



A very green future awaits Culbokie Green thanks to the tree-planting efforts of locals.



ABOVE: Another tree done! Conor Gallacher and Alexis Duthie.



Lisa Hodgkinson, Josie Columbine, Sarah Southcott and Aman Sreedasyam at the tree planting event.



Elise Dinwoodie and Teigan Underwood put in some elbow grease.



LEFT: Spades at the ready! Millie Donnachie and Chloe Hodgkison.

Community's fruitful efforts

A NEW orchard and trees have been planted at Culbokie Green in the heart of the village.

Youngsters from Culbokie Primary were helped by their teacher and volunteers from the community to place them in the ground. The orchard has 16 new fruit trees - including eating and cooking apples, pears, plums and cherries - and other trees include birch, alder, rowan and field maple.

All the planting and tools were funded by the Highland Coastal Communities Fund.

The new orchard and trees are part of a design that has been drawn up for the area by the Culbokie Community Trust (CCT) in consultation with the wider community.

Richard Fyfe, the CCT chairman, said: "It's really wonderful to see Culbokie Green coming to life after so many years of hard

work. We hope the children who plant these trees will help us take care of them as they grow and, in the not too distant future they, and everyone else in the village, will be able to enjoy the apples, pears, cherries and plums that they produce."

The idea behind Culbokie Green is that what was once just abandoned agricultural land will become a fantastic community resource where people enjoy the outdoors, meet, play, socialise, learn and relax.

The orchard will provide a focal point for the community to come together to celebrate and share local food. Other new facilities on the green will include a natural play area, outdoor table tennis, wildflower meadows, paths and seating and a timber shelter for a range of community activities.



Adam Mackay, Niamh Morton and Julie Short Reed get stuck in during the planting event.



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