

Big Warsop Monitoring and Feedback Report

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Project Name		FUTURE GREENS			
Organisation Name		ECOLOGIC			
Theme(s)	Strengthening the Community	Empowering People	Supporting People	Improving the Environment	Having things to do
Target Outcomes					
<p>Insert Project outcomes (from SLA)</p> <p>In general, residents will be given the opportunity to improve their health and well-being, knowledge and skills and they will be able to identify green spaces and rights of way networks on their doorstep, encouraging them to engage with the local environment after their time spent within the project.</p> <p>Additionally, the project will create:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Opportunities • Work experience for residents • Accredited Training Certificates within the land-based and environmental sector <p>It is anticipated it will also create:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work for local sub-contractors who have developed their skills through past Future Greens activity. • Developing the confidence of participants to undertake contract work for private customers. 					
Reporting period	Date From:	Sept 2020	Date To:	End of March 2021	
<p>1. Activities undertaken during reporting period</p> <p><i>Tell us what you have done and how well things have gone. Include any issues carried over from previous report, activities carried out and any base line monitoring. Please attach photographs, quotes, good news stories etc.</i></p> <p>The Future Greens project has been actively working to bring new opportunities to Warsop Parish through building relationships and accessing new funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to access Miner to Major funding and deliver training through Inspire, it was necessary for Andy Hollis (AH) to become a Freelance instructor for Inspire. This has now happened and AH developed a series of short courses for the Spring term, which started in January 2021 and ended in March 2021. Unfortunately, these courses were cancelled due to lockdown restrictions. In addition to this AH has now developed a series of courses for the Summer term and these courses will commence in April 2021. These courses are now live and can be observed and booked on through the Inspire website. https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/miner-2-major-courses/ This new relationship with the Major to Miner programme will fund the development of short bespoke courses for Warsop Parish. • Courses in Warsop include; INTRODUCTION TO PLANT PROPAGATION – GROWING WILDFLOWERS, INTRO TO RIGHTS OF WAY - FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE, EXPLORING THE OUTDOORS; SKILLS TO HELP YOU SURVIVE OUTDOORS, NATURE WALKS, and TREE IDENTIFICATION • AH has negotiated to deliver Level 1 courses in Conservation skills and Growing plants. 					

- I have become a freelance instructor for the Academy Transformation Trust Further Education, which allows access to an established horticulture unit on the site at Ollerton. This will allow us to offer further courses, which will be available to residents in Warsop and there is potential to develop a range of courses operating from this site and also at Warsop once the Meden site is operable.
- I have secured a landscape maintenance contract at Ransomwood which will allow me to develop opportunities for work experience within the context of providing contractual services within the land based and environmental sector.
- We are investigating the opportunity to utilise the government kickstart scheme to provide opportunity for long term unemployed.
- I have continued to liaise with Mansfield District Council and Meden School, through the Partnership agreement with Vibrant Warsop, with regards to the planning application for the Meden School Environmental and Horticultural training facility.
- I have researched the purchase of a minibus and have now secured a vehicle, 14 Seater Ford Transit Minibus. This vehicle will be collected once covid restrictions ease.
- I have supported Meden School with advice on the purchase of fruit trees for the NHS Hope Orchard initiative, and will support the planting of these trees on 22nd March 2021.

2. Target Outcomes the project has contributed to

Tell us the difference your activity has made in relation to the participants, the local area and the SLA outcomes.

Despite covid restrictions I have now developed a range of opportunities for local people as identified in the target outcomes. These will now be delivered and built upon and it is intended to access funding and other resources through the Miner to Major programme for the next 3 years, whilst developing other opportunities in addition to this revenue stream.

3. Timescales/Participant Numbers

Is project on track both in terms of timescales and the number of participants? If not what are you planning to do to address the issues? What activity was taking place when you started the project and how has this changed/increased/improved in quality?

The project has been set back through restrictions due to the National pandemic, but a considerable amount of work has been undertaken to ensure that this work can now commence and continue once restrictions are lifted.

Plans for next reporting period

What are you going to do next?

Are there any concerns/risks to the project you need support with? What are you looking forward to?

We intend to start delivering training from April 2021 and build on the work that has already been done, in anticipation of this continuing.

It is also intended to offer more accredited training both through Inspire and also independently of this revenue stream. When we access the plot of land at Meden school, we will offer a Level 1 in Horticulture, and provide opportunities for volunteering with the external funding that was secured before the start of the pandemic

Project Budget (is the project still on track in terms of costs?)

Do you have any concerns that you will not be able to deliver your project as intended?



In part; the minibus purchase is in progress and planning activities have taken place. Insurance is in place and payment for the ABC Accreditation centre has also been paid, which will enable us to deliver the Level 1 Horticulture award within the Parish, once restrictions are lifted. The mower will be purchased at some stage in April, again when restrictions have been lifted No concerns as activities are now planned in to start on sites.