

# Balfour congratulates Granton Community Gardeners

Jeremy Balfour, Scottish Conservative MSP for the Lothian Region raised a motion at the Scottish Parliament this week, congratulating Granton Community Gardeners on being awarded £78,534 from the Big Lottery Fund. Over £1 million of funding was handed out to Scottish organisations.



Granton Community Gardeners, a well-established community organisation aims to enhance their local area by creating street corner gardens, encouraging local residents to get involved in gardening and hosting events with meals cooked from ingredients grown in their gardens, such as harvest celebrations, BBQs and an annual ceilidh.

They have drop in gardening sessions twice weekly and the whole garden is shared rather than being split into plots. From the community meals initiative the Gardeners' Café was set up in 2014.

This Tuesday they will be holding their Harvest Meal. Click on the image for more information.



Jeremy Balfour said : “I was delighted to hear that Granton Community Gardeners have been awarded this grant in recognition of the hard – and dirty – work they do around Granton. It is great to hear of a local community group being recognised and rewarded for enabling local residents to come together with a worthwhile cause of sharing a love of food and

gardening whilst improving the built area around them. I wish them the best of luck with their future projects and for a bumper crop of vegetables in the coming year!"

Other Big Lottery Funding of £140,000 was given to Festivals Edinburgh Limited to provide volunteering opportunities alongside Volunteer Edinburgh.