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Questionnaire

Please note if you would prefer to write a report on your project with photos that is also acceptable.

Tell us about yourselves (Charity Name, Donation Amount and Date of Donation)

We received £1100 to improve the woodland area in our school , Christ Church Primary School, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, after it was ruined by flooding last year. We also wanted to improve the fencing around the area and provide a place for our children to learn and for community groups to meet

Tell us about the Funds

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

Yes it has been completed – we will maintain it through the Forest School sessions in school and through further fundraising as needed.

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

We would like to invite some groups from the community in to our woodland to work with the children but we haven't been able to do this yet due to covid

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

The funds were adequate for what we had in mind initially but we had to look for more funds as the pathways proved more expensive than we thought.

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

We used other school funds and grants to help to complete our project.

Tell us about the project

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

We have all benefited so much from your funding. Most of the funding went towards filling in an old and dangerous pond and on building a new fence to secure the area. Some was spent on equipment to lay bark paths around the site. As you can see from the photographs the children and myself have managed to lay our own bark paths around the site to increase access for all. This has been a wonderful experience for us all as we had to work

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together as a team. We laid the paths over a series of weeks with children of all ages helping to move the bark across the field in wheelbarrows, finding logs to line the paths and then laying the underlay and bark. This all lead to an increase in resilience, positivity and self confidence in both the staff and children - I can't tell you how proud the children are of their achievements.

Another class also took responsibility for clearing a wild flower area once the pond had been filled in and caring for it which in turn increased the number of butterflies and insects that we saw in the area over the summer and also increased the children's knowledge of the environment. We were very proud of how our woodland area has developed over the last 6 months and how much more accessible it is to all.

Unfortunately, a neighbour fly tipped various bits of rubbish including asbestos which was costly to remove. We also bought top soil and the children filled in the areas which had been cleared to make it level. We also bought a new log store and benches to provide seating for the children to enjoy the area.

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

We are very satisfied.

- Was funding for this project made available from any other sources?
Some funding came from our school budget and we sourced other smaller grants which helped to lay the paths.

Feedback about us

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

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



- Would you welcome a visit by our Trustees?

You are very welcome to visit.

- Have you any other comments?

I would just like to thank you. It has made a huge difference to our school and to the children. Our school woodland is the only outside woodland area that many of our children visit and they are so proud of the improvements which we have made to the area. We can't thank you enough.

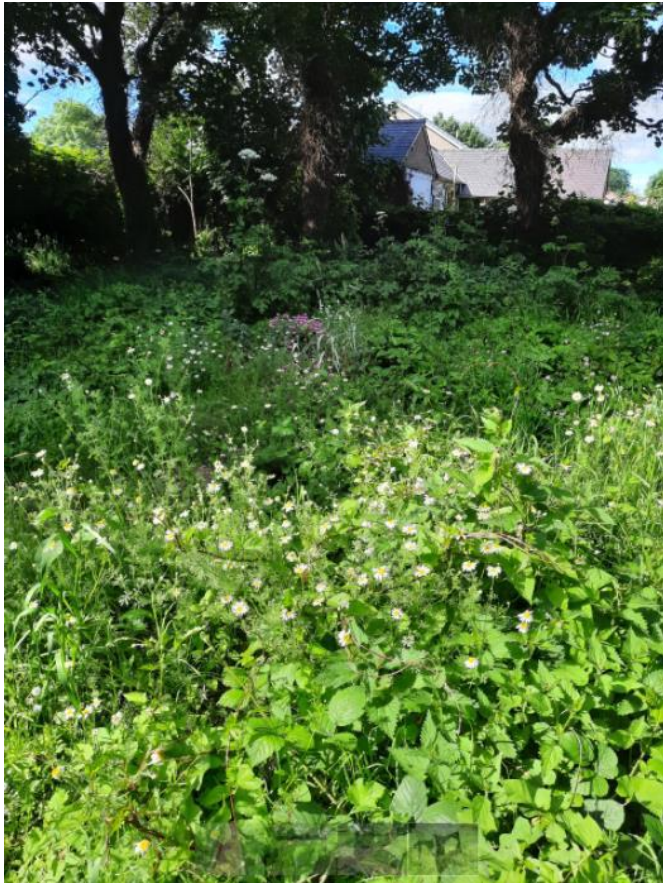
I have pasted some before and after photos below but unfortunately I wasn't able to send you photos of the children enjoying the woodland area without parental permission. I can get this permission should you require more photos.

- **Before**



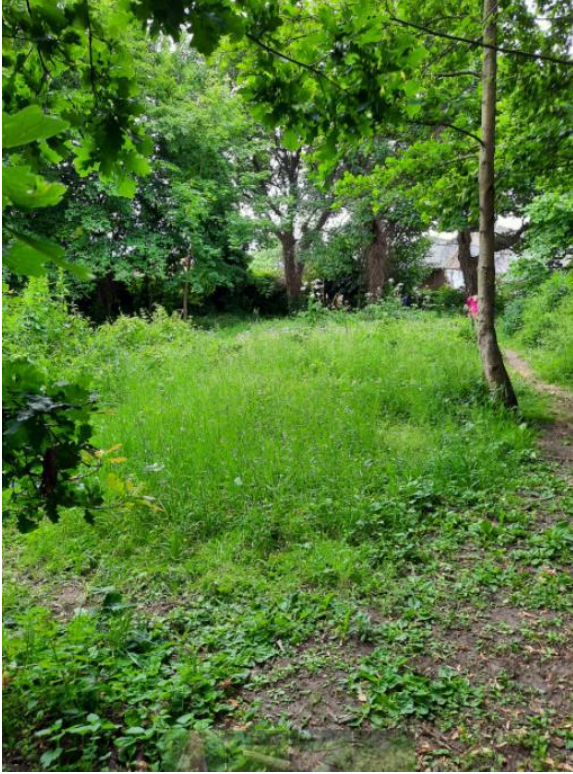
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This questionnaire is part of our due diligence, obtaining feedback to help us, and we are grateful for your input – please return the questionnaire as soon as possible. Please email all questionnaires and/or reports to sally@ninevehtrust.org.uk

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