

Hundreds of youngsters help decorate Danderhall tree

Hundreds of youngsters helped decorate their village tree as snow fell in a winter wonderland in Danderhall this week.

The children were invited to bring their own baubles to place on the tree which was unveiled by Danderhall Guerilla Gardeners outside the local primary school.

Primary Five pupils who work with the local volunteer gardeners led the charge as preparations for the evening were made at the school during the day and more than 200 children took part in decorating it at its official launch on Tuesday.

The guerilla gardeners, who were established during Covid to take over the care and maintenance of public space from Midlothian Council in a deal which has seen the local authority agree not to spray toxic weedkiller on the ground, oversaw the switching on of the tree lights.

And they welcomed Santa along to the event with its very own snow machine creating an early festive gift for all those taking part.

The gardeners thanked Bernard Hunter for donating the tree as well as council landscapers, Shawfair LLP, local councillor Stephen Curran and the school head teacher and staff for making the evening a great success.

A spokesperson said: "It was a wonderful evening and so many people were involved in making it a huge success. Our thanks

go to everyone who helped.”

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