



Fife Communities
Climate Action Network

An introduction

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What are we?

A Network of grassroots Community Organisations in Fife that are taking action on Climate Change.

FCCAN is created on the Scottish Communities Climate Action Network model.

Currently 10 member organisations



Our aim is to empower and enable communities to create a low carbon future, and promote local resilience and well-being.

We do this by:



- Providing a network for mutual support
- Promoting a shared vision
- Being a collective voice
- Creating opportunities for partnership working
- Tackling the barriers and challenges that community groups face when taking action on climate change



- Raising awareness and promoting practical community-led action to make Fife communities more sustainable
- Acting as a representative structure for its members in working with other organisations such as Fife Community Planning Partnership etc.
- Sharing learning across its network and helping to educate groups and individuals on climate change

Facilitation Pilot Project - Rationale

- We have 10 members in Fife, who have told us that they are keen to share learning and to work together, but that they lack the capacity to organise networking activities.
- To help address this, Scottish Communities CAN has secured a small grant to carry out a pilot project to support and develop its membership in Fife.
- The 1-year project will deliver a programme of networking events and communications, and aim to inspire joint projects between members.
- It will also research the organisational and financial models options available to run the network going forward.

Facilitation Pilot Project - Activities

- Organise and facilitate 4 network meetings, at locations around Fife
- Research and produce a bi-monthly e-newsletter
- Facilitate the inception of joint projects, based on members' needs and interests.
- Consult community groups to find out how the network can best serve them.
- Increase the profile of community climate action in Fife, by engaging with the local media to highlight the range of activities taking place.
- Give us a shared local 'voice', particularly with the local authority.
- Research the options for structuring, operating and financing the Fife network going forward, and carry out an options appraisal with our members. Then, develop a sustainable business plan for regional networking in Fife.

Our members

- Small charities, development trusts or voluntary organisations.
- Some have paid staff and significant funding, others run solely on volunteer input.
- What unites us is a strong concern about our local and global environment, belief in a community development approach

Greener Kirkcaldy

Greener Kirkcaldy is a community charity, working on a local scale to benefit people and our environment. We are concerned about climate change and by the impact of rising food and fuel costs. We would like to see a future where everyone is able to heat their home affordably, eat well, and tread more lightly on our planet.



Our energy advisers can help you and your family stay warm and get your energy bills under control. Free, impartial advice and support.

Greener Kirkcaldy – Too Good To Waste project – booklet to reduce waste locally



Our guide to where you can get things fixed, buy second hand, sell or donate in Kirkcaldy.

Greener Kirkcaldy - Dunnikier Park Edible Landscape



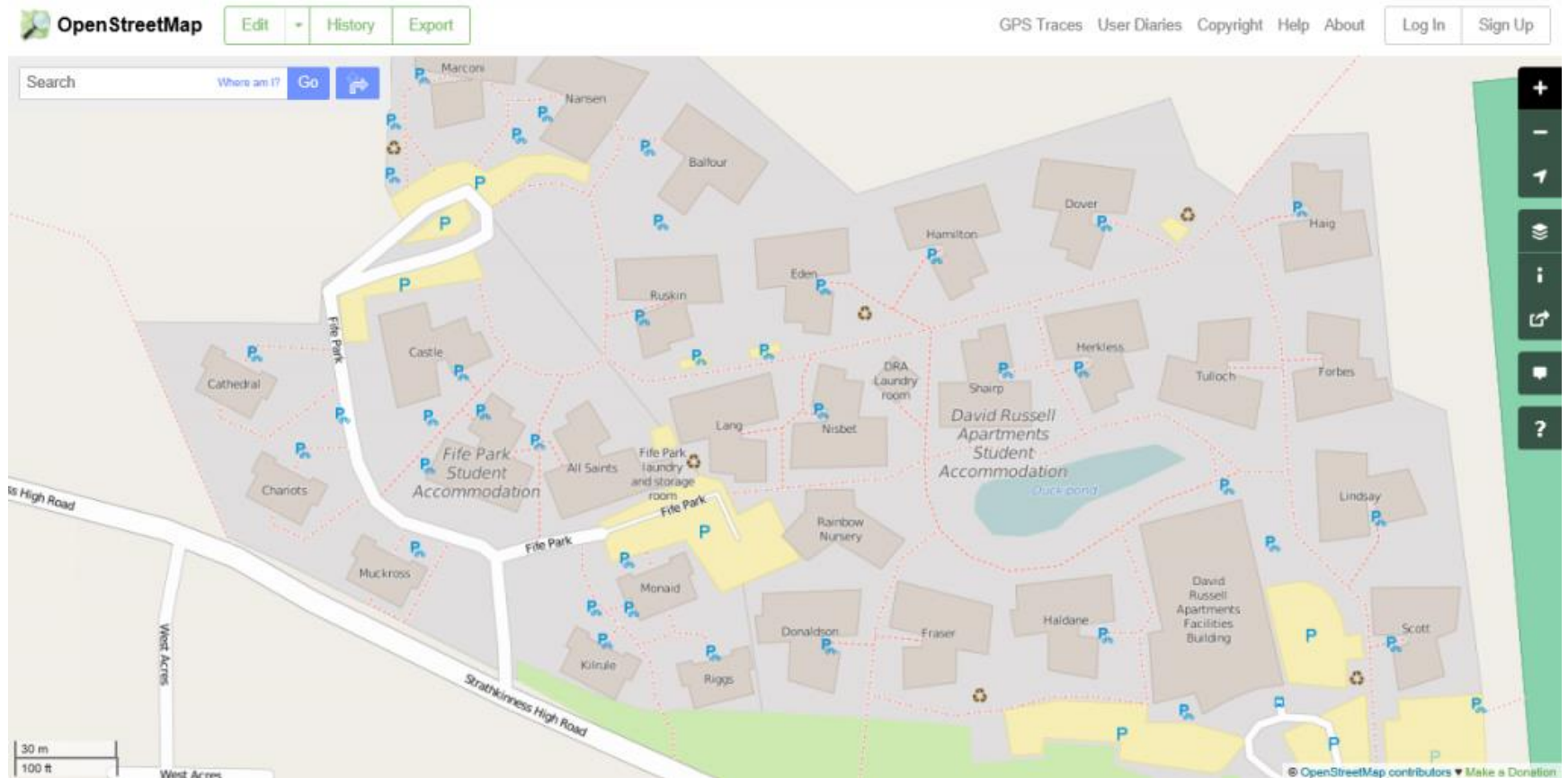
Our project to
create an edible
landscape in
Dunnikier Park

