



IMPACT REPORT

GROUNDWORK NE & CUMBRIA
2021/2022



Foreword

At Groundwork NE & Cumbria we are passionate about creating a future where every neighbourhood is thriving; community is strong and no-one is held back.

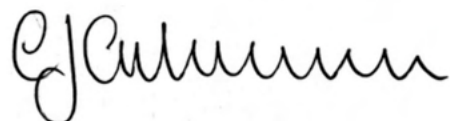
This year the Groundwork Federation celebrates our 40th anniversary. Our purpose feels more relevant now than ever. Restoring pride of place and a sense of community, tackling climate change, working with unemployed people to improve their life chances and addressing inequalities faced across the North.

This impact report highlights Groundwork NE & Cumbria's achievements over the last year; sharing inspirational stories about how we support those most in need whilst facing ongoing impacts of Covid and a cost of living crisis.

In the coming year we'll support Levelling Up and our Lead Authorities in building pride in place. Continuing to invest in human capital and community resilience as we have for nearly 40 years. Building our response to the climate and biodiversity crisis, alongside our journey to be zero carbon 2030.

After 30 years I have decided to move on to new challenges. I'm really proud and privileged to have been the CEO of Groundwork NE & Cumbria; seeing so many positive differences we make to people, places and communities.

The Trustees and myself are endlessly impressed with what our organisation, staff, communities and individuals achieve. We supported over 11,800 people last year. This would not have been possible without the many partners and funders we work with. We'd like to thank them all; enabling us to Change Places and Change Lives.



Kate Culverhouse.
Chief Executive

We have a mission to mobilise practical community action on poverty and the environment.

Passionate About:



IMPROVING PEOPLE'S PROSPECTS:

Increasing confidence, health and wellbeing, skills and employability of those most in need, lifting them out of poverty.



CREATING BETTER PLACES:

Helping people work together to make their surroundings greener, safer and healthier; getting involved in local decision making.



PROMOTING GREENER CHOICES:

Helping people, communities and businesses understand and reduce their environmental impact to fight climate change.



The Year in Numbers: 2021-22



255

People helped to reduce their energy. Tackling fuel poverty



310 Ha

Landscape restored = 434 football pitches. Tackling the climate & biodiversity crisis



7.2 km

Footpaths enhanced/created. Improving access to nature



1,481

Adults gained qualifications & supported into work. Boosting productivity



72

Community groups supported. Building pride of place



11,805

People supported throughout the year



2,947

Young people supported to learn, achieve & thrive



3,473

People supported with their mental health & wellbeing



3,800

Children & families supported. Reducing inequality



416

Businesses supported to employ new entrants to the labour market



Greener Living and Working

I went veggie to reduce my carbon footprint due to the carbon literacy training provided on the Kickstart Scheme at Groundwork





GREEN DOCTOR

Over 750 residents supported

Initiated over £7,500
worth of savings

£7,000 worth of energy
saving measures provided

Helped 150 households apply
for Warm Home Discount

Supported 100s of people to
get grants for replacement
boilers/heating systems

Helping to Reduce Environmental Impact and Fight Climate Change

GROUNDWORK GREEN DOCTOR service provides energy efficiency experts who visit people in their homes across the North East & Cumbria, helping vulnerable households to save money and stay warm and well. With over 1 in 10 households in the UK experiencing fuel poverty, it's a crucial lifeline for many residents helping to reduce inequality and support those most in need.

Green Doctor helps people engage with the climate emergency and save money at the same time. The need for and success of this programme means we are actively training and integrating more Green Doctor advisors into wider Groundwork programmes, to reach more people in need, such as Employment and Youth programmes.



**GREEN
DOCTOR**



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I'm so grateful for the Green Doctors. They have saved me money, helped me access a grant to replace the boiler and kept me warm all winter.



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DOCTOR**

Raising Climate Awareness for All

CARBON LITERACY TRAINING

Groundwork, in partnership with the Carbon Literacy Project, is proud to be an accredited **Carbon Literacy training provider**. Educating staff and apprentices through environmental training in climate change awareness, energy efficiency and the climate impacts of everyday life and work.

Groundwork has committed to train all staff, trainees and apprentices in 2022 and roll out Carbon Literacy Training to our supply chain, partners, schools and groups. This supports our goal to be **carbon neutral by 2030**; leading the field as an ethical environmental and community charity.

Participants really value the Carbon Literacy Certificate on their CV, many becoming climate champions in their workplaces and communities.



Delivering Nature Based Solutions Creating Green Jobs

LOFTUS COMMUNITY WOODLAND

Groundwork's expert Landscape Architects Team and Green Team ranger apprentices have created an innovative natural flood management scheme. This included opening up an underground stream and pond to create a beautiful new wetland habitat. Many wildlife species have returned after years of absence and deer have already been seen. The ranger team have also installed a new pedestrian bridge to give the local community better access to nature.

Thanks to the Green Recovery Challenge Fund; Environmental Rangers have delivered fantastic Nature Based Solutions and woodland restoration. Improving access to nature, green spaces, training and employability for young people.

Green Recovery Challenge Fund



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Proud to be working in partnership with....







THANK YOU!

Working in partnership with public, private and community stakeholders, we improve, protect and enhance our local communities, partners and environment. A wholehearted **THANK YOU** is extended to all the organisations and people we have worked with in 2021/22.



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