoon (1.30pm - 4pm)** or **Thursday morning (9.30am - 12noon)**.
- Sign up as a volunteer using our [online form](#) to receive email reminders of upcoming events, seasonal produce pop-ups and news updates!



**Sign up as a  
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