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Volunteers at Tarbert Castle are planting trees again this year as a community contribution to reducing the effect of carbon emissions and mitigating climate change. The work is all part of a national programme to deal with the urgent crisis affecting the world.



We have 160 new trees, and associated protection and fertiliser, supplied through a grant from the Tree Council's *"Tree Futures"* programme and from the *"I Dig Trees"* programme organised by TCV Scotland, and with help from *"Volunteering Matters"* action earth programme.

Planting is being carried out by Tarbert Academy's Forest School and a group of senior pupils who do their "Rural Skills" practical work at the Castle. Our own dedicated volunteer team is organising and assisting with the activity and will be planting during our volunteer work parties.



Robert McPhail, secretary and treasurer of the Trust, explained that, during the last 5 - 6 years, the Trust and its volunteers have planted over 1000 trees in the Community Woodland and Orchard, which form part of the Castle's Heritage Park. During spring, summer, and autumn 2019, the Trust recorded over 40,000 visitors to the Heritage Park as a whole.

If you would like to be part of the ongoing activities at our Heritage Park please contact us through <u>www.tarbertcastle.info</u>



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