



The Orchard, Leven

Garden

Summary of the garden

The Orchard, a market garden inspired by the planned reopening of the Leven railway line, exists within the car park of the Leven Community Centre. The garden has transformed a functioning car park into a vibrant growing space that fosters community engagement, well being, and environmental sustainability. In celebration of this railway reopening, long hoped for by the community, the garden reimagined the railway in miniature scale. The garden also incorporates sensory elements to immerse visitors in a fun, surprising environment, with the concrete surrounds transformed into a thriving, above ground construction with vertical growing, edible plants and a beautiful mural.

Who is involved

Key Stakeholders:

- Leven Community Centre
- The Leven Programme
- Hub of volunteers
- Community Trade Hub
- Parkhill Primary School

Main aims of the garden

- A place where people can come together, take part in gardening, or simply unwind in nature
- Training grounds and learning opportunities
- A unique space for local events and workshops to take place
- An example of what can be achieved when partners, projects and communities come together

Main contacts for the garden

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Their needs for the garden

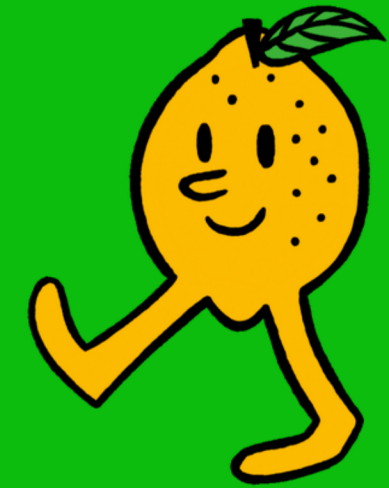
- Education - teach volunteers and/or the staff at The Centre how to maintain, propagate, general growing tips, and how to make the best use to the space

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The mural at the Orchard was designed and painted by Kerry Wilson, complimenting the garden beautifully



Some of the community planters and the first harvest of lettuce by the Creative Producer Naomi.



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Left to right: 1) community members planting fruit trees in the vertical growing areas of the Orchard, 2) a performer at the Harvest Festival on the bespoke stage, 3) Creative Producer Naomi under the mosaic sign of the garden, created by the local community

