

South West Library  
Drying Green

**Stakeholders**  
RIG Arts, Inverclyde  
Libraries,  
the local neighbours and  
the community

**Who is  
involved**

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**Garden**

**Main  
contacts  
for the  
garden**

**Summary  
of the  
garden**

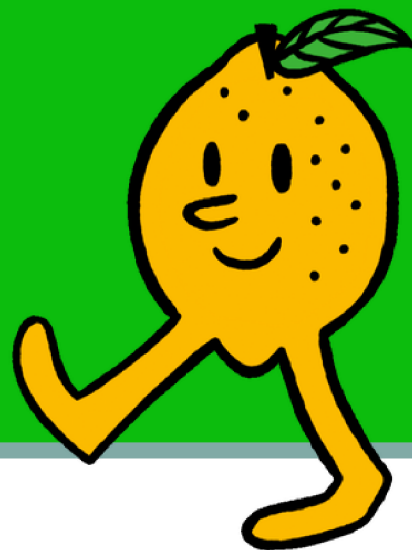
**Main aims  
of the  
garden**

**Their  
needs for  
the garden**

The community-led garden occupies a space behind South West Library in Greenock, open every Thursday between 1pm and 5pm for members of the public. The garden accommodates a reading garden for the library, as well as community-focused activities. When designing the garden, they took the concept of a traditional drying green as a starting point for their ideas and designs, referencing its uses of play, utility and conversation. During the Dandelion project, the garden hosted story-telling, poetry and craft sessions and workshops, and are fundraising for cooking afternoons at Belville garden, grow-at-home packs, a seed library, information packs and further time towards the growing officer working in the garden.

- Community Connections
- Free access to food & food growing, reducing food poverty stigma
- Connecting Heritage, Arts and Food
- Free community-focused activities/events

- Assistance from professors in possible funding applications
- Joint growing and specialist talks/advice at events or volunteer days
- Setting up a resource growing back for the community members to have the confidence in working self sufficiently in the garden
- Barrier building or raised bed building at the edge of the hill for safety



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## Greenock



Images from the garden: Fruit trees, a floor mosaic designed and placed by community members and a large, colourful mural on the back wall of the South West Library



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Images of the Drying Green, including the compost bins, the raised beds and the seating area

