

DEEP Earth Wisdom

Location: Dedridge nature trail near the Lanthorn Community Centre

Their story:

Dedridge is an area of high public sector housing and the Dedridge Burn plantation was the subject of a new woodland management project.

The DEEP group - **Dedridge Environment Ecology Project** - were selected through the **grassroots public art grant scheme** to create a public art project that would develop their woodland in their community.

DEEP also wanted to create outdoor permanent works of art which would draw inspiration from the land and the local community of Dedridge Burn Plantation.

The educational aspirations of the project team included increasing opportunities for young people, improving the health and well being of the community and protecting, appreciating and conserving the environment.

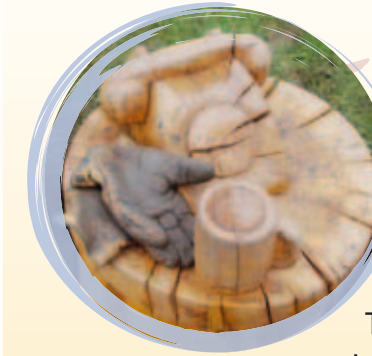
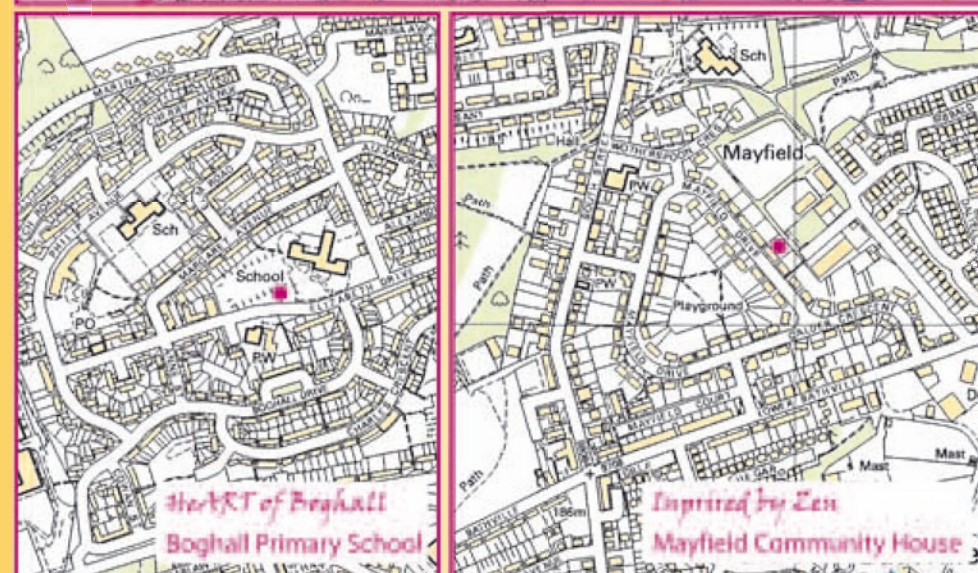
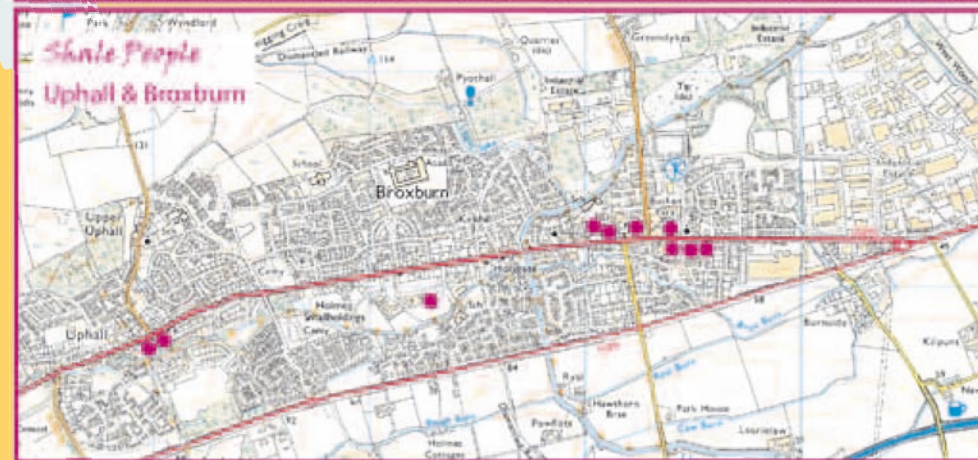
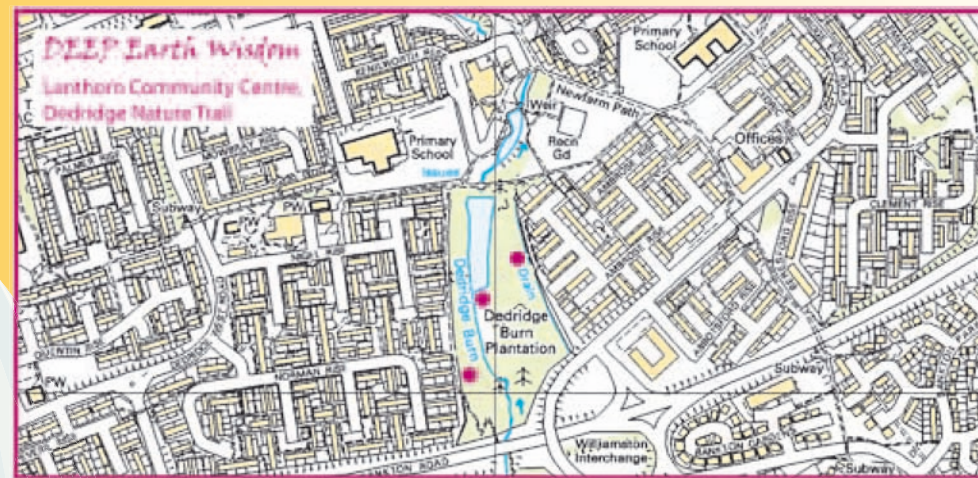
The Dedridge Burn Plantation has since won the 2011 *Community Woodland of Scotland Award*.

