



The Trustees
The Nineveh Charitable Trust
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20th June 2019

Dear Mr Lewis, Dr James and Mr MacGregor,

I am writing to thank you for the generous grant of £6,240 for core funding over the last six months and to provide you with a short update.

Stonehill Community Garden provides outdoor learning experiences for diverse groups from the communities of Abingdon, Drayton, Steventon, Sutton Courtney and Radley, in South Oxfordshire.

Our work is about bringing together groups who may not normally come into contact, especially, who can then work towards shared objectives, and in doing so begin breaking down social barriers. We also build an appreciation of biodiversity, sustainable horticulture and land conservation.

Stonehill has continued to welcome individuals, groups and organisations into the garden each Wednesday. Our regular users include Kingfisher school for children with special learning needs, Style Acre, a local charity working with adults with cognitive learning disabilities, DAMASCUS Youth Club for local young people at risk of anti-social behaviour and offending, Community Payback scheme ex-offenders, as well as ad hoc groups and local families and retired residents.



The generous gift from the Nineveh Charitable Trust has helped us to continue this work by paying wages for our two part-time staff. I also attach a completed reporting questionnaire.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me via email to info@stonehillgardens.co.uk, or phone at 07925 718 391.

Thank you again.

Yours sincerely,

Joanna Tamburino, Fundraiser

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Nineveh Charitable Trust Reporting Questionnaire - Stonehill Community Garden

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Questionnaire

Tell us about yourselves

Tell us about the Funds

Has the project we helped to fund been completed? If so, how is it maintained?

Yes, the generous grant from The Nineveh Charitable Trust has been used to pay wages for our two part-time staff members over the last six months, which has helped us to continue our activities in the garden including our Wednesday open sessions.

If not completed yet, why not? Are plans in place to finalise the project?

N/A

Did the funds provided by us prove adequate, or was there an over- or under-spend?

The fund provided were adequate.

How were any surplus funds used, or was further funding made available?

N/A

Tell us about the project

Has the project been successful and well received by the beneficiaries?

Yes, the project was successful. The funds requested were for staff wages over a six-month period, which allowed us to continue our activities in the garden, especially our Wednesday open sessions. Because of the dedicated funding for staff wages we were able to continue a number of projects in the garden, including building more raised beds, development of the irrigation system, construction of new raised beds and the continuation of a project to install hot water in the compost toilet with water heated by solar panels. This has allowed garden users to continue to benefit from the garden.

Are you satisfied with the outcome, or, with hindsight, would some modifications have been appropriate?

We are satisfied by the outcome and are grateful that the Nineveh Charitable Trust has made this possible.

Was funding for this project made available from any other sources?

No, the staff wages for the six-month period came from the Nineveh Charitable Trust.

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Feedback about us

How did you find our own process of selection and payment?

We thought the process of selection and payment went well.

Have you considered providing us with an update on the activities for which our Trust provided the funding?

Since this funding was for core running costs, which went to staff wages for continuation and maintenance of the garden, we do not have a specific project for which to provide an update. However, over the grant timeframe, we have been able to continue our Wednesday open sessions, for which attendance has increased, and which continue to benefit a diverse community of garden users, including young people with special needs, adults with learning difficulties and autism, retired local residents, and young people at risk of falling into crime, whilst promoting organic horticulture and sustainable living. We have also continued to seek funding as well as make plans to sell our produce throughout the summer months to increase the financial sustainability of the garden.

Would you welcome a visit by our Trustees?

We would absolutely welcome a visit by the Nineveh Charitable Trust trustees. Please let us know if you would like to arrange a visit.

Have you any other comments?

We would again like to thank the Nineveh Charitable Trust trustees for helping us to continue running the garden.

This questionnaire is part of our due diligence, obtaining feedback to help us, and we are grateful for your input – please return the questionnaire as soon as possible.