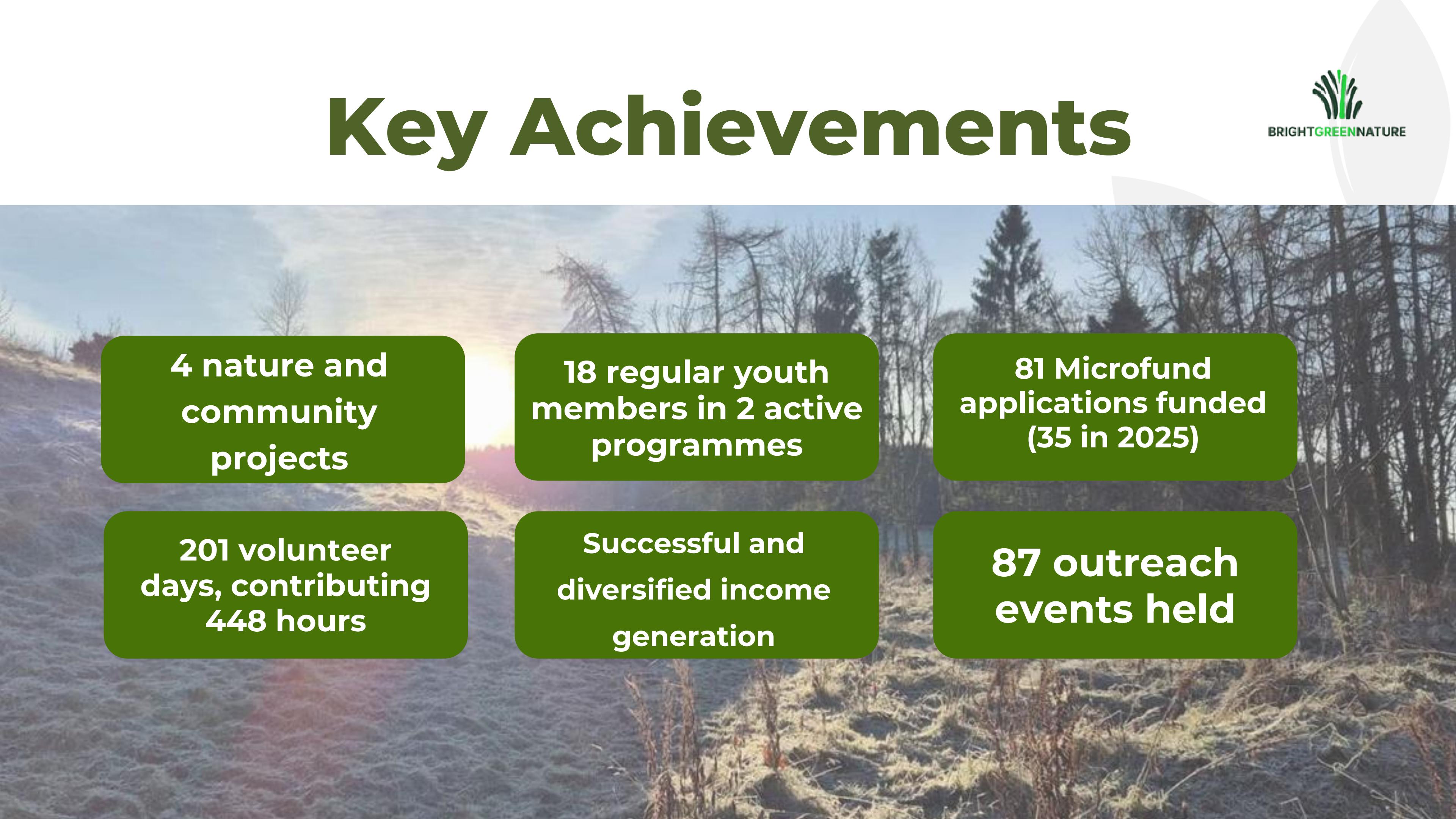




BRIGHT GREEN NATURE

Year in Review
2025

Key Achievements



**4 nature and
community
projects**

**18 regular youth
members in 2 active
programmes**

**81 Microfund
applications funded
(35 in 2025)**

**201 volunteer
days, contributing
448 hours**

**Successful and
diversified income
generation**

**87 outreach
events held**

Our Values

We work with communities to restore and connect healthy ecosystems using science-led, practical action that benefits both people and nature. Guided by inclusivity, long-term thinking, and hope, we champion climate-positive solutions that rebuild biodiversity and create a thriving planet for future generations.



Our Vision & Values

Our Vision

To protect, restore and connect natural ecosystems, to provide and facilitate development of nature-based knowledge, skills and wellbeing to people, and to connect communities with their natural and cultural heritage



Selkirks Nature Network



Aim: *to connect the Deer Park, Selkirk with the rest of the Selkirkshire landscape, from an ecological, social and cultural perspective*

During 2025 our knowledge of the biodiversity on our Deer Park site and our partner site, the Haining, have greatly increased. This, combined with results of engagement with the local community has provided a baseline for future restoration and connectivity programmes.

Efforts to expand and connect this work with the wider landscape has continued through the year, bringing in the **Haining Moss** wetland site to the south and the community owned **Selkirk Hill** (140 acres) to the east. Discussions are ongoing with three additional landowners to the east, covering an **additional 1800 acres**. Funded by the SSE Community fund, this work will aim to engage the local community and schools, building skills, confidence and a legacy of environmental stewardship.