Project Partners: Dedridge Environment Ecology Project (DEEP), Artist Blacksmiths of Ratho Byres Forge, West Lothian Council's Community Arts team, Neighbourhood Environment Team Service (NETS), Community Inclusion Team Community Learning and Development.

Location: Three sites within the Dedridge Burn Plantation and nature trail area.

To visit: Dedridge Burn Plantation and nature trail area is accessible and open all year round. The artworks are located close to the trail footpath.

Website or Blog: <http://www.spanglefish.com/>
DedridgeEnvironmentEcologyProject



grassroots public art

west lothian

The **grassroots public art grant scheme** was developed to support pioneering arts, health and environment-based public art projects that would lay the foundations for future public art work in West Lothian.

The focus of the **grassroots public art grant scheme** was to create work in the areas of art, health and environment. This gave community groups a direction in which to approach improving their local areas.

Of the 18 applicants to the project grant fund, four groups were selected, these projects were:

1. Armadale - *Inspired by Zen*
2. Boghall - *HeART of Boghall*
3. Broxburn and Uphall - *Shale People*
4. Dedridge - *Dedridge environment ecology project (DEEP) Earth Wisdom*



The Grassroots Public Art Grant Scheme is funded by West Lothian Council's Public Art Fund, Community Arts team, West Lothian on the Move and Creative Scotland. The scheme is administered by West Lothian Council's Community Arts team.

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Inspired by Zen

Location: Armadale

Their story:

The Sunny Dale Association is a committee of local residents who run activities in Mayfield Community House. Their vision for the **grassroots public art grant scheme** was to transform their unused community house gardens by drawing on the inspiration of Japanese Zen concepts.

In doing so the project would provide a contrasting tranquil, relaxation space within a community known for chaotic lifestyles.

