

**Persimmon Homes East Scotland news release:  
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**Builder supports youngsters to develop in the outdoors**

A charity which supports disadvantaged young people across Scotland have secured £1,000 funding from a leading housebuilder.

Venture Trust have received £1,000 funding from Persimmon Homes East Scotland's Community Champions scheme.

Helping to improve the lives of over 1,000 people each year, Venture Trust provides personal development programs for those who experience chaotic or complicated life circumstances which have negatively affected the opportunities available to them and their overall outlook on life.

Skilled staff take participants on seven to ten day outdoor wilderness courses in order to build confidence, motivation and core life skills.

Providing all the equipment and kit required for participation including fleece jackets and trousers, Venture Trust aim to allow everyone the opportunity to attend, regardless of economic background.

The groups fundraising efforts have so far brought them £2,000 closer to their £11,790 target which will help provide outdoor clothing over the next four years for young people wanting to transform their lives.

Phil Briggs, head of operations at Venture Trust, said: "We work with some of Scotland's most disadvantaged young people and adults, using community outreach and a journey in Scotland's wild places to help them see themselves and the world differently.

"We are delighted to receive this donation from Persimmon's Community Champions scheme which enables us to renew vital outdoors kit for participants on our wilderness courses."

Jim Kirkpatrick of Persimmon Homes East Scotland, said; "Venture Trust work hard to improve the quality of life for thousands of disadvantaged young people through outdoor development activities and we are very proud to support such a brilliant cause."

Persimmon Homes Community Champions is a national program allowing charities to apply for funding up to £1,000 on top of money already raised individually by the group.

Persimmon Homes East Scotland recently unveiled its much awaited Silverfields development in Leith, with a range of two bedroom apartments and three and four bedroom townhouses, prices start from £215,000 for a three bedroom townhouse.

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