

Project		Future Greens	
Lead delivery partner		Ecologic	
Theme	Improving the Environment	Priority	Horticulture
Activity		Budget code	94/3/6a.1
Project overview Working with individuals and organisations within Warsop Parish to raise awareness, develop skills and offer opportunities for learning within the environmental and land based sector.			
Reporting period dates	Jan – Mar 2018	No and age of people benefiting from the project to date	Approximately 12 students aged 11-13 And 4 Adult volunteers (FaCG) Plus 7 new volunteers from WNC
Activities undertaken during reporting period <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> <i>During this quarter we have continued to work across a variety of sites including Dukeries trail and a variety of sites in conjunction the Footpaths and Countryside Group.</i> <i>We continue to work with Meden School on a Tuesday afternoon and with the Footpaths and Countryside group on Thursdays.</i> <i>Meden school 3 new participants have started and they will work alongside members of the previous group, who wished to continue. We have discussed the potential to set up a new project that will improve the school grounds for wildlife, improving the area for locals also.</i> <i>We have received our first batch of 7 volunteers from West Notts College and they have helped to widen rides and remove scrub from the Dukeries Trail.</i>			
Outcomes the project has contributed to <i>Tell us what difference you have made in relation to the SLA outcomes and more widely in the area.</i> <i>We have raised the profile of the Future Greens project and have been successful in engaging with West Notts College, who could provide volunteers on a regular basis.</i> <i>We are also developing a portfolio of potential training that we could offer, with a view to securing centre status with ABC Awards. This will enable us to attract trainees onto the programme.</i>			

The school continue to be supportive and enthusiastic about the work based tasks and we have had recent discussions with regard to involving the students in improving the school grounds, for the benefit of people and wildlife.

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?

We have now established a working relationship with West Notts College and have agreed to provide opportunities for a group of up to 10 students to attend on a Thursday morning across the identified sites. The first batch of students have attended a work party on the Dukeries Trail and they all appeared to enjoy the activity. I am liaising with Sally Ann Winslow to have a new batch of students every four weeks and we have agreed to meet in the Easter break to review any progress and opportunities for future working. This could be potentially beneficial to the Future Greens project as there are approximately 1000 students who require volunteer opportunities

We continue to work with Meden School and have a small group of 10 approx students who thoroughly enjoy the activities

Plans for next reporting period

What are you going to do next? Are there any activities we should know about?

We have recently discussed actions and opportunities with Sharron Adey, Steve Horne and Andy Chambers - Mansfield District Council, to develop a programme of activities on the Bottoms that would include the management of existing pathways and the potential to create circular walks/nature trails.

Alongside this, there is an aspiration to link the Bottoms, via cycle routes/footpaths, with Meden Park Country Park. We also discussed the potential to manage this site and train potential Rangers, who would manage the site in future years. This could form the basis of an exciting new project and I will be working on developing this idea into a funding proposal.

I have looked into the possibility of providing certificated training in environmental awards and I am part way through the process of registration with ABC Awards. The cost of registration is £300, and £200 per year thereafter. More work needs to be done in this area before we are in a position to offer certification.

I have worked with The Sherwood Forest Trust on a Local Improvement Scheme proposal which would involve setting up a team of dedicated participants who will undertake management work around Sherwood. This proposal includes the Future Greens area of work and it is anticipated that if this is successful we would be able to continue to work with the schools and support user groups within the Warsop area, undertaking environmental improvements over a three year period.

Also, in conjunction with SFT we have looked at the potential to complete a Reaching Communities funding bid, with a view to including the Future Greens project. We are looking at a 3-5 year funded programme