

Welcome to Greenmyres!

The Story So Far

With the help of the Scottish Land Fund in March 2014 Huntly Development Trust (HDT) acquired Greenmyres to:

1. Develop a community wind turbine to generate green electricity and a significant long-term revenue stream to support HDT and our investment in community projects;
2. Create a vibrant, multi-functional community asset offering a range of social, economic and environmental benefits.

Since then, we have commissioned the wind turbine and – in line with community consultations – invested its income in a range of projects, including Number 30 in Huntly town centre, the Huntly Travel Hub and improvements at Greenmyres itself.



Work To Date At Greenmyres

Since purchasing Greenmyres we have:

- Turned the deteriorating farmhouse into the Ecobothy, an award-winning fully-accessible, environmentally-friendly venue, with toilets, kitchen, storage/workshop, car parking and two E-bike lockers;
- Completed the missing links in a footpath/cycle path to/from Huntly providing virtually traffic-free active travel access between the two, and created a link path into Gartly Moor Forest to connect with the network of forest tracks;
- Planted wildflowers, hedging and over 6,000 native trees, and dug two wildlife scrapes all of which has resulted in increased site biodiversity.



Next Steps...

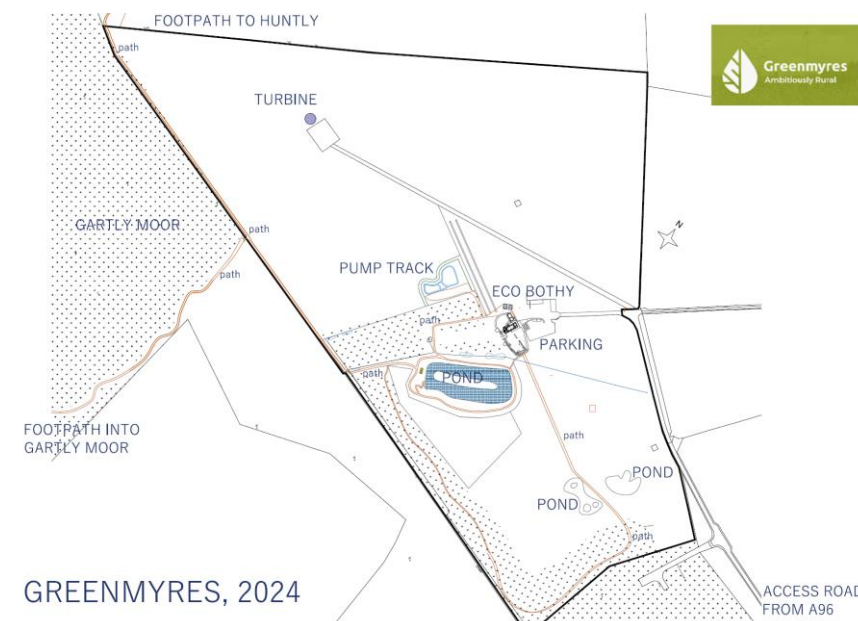
HDT has recently started working with North-East Adventure Tourism (NEAT) to develop outdoor adventure facilities at Greenmyres. The first results are the new cycle pump track and changing room facilities.

With the help of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), NEAT and the Canoe Foundation we have advanced plans to improve access to the main Greenmyres pond, build a boathouse and extend the pond itself. The UKSPF and Smarter Choices Smarter Places are currently supporting the post of our Greenmyres Manager.



Your Views – What Next for Greenmyres?

We plan to invest further to make Greenmyres a biodiverse, high-quality, family-friendly adventure venue for all in our community, for visitors to our area and for wildlife. This will be fun and healthy, and create opportunities for skills development and jobs. Ten years on from buying Greenmyres, we are again seeking your views on what to do next, including potential community acquisition of the area of Gartly Moor Forest closest to Greenmyres to create further opportunities.



Please, **by 30th June 2024**, fill in our short survey:

- in hard copy, or via
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5CL5GB9>
- the QR code



Thank you in advance for your input.