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Charity’s gardens transformed thanks to
Woodland View project

A charity run respite centre’s garden in Cumnock has had a make-over thanks to the construction of Woodland View, the new mental health and community facility in Irvine.

As part of the community benefits associated with the construction of the new £46 million facility, NHS Ayrshire & Arran’s construction partner, Balfour Beatty has undertaken a number of actions which benefit local communities.

Balfour Beatty, WH Malcolms and Marshalls teamed up with Action for Children to help revamp their existing gardens at the respite centre in Lisalanne, Cumnock. The project included constructing a sensory garden and the restoration and improvement of public access into the garden.

Lisalanna provides a respite (short breaks) service to children and young people aged five to 18, including children with moderate to profound learning difficulties and/or physical disabilities, multi-sensory impairment and complex healthcare needs, and those with challenging behaviour.

Balfour Beatty and their local supply chain partners donated materials, volunteered labour and supplied machinery to make the project possible. Twelve young people also worked on the project and managed to gain their SVQ Level 3 in Employability and Steps to Work.

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Hector MacAulay, Balfour Beatty Managing Director for the East of Scotland, said: “Balfour Beatty is committed to providing a lasting benefit for the local communities in which they work and this was a great opportunity to do so.

“We are delighted to be able to provide these young people with much needed new facility for their respites.”

John Scott, Project Director for Woodland View, commented: “We are delighted with the transformation of the gardens at Action for Children’s respite centre in Cumnock. “We are pleased that the benefits from the construction of Woodland View are being shared throughout Ayrshire.”

Maria Williamson, Children’s Services Manager at Action for Children commented: “Working in partnership has enabled us to give young people practical work experience, which has been invaluable to them in their search for employment. We are delighted with the transformation in the garden area and the work completed by young people.”

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Photograph:
011015 Lisalanna 1 and 2: before – the gardens were overgrown and unattractive
011015Lisalanna3 and4: after – the gardens have been transformed

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