



# Programme Statistics & Impact | 2014 - 2023

Community Shares Scotland, part of the Development Trusts Association Scotland is a programme funded by the Scottish Government, The National Lottery Community Fund and Acorn to Trees.

The programme provides free, in-depth support to communities across Scotland looking to raise finance through community shares. This report details the facts and figures of the programme since its launch in 2014.



- 1 - Portpatrick Harbour
- 2 - Port Bannatyne Development Trust
- 3 - Dig-In Bruntisfield

## IMPACT IN NUMBERS:



Total number of share  
offers launched

**58**



Amount of share capital raised:

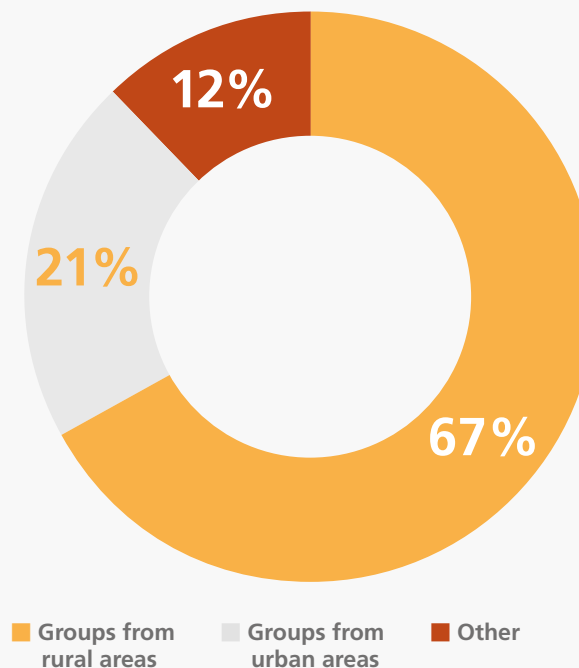
**£19 million**

Additional funding attracted:

**Over  
£27 million**



Geographical split:

