

# CONTRIBUTING TO COMMUNITIES



## Case study:

### Fauldhouse group (The Larder West Lothian)



The Larder West Lothian

In summer 2022, 38 fires were deliberately set in Fauldhouse. Attacks were reported on the Fire and Rescue Service and local buses, as well as anti-social behaviour. Local people took to social media, seeing the young people as a threat to the community.

In response, local organisations came together to engage with the young people through outreach and street work. 13 young people aged 13 and 16 were identified as key instigators, many of whom were regularly receiving charges and not in education or employment.

The staff team started engaging with the group and building relationships with the young people. The programme included a forest clean up, pond dipping and den-building sessions with officers from Police Scotland and Fire and Rescue Scotland and the Forestry Commission, further supporting relationship-building.

**None of the young people in the group have had any further charges since engaging with the programme in July 2023.**

“It is heartening to see a reduction in the numbers [antisocial behaviour] in the ward, especially amongst youth. It’s obvious that partnership working in the area is working.”

*Councillor Pauline Clark,  
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