Project objectives included:

1. The active involvement of residents, promoting working together reducing a sense of isolation, increasing personal confidence, energy and physical fitness; fostering community spirit and encouraging hope and civic pride.
2. Promoting cross-generational use of tranquil space simultaneously providing experiential learning opportunities, which will serve to increase awareness, skills and understanding of positive well being activities.
3. Promoting through the garden creation process the use of the garden, the notion of environmental improvements and positive well being activities.

Project Partners: Artist - Fanny Lam Christie, Sunny Dale Association and West Lothian Council - Housing, Education and Community Arts team.

Location: The front and back garden at 198 Mayfield Community House, Armadale, EH48 2JL.

To visit: the garden and sculpture are open to the public by appointment or on one of their open drop in days.

Please contact the **Sunny Dale Association** for more information on visiting the garden please call 01501 733 248.



HeART of Boghall

Location: Boghall Primary School

Their story:

The aim of the **HeART of Boghall** project was to bring the community together creatively, promote sharing of experiences and skills, enhance wellbeing and bring colour and vibrancy to the local environment.

There were two strands to the Boghall public art project:

- To create a permanent outdoor artwork in an unloved public space, giving a focus to the regeneration of the area.
- To provide participation opportunities to local children, young people and adults to make their own interpretation of the artwork. These smaller individual artworks were portable and were gathered and exhibited in different ways around the local area.

Project partners: Artists - Tansy Lee Moir, Robin Wood and Boghall Drop In Centre, West Lothian Council Community Arts team.

Location: The public access green space at Boghall Primary School, Elizabeth Drive, Boghall, Bathgate EH48 1JB.

To visit: the artwork is placed in a public access green space that is part of the school playground and kick pitch area. Please be aware of the primary school playtimes and try to plan your visit accordingly.



Shale People

Location: Five sites spread between Uphall and Broxburn

Their story:

The project got off to an exciting start as the many sites and ideas for development were brought into focus. The original bid named multiple sites and ideas and a final selection of projects was distilled from this plan. A significant part of the project was to set up a new arts-focused group which became the **Artichange Group**. Once the group was established it became another outlet and focal point for people from the community to join in. **Artichange** is an arts group which takes responsibility for maintaining the final art works and looks to the future for new art project ideas to develop.

Project Partners: Artists - Mike Inglis, Dr. Andrew Crummy, DUFI (Al McInnes and Fin Macrae) and Shirley Anne Murdoch, Artichange community group, Broxburn and Uphall Town Centre Management Group, West Lothian Council Community Arts team.

Locations: 5 mural and installation sites around Broxburn and Uphall.

1. Clocking Off – Gala Day and Quoits Mural. Artist: DUFI (Al McInnes and Fin Macrae). Site: Broxburn Swimming Pool exterior walls

2. Homage to The Shale Workers Mural. Artist: Dr Andrew Crummy. Site: Gable end at William Hill (Bookmakers), Uphall

3. Made by Shale People Banner Series. Artist: Shirley-Anne Murdoch. Site: Front of the Broxburn Library and Local History Museum, Broxburn

4. Shale Hearts/People Trail. Artist: Mike Inglis. Sites: Aldo's Chip shop gable end, West Main Street, Uphall (four figures); Broxburn Swimming Pool, East Main Street/Easter Road, Broxburn (single figure); Traditional Tearoom gable end, East Main Street, Broxburn (two figures); Masonic Hall vennel/alleyway, East Main Street, Broxburn (single figure); Glen Lowe's Butchers sidewall, East Main Street, Broxburn (single figure); and Entrance of Broxburn Library, East Main Street, Broxburn (single figure).

5. Shale People: Then and Now. Artist: Shirley-Anne Murdoch and Fin Macrae. Sites: Seven hanging Family Portrait Banners in the Atrium at Strathbrock Partnership Centre

To visit: The mural sites that are on the street are accessible at any time. The Broxburn Library external site can be viewed at anytime. The Strathbrock Partnership Centre site is only accessible during opening hours Monday-Friday 08.00-20.00 and Saturday 09.00-14.00 hours.

Website: <http://shalepeopleproject.wordpress.com/> and www.artichange.com