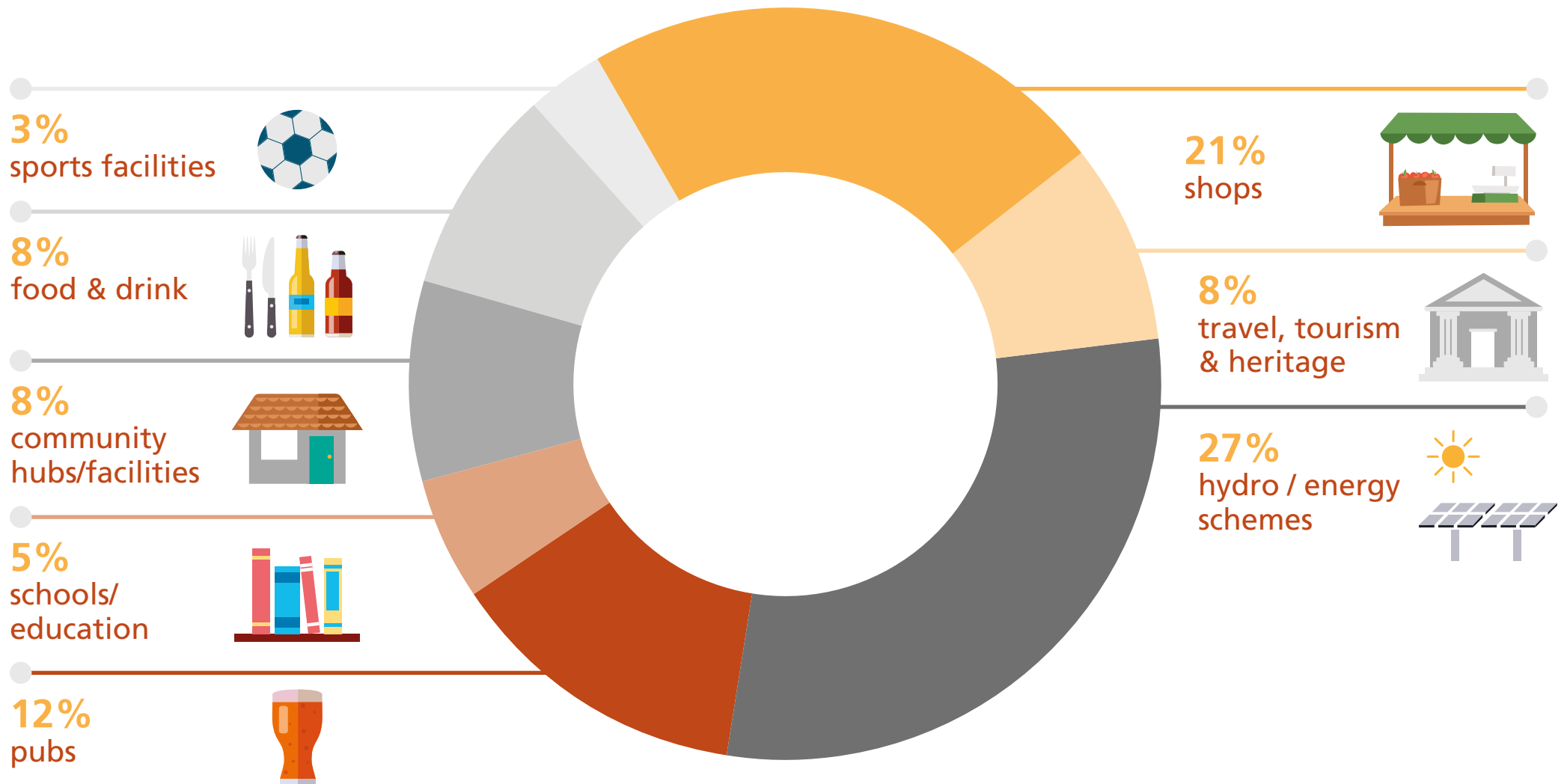


**20+**

community benefit societies  
registered using our DTAS  
model rules



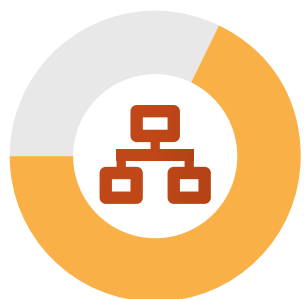
## SHARE OFFERS BY SECTOR



# COMMUNITY SHARES SCOTLAND SUPPORT

Groups received support on:

Governance



68%

Business  
planning



43%

Financial  
modelling



46%

Marketing,  
comms & PR



78%

Community  
engagement



57%

Post share  
offer support










61%

**100%** of groups received  
support on microgrants



# COMMUNITY SHARES SCOTLAND MICROGRANT STATISTICS

The Community Shares Scotland microgrant provides groups with up to **£5000** in funding to spend on a variety of mediums to market and promote their share offer campaign. Our groups have spent the microgrant on a variety of different items including:

-  Launch events
-  Social media advertising
-  Website development
-  Local press adverts
-  Share offer document design & print
-  Videography & photography
-  Legal & tax advice

Microgrant awarded total

**£200,000+**

Average microgrant awarded



Number of groups awarded

**40+**



The share offer couldn't have happened without the Micro Grant.

*Common Ground Against Homelessness*

The microgrant covered all the additional costs we needed it to.

*People United for Banton*

Microgrant made a huge difference to our campaign.

*South Cowal Community Enterprise  
(The Lido)*

It paid for essential costs like registering of new organisation, getting materials printed and distributed far and wide, helping with press links, films, photography and promotion.

*Bridgend Farmhouse*



# OUR GROUPS IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

## What impact has the community share offer had on your community?

Our confidence has increased significantly in terms of our ability to achieve our ambitions.

*Raasay Community Renewables*

The community share offer has allowed Alloa Hub to progress its offer in supporting older people moving into Alloa – we have quickly developed into an exciting meeting venue in the town centre.

*Alloa Hub*

Going through the share offer process strengthened our organisation by building support and encouraging cohesion - we all actively pulled together to work as a team.

*Glengarry Community Woodlands*

It has added to the viability of our community and created a focal point to get behind. A hugely positive impact.

*Isle of Eigg Brewery*

The community share offer increased confidence in the ability of the community to deliver big projects. There is now more excitement over upcoming developments.

*Northton Heritage Trust*

Our community share offer has brought our community together again in many ways - it enables people who may not usually interact to converse/have something in common, and in a small community like ours that is very important. It's also a great boost to community confidence, showing what we can achieve with so few people.

*The Old Forge CBS*

Investing in the Inn brought together many people in the community – including those who have little spare time to devote to volunteering, but want to help maintain the fabric of the village and its culture.

*West Fife Community Trading Limited*

It has brought us together and instilled a positive, can-do attitude towards future projects - in a location that was used to project failures.

*Port Bannatyne Development Trust*

## About our CSS support

The support that we received from Community Shares Scotland was second to none - the team is by far the best support team that we have ever worked with.

*Glengarry Community Woodlands*

All of Community Shares Scotland's support was pivotal to success. Before you embark on this kind of project, it is difficult to know exactly what support you will need but CSS's flexible approach meant we could add capacity where required and as need arose.

*Raasay Community Renewables*

We cannot praise Community Shares Scotland highly enough for the support we received. We are extremely grateful - thank you.

*The Old Forge CBS Ltd*

The Community Shares Scotland officer was an outstanding individual who gave good solid advice and moral support. Hats Off to CSS.

*West Fife Community Trading Ltd*



The Old Forge, Knoydart's community-owned pub since 2022.



