# Community Impact

## Case Study

Balfour Beatty

Balfour Beatty is a leading infrastructure group that has been operating in Scotland for over a century. The company has been involved in several significant projects, including Edinburgh University's Edinburgh Futures Institute within the ESES City Region Deal region.

Balfour Beatty is committed to delivering positive social impact from their projects by engaging with community organisations and ensuring that their supply chains include a substantial proportion of local businesses.

Recently, Balfour Beatty's Edinburgh Airport Team were completing a project which required site clearing. As part of their company objectives, they always aim to reduce waste and were keen to re-home a large number of metal lockers.

**9**
**Community Organisations Assisted**



**200+**
**People Impacted**

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Alongside Balfour Beatty's aim to reduce waste, they also want to leave a lasting positive impact on the communities where they operate. They were keen to re-home the lockers within community organisations that would be able to get good use out of them for many years to come.






## Beneficiaries

1. A small, charity-run community centre.
2. A network dedicated to improving wellbeing of men.
3. An Out of School Care and Nursery Service.
4. A mental health support service.
5. A service working with young people to improve their skills for work.
6. A homelessness support service.
7. A community college.
8. A church community centre.
9. A community recycling project providing clothes, home, and baby goods.

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**Duncan Gardner**
**Social Impact Manager**
**Balfour Beatty**

*Embracing recycling, waste reduction, and community engagement is essential for achieving long-term sustainability goals. By preserving resources, protecting the environment, and promoting social equity, we can build resilient communities capable of thriving in the face of future challenges.*

*This type of activity allows us to contribute to delivering against our sustainability strategy, Building New Futures, across multiple outcomes at once. We are reducing waste and positively impacting our communities in one single activity.*

*By taking proactive steps to minimise our environmental footprint and support local communities, we can create a more equitable and sustainable world for current and future generations.*

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**The Glencorse Centre** is a charity community hub.

They rely on income from their Community Cafe, Centre Lets and bookings to operate and offer services to their local community. They receive very little support from external funding. They had wished to purchase lockers for a long time to offer additional secure storage solutions for both the Centre and its users but had been unable to do so due to financial constraints.

**The Centre Manager, Kate Williamson said:**
"Without impacting our limited finances, this kind donation has allowed us to offer our centre users, local businesses, staff and volunteers and centre partners a secure storage solution to be able to safely store their belongings while using our community facility. Thank you to the lovely team at Balfour Beatty, from everyone at the Glencorse Centre!"

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**Newton Parish Church Hall** is a place for building connection and community and is home to the ‘Newton Hutters.’

The ‘Newton Hutters’ group is like a Men’s Shed. They offer anyone in the community a safe place to meet, have a cup of tea and chat with other men. They have many projects on the go that support the church hall environment and the local community.

**Centre Co-Ordinator Erika Pryde said:** *“The Newton Hutters and our After School Club have benefitted from the receipt of these lockers.*

*The After School Club works with us on projects in the Church Hall garden and now has a safe place to store their things, and the Hutters now have a place to keep their tools and equipment. This has made the environment safer, more ordered, and easier for them to locate their equipment when lending it to the wider community.*

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**Newbattle Abbey College** provides routes into, and back into, further and higher education in a way that fits peoples' needs and circumstances.

Their Rural Skills course is a full-time practical course that introduces gardening and estate maintenance. The college provides all protective equipment and tools. The students gain valuable work experience within the college estate.





**George Currie, Estates and Facilities Manager, said:** *"The lockers have enabled our rural skills classes to have secure areas to store estate tools. The donation will help us let the areas be used by various groups, including younger age groups, when we now have a facility to secure all items, creating a safer teaching environment.*

*Many Thanks to the Balfour Beatty group for the kind and generous donation."*

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Midlothian CLLE works with young people, adults, families, and community organisations to improve skills for learning, life and work, including Foundation Apprenticeships for school pupils.

A Foundation Apprenticeship is a one-year course open to S4-S6. The course is taken as a one-year senior subject, and participants get the chance to learn and develop new skills that their future employers need.



**Key Worker Paul Fleming said:** *"I deliver a Foundation Apprenticeship in Automotive to young people from different high schools in the area. The lockers allow them to store their mobile phones securely, and they hold the key. This has helped me to avoid conflict, where I keep telling them to put their phones away. This allows us and the young people to get on with the learning."*

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**The organisations below also received lockers:**

| | Beneficiaries |
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| "the art of being a child" bonnyrigg after school club | **Bonnyrigg Afterschool Club:** Allow parents to take up work, training or further education with the peace of mind of knowing their children are well cared for. |
| FourSquare Preventing homelessness Promoting inclusion | **Four Square**: An Edinburgh charity supporting people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. They also run one of Scotland's largest social enterprises. |
| | **Penumbra Mental Health:** A pioneering charity providing dedicated services for people with mild to serious and enduring mental ill health. |
| Sweet Dignity Clothing Library | **Sweet Dignity**: A community re-cycling (preloved) clothing, household and furniture project that aims to provide a service to those in need. |
| PENICUIK AND DISTRICT MEN'S SHED | **The Penicuik and District Men's Shed**: Part of a network dedicated to improving the wellbeing of men through the provision of recreational facilities and activities. |

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To find out more, please visit us at ESESCommunities.org and register for our online community benefits portal, which matches communities and good causes with suppliers and businesses in the ESES City Region Deal area.

"A heartfelt thank you to Colin and Christian from the Balfour Beatty Edinburgh Airport team! 🙏 Their generous donation of lockers to the Glencorse Centre and Penicuik Men's Shed will significantly improve our storage issues. Not only did they offer kindness, but they also braved the rain and wind to carry the lockers into the building, ensuring our floors and newly painted walls remained pristine! Your thoughtful efforts are truly appreciated!"




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