Transition University St Andrews

- Transition Uni St Andrews is offering local residents and University Students and Staff and opportunity to gain the nationally recognised Ride Leader accreditation. The training provides you with an excellent vocational skill, confidence and knowledge.



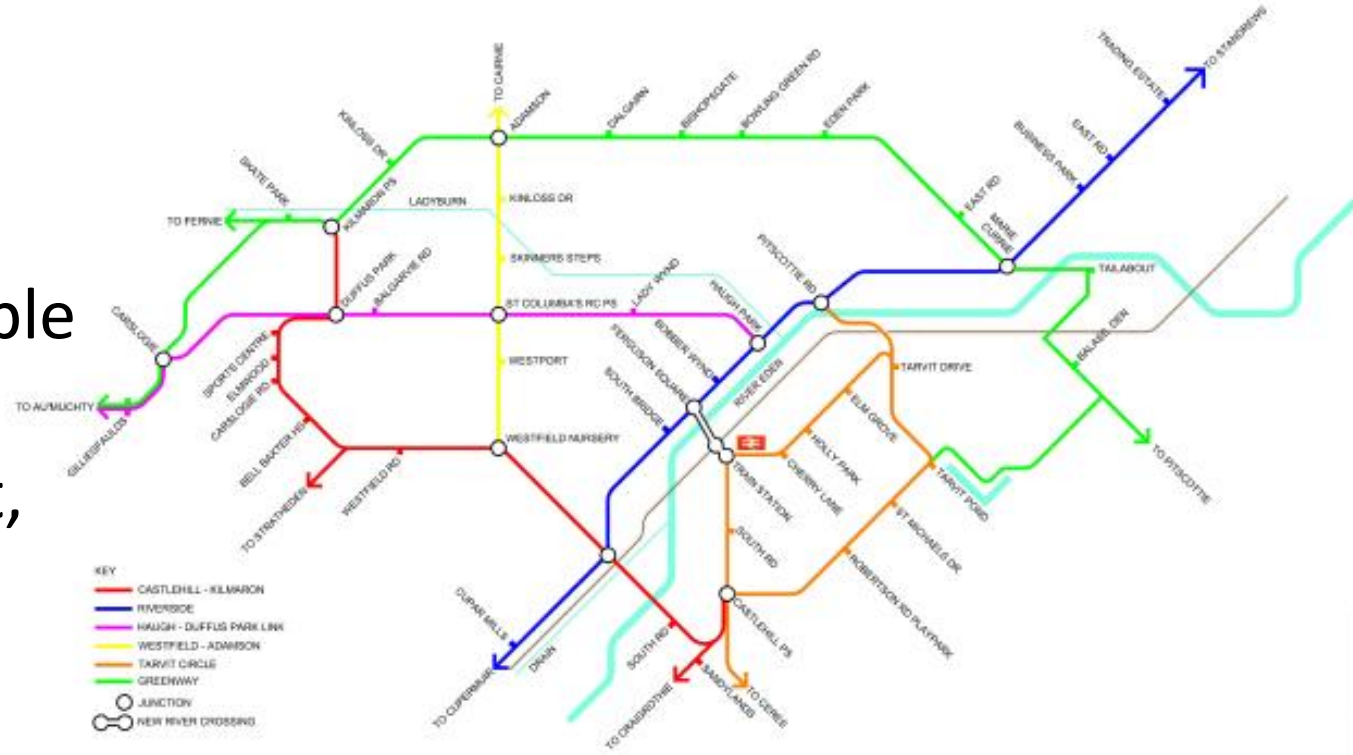
Smart Mapping for Smart Travel is a Transition project to help empower travellers in St Andrews to make more sustainable travel choices, through the open-source software of [OpenStreetMap](https://www.openstreetmap.org/).



