

## Community Benefit through Procurement

At GWEn, buying goods and services is about more than price – it's about making a positive difference in our communities. Community benefit is at the heart of this approach, ensuring our contracts support local people and the environment.

### What is Community Benefit?

It means contracts bring extra value beyond their main purpose. Suppliers show how they'll contribute through:

- Creating jobs and training for locals
- Supporting environmental projects like tree planting or energy-saving initiatives
- Getting involved with community efforts like volunteering or donations

Over the past year, our suppliers have helped by donating food and volunteering at Anderston Pyramid Food Shop, gifting recycled technology to Woman's Aid, hosting safety events with local services, running painting classes, organising litter picks, and supporting apprenticeships for care-experienced young people.

These actions strengthen our ties to the communities we serve and make a real difference.

### Get involved today!

We are pleased to invite you to highlight opportunities where we could work with our partners to deliver or contribute towards added value initiatives that will make a difference in our neighbourhoods and communities. This could be to support an existing local group with a fund-raising exercise, or for specific idea that needs some help to get off the ground. If this opportunity sounds like it would help your neighbourhood or community group please get in touch for more information.



## Further Help and Advice

The following agencies may be able to help if you need some support:

- **Hope 4U:** Energy bill support, supplier issues, fuel vouchers (when available), and grants for energy-saving upgrades.
- **Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB):** Welfare and money advice, legal aid, debt help, and energy guidance. The Mitchell Library office also offers Blue Badge services.
- **Jobs & Business Glasgow:** Help for homeowners returning to work, including job search and skills development.
- **Enable:** Employability support for disabled clients.

## The Jim Michael Community Award

The Jim Michael Award, created in 2008, celebrates those who make a real difference in our community.

Congratulations to Kayleigh McGuinness and Brian Threlfall, our 2025 winners.

Do you know someone who volunteers, helps neighbours with shopping or appointments, keeps shared areas tidy, or simply offers a listening ear? Nominate them for the Jim Michael Community Award.

Find details and the application form on our website, or contact Carol Nicol at **0141 331 6650** or [admin@glasgowwestha.co.uk](mailto:admin@glasgowwestha.co.uk).



Brian Threlfall with GWH's Chairperson (Issy Grace) and Chief Executive (Elaine Travers)

# 2025 Good Close and Garden Competition

**Do you know of a close or garden that deserves recognition? The Good Close & Garden Competition is a way to celebrate neighbours who come together to better their shared spaces and enhance their local environment.**

If you have noticed outstanding efforts in your community or feel a particular close or garden deserves recognition, we would love to hear from you! Nominations are open in the following categories:

- **Best Newcomer (First time nomination)**
- **Most Improved**
- **Best Close**
- **Best Garden**

Submit your nomination and help us celebrate the hard work and dedication that makes our neighbourhoods special. The cut-off date for 2025 nominations is Monday 28th July 2025, with a panel of judges reviewing nominations early August.

As we move into summer your gardens will start to blossom, keep your eye out! Some photos of the 2024 winners for inspiration...



**Good Garden 2024**  
26 Burnbank Gardens



**Best Newcomer 2024**  
44 Highburgh Road



**Best Close 2024**  
85 White Street

## Anne Gould Award

Anne served on GWhA's Management Committee for five years before her passing in 2008. She always saw the best in every situation without ever compromising on customer service. Her legacy lives on through an annual staff recognition award celebrating those who:

- Regularly go above and beyond with customer service
- Create initiatives that improve the customer experience.
- Stay upbeat and smile through challenges.

To nominate a staff member, contact

[hr@glasgowwestha.co.uk](mailto:hr@glasgowwestha.co.uk) or download a form from our website.

The closing date is 20 December 2025, though nominations are accepted year-round.

## Garden Grant

We are committed to helping residents create and maintain vibrant green spaces.

Our Garden Grant Scheme provides funds to assist tenants and homeowners in improving their gardens, communal areas, and outdoor spaces. If you're planning to start a new project, refresh an existing garden, or introduce more greenery to your surroundings, this grant helps cover the cost of essential materials and plants. For further information and application form please contact GWhA Estates Team on **0141 331 6650** or email [estates@glasgowwestha.co.uk](mailto:estates@glasgowwestha.co.uk).



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