



Green Community Hubs at Groundwork

Working in partnership to strengthen community, improve wellbeing and nurture the environment



ABOUT GROUNDWORK

Groundwork is a federation of charities mobilising practical community action on poverty and the environment across the UK.

We're passionate about creating a future where every neighbourhood is vibrant and green, every community is strong and able to shape its own destiny and no-one is held back by their background or circumstances.



OUR HISTORY

With a national network and strong local roots, we have over 40 years of experience working alongside communities.



OUR IMPACT

In 2025/26 we supported over:

- 22000 positive wellbeing outcomes
- 91000 people to make greener choices
- 11000 people into employment/training
- 24000 organisations



Impact for people, place and community

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fncHP8D8iWA>



Developing Hubs

OUTDOOR COMMUNITY CENTRES



We develop Green Community Hubs to contribute to social infrastructure in two ways:

Groundwork led sites – either independently or in partnership

We generate these where there isn't an existing third sector organisation undertaking similar activity, but always built into local partnerships.

Network sites

Where there is an existing site or a third/public sector organisation with an appetite to create something similar we support their development with a view to the site becoming independent.

Blackpool



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Blackpool Community Farm was developed with Grow Blackpool through a hyper-local community partnership strategically positioned with Blackpool Fairness Commission.

The site offers a range of nature based and education activity, linking the food grown on site into the community café



Within the wider @TheGrange centre there is a community café, library, theatre, launderette, pharmacy and retail shop with a range of community activities supporting **655 individuals** last year.





Kettering



From a partner



“it’s allowing people to be outdoors and in touch with nature, especially in such a built-up area...

Everybody’s got their own responsibility. You never hear any arguing – just people laughing and getting on with the work – so I think it’s incredible for them, I really do.”



GREEN COMMUNITY HUBS

REACH & IMPACT

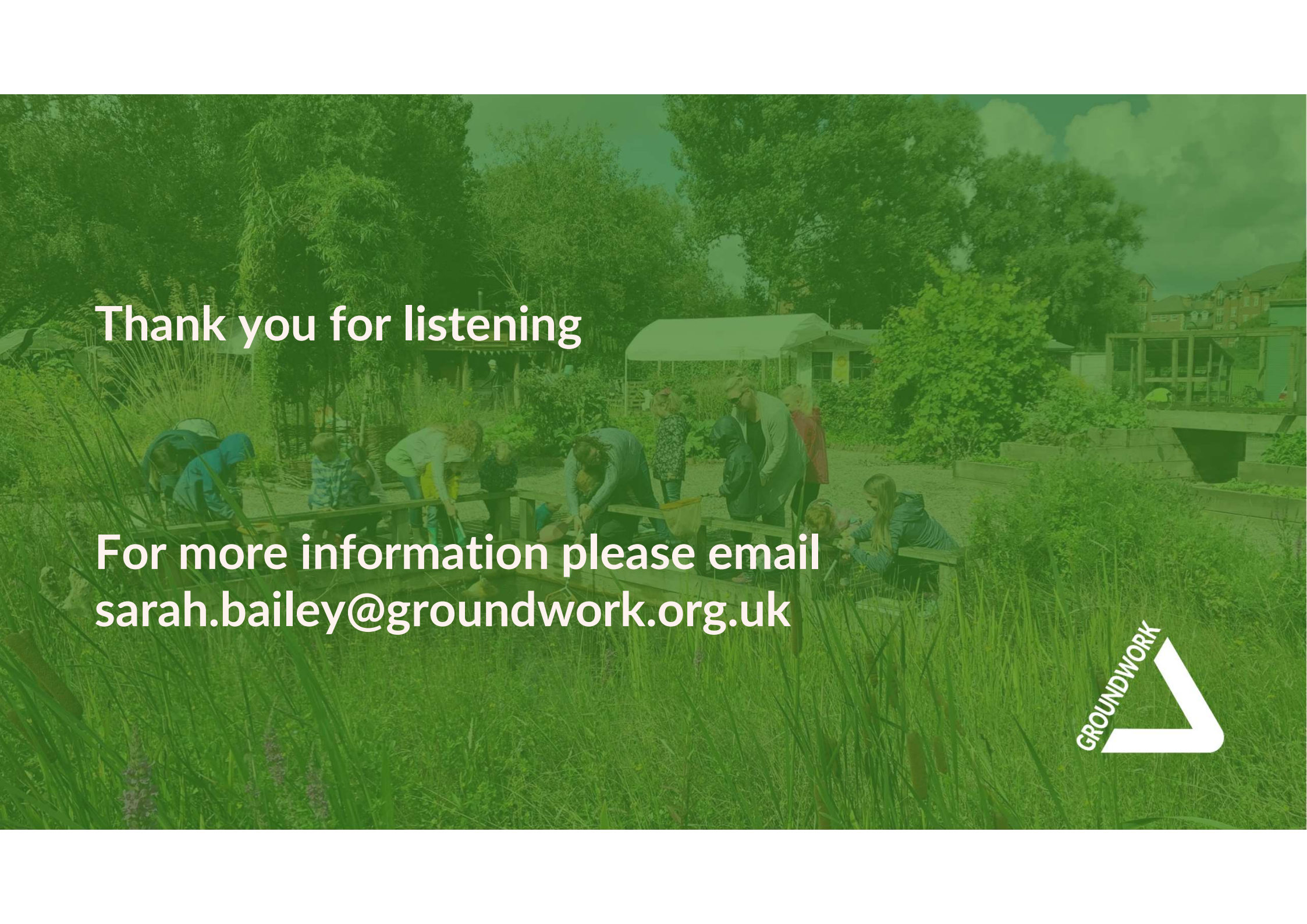
Site users vary by community make-up, some have broad appeal, others more specialist.

Overall, sites make a positive impact on community cohesion, social isolation, wellbeing, and the environment. Specific partnerships can result in impacts in those sectors, for example, in education or employment.

Some recent stats from a hub:

- 98% of participants feeling safer in their communities**
- 100% of participants feeling better about their wellbeing**
- 100% of participants reported making greener choices**





Thank you for listening

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