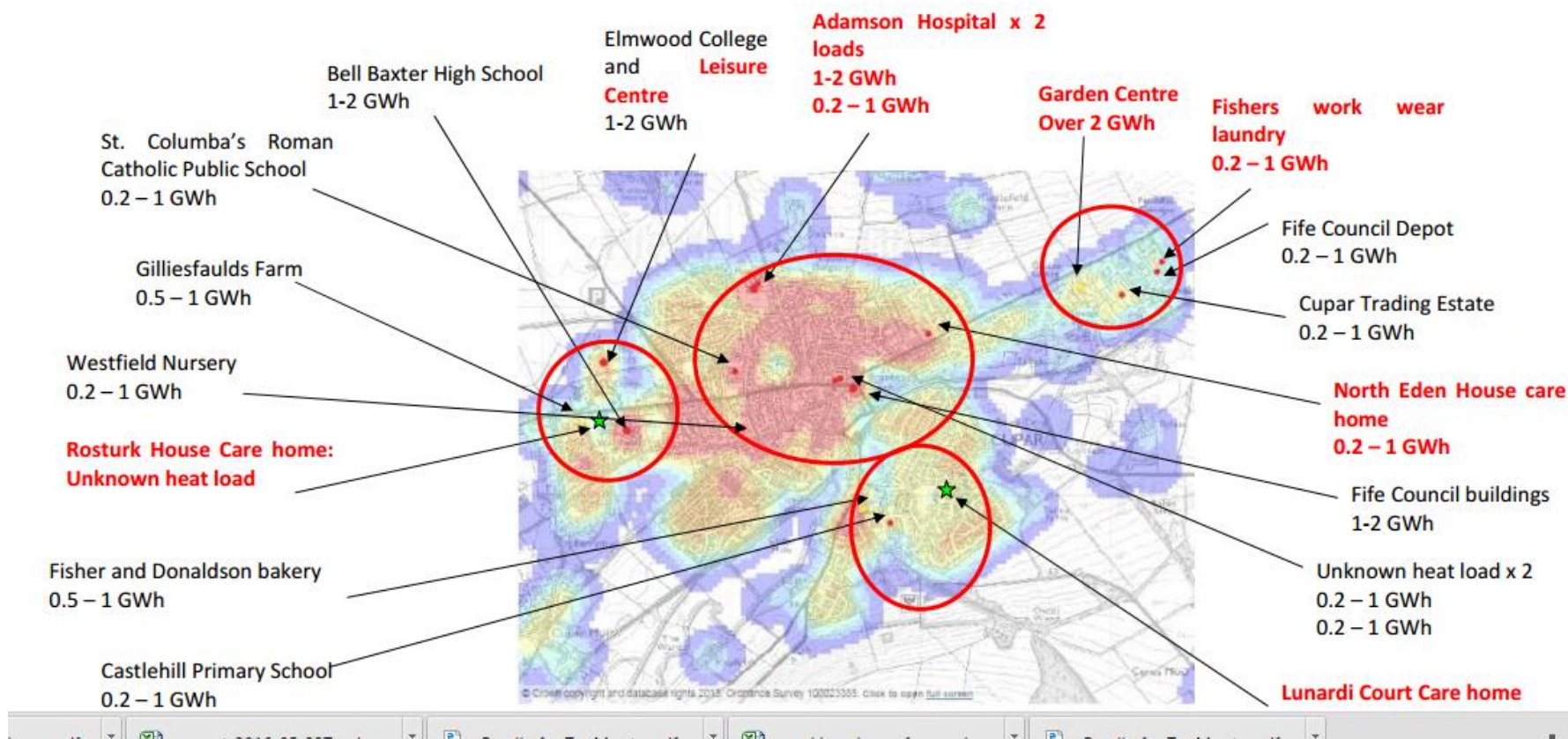
Sustainable Cupar

Aims to encourage people to use more sustainable means of transport (foot, bicycle, public transport, car sharing)

CUPAR ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTE MAP



Sustaining Cupar - District heating outline feasibility; Matching demand with potential heat sources



Falkland Centre for Stewardship



Local Food Works is an exciting one year project, led by Falkland Stewardship Trust in partnership with community members who are passionate about bringing local food to the local community. It is funded by Climate Challenge Fund.

Anstruther Improvements Association



The building complex formed part of a bid for grant funding to the Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI), funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and designed to help communities regenerate Conservation Areas

Tayport Development Trust



PLANT project is undertaking lots of garden related activities around Tayport to brighten up our surroundings

Member Activities

- Members are working on projects about energy, transport, food, waste reduction, greenspace – across all FEP outcome areas.
- We make a difference by building social capacity and well being and by tackling fuel and food poverty

Outcomes from today

- To provide FEP with a point of contact for engaging communities in Fife that are tackling climate change
- To provide comment on FEP policies and plans in response to consultations
- To seek opportunities in coming year for collaboration
- To offer input into the FEP August 2016 climate fair

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