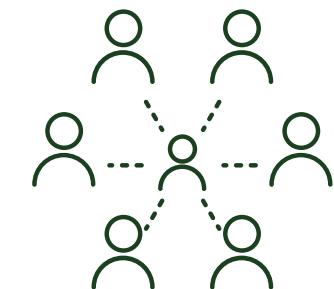


Red Squirrel Recovery Network

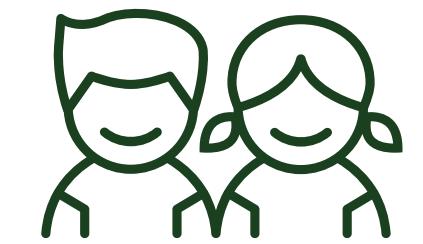
Aim: to effectively engage the diverse communities of the Scottish Borders to motivate them to protect and restore this native species and its habitats over the long-term

Our Community engagement programme is progressing very well, with outreach to landowners, community groups, schools and nurseries ongoing. Our innovative approach involves careful design to remove barriers to engagement in diverse communities, whether this be for economic, social or other reasons. This includes mobile exhibitions and puppet shows and 'live' cameras at sites with red squirrels. This National Lottery funded programme also involves support for community buyouts of land for nature recovery and community benefit.

In 2025:



16 outreach events



300+ children engaged



Wild Your Space!

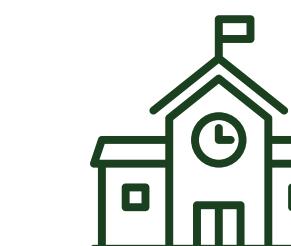
Aim: to provide financial and 1:1 support and practical advice to schools, families and community groups in restoring nature in the places they love



138
applications



81 applications
funded



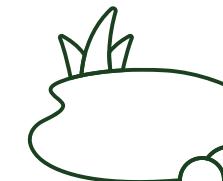
18 schools funded



Hundreds of
children engaged*



59 wildflower
areas created



18 ponds/bogs
created



152 trees
planted



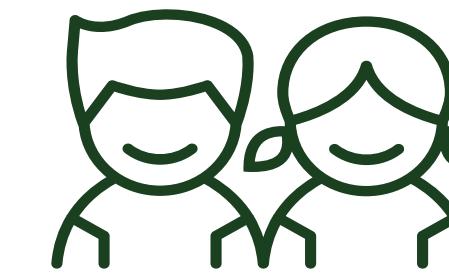
100m of hedging
planted



Junior Rangers



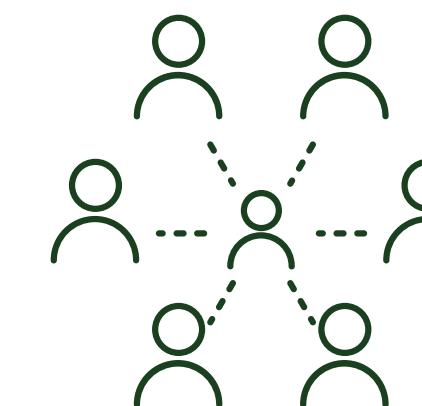
Aim: to provide young people, most of whom are home-schooled, with an opportunity to connect with nature on a regular basis, to learn ecological and social skills and to have fun



**8 Junior
Rangers**



40+ Events



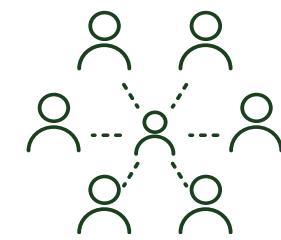
**Worked with 6 external
partners/trainers**



Young Rewilders Forum

Aim: to provide a forum for young people (16-24 yrs) who care about the environment, to equip them for a future career or lifestyle which restores and protects nature.

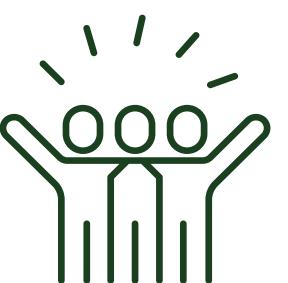
To date, focus has been on providing diverse experiences and training, ranging from advocacy at the Scottish Parliament, training in comms and social media and visits to rewilding sites.



**15 Outreach Events
reaching 163 Young People**



10 Active Members



**11 Young Rewilder
Meetings/Events**



Testimonials

Evie, YRF ”

I have really enjoyed being part of the Young Rewilders so far, it has been lovely to connect with other like-minded young people. Thank you so much for providing such a chilled and welcoming environment for us, I look forward to seeing what we can get up to and achieve as the group progresses.

Maisie, YRF ”

I've had such a lovely experience so far with the young rewilders, I've really enjoyed the variety of activities we've been able to take part in, from listening to expertise talks, to creating our own content for social media, to getting outside and taking part in rewilding/restoration activities. Rewilding isn't something I had a huge amount of prior knowledge about, just a keen desire to learn more about it, so it's been really great to hear different people's perspectives.

June and Chris, ” WYS

We were so grateful for the Wild Your Space microgrant. Our project has been moved along more quickly because of the funding we received for pond plants. The pond is already proving a draw to native wildlife and we were enchanted by the different species of dragonflies that visited last year. This year we are looking forward to seeing what else moves in to make a home.” -

Whats next for 2026?



**Expand Selkirk NN
acreage across region**

**Continue to expand
extent and depth of
youth programmes**

**Continue to adopt
innovative engagement
approaches for RSRN**

**Expand regular
volunteer team**

**Diversify income:
private and
philanthropic sources**

**Focus on sustainability
and connectivity for
WYS**



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