

# the hidden gardens

## Grassy Meadow Project – Completion Report

In 2019 The Nineveh Charitable Foundation granted us £1,000 towards the development of our Grassy Meadow Project.



We are pleased to be able to report the completion and success of this project, enhancing and developing the recreation and learning facilities in our urban Glasgow greenspace.

Our team of regular gardening volunteers were key to the completion of this project. It provided a learning opportunity as well as encouraging community ownership of the new development.

The path area was laid with bricks reclaimed from the demolition of local inadequate housing. With the help of Southside Housing Association, we reused these bricks contributing to the sustainability of the project as well as cost effectiveness.

New plants suitable to the growing space were added to the meadow and cared for by volunteers. The chosen plants created seasonal interest as well as homes and food sources for local wildlife.

A beautiful seating area was a welcome feature and the later addition of a backdrop of art works screening the perimeter fence, only served to further enhance the sense of peace and beauty in the space.

The grassy meadow is a valuable biodiversity and horticultural learning resource for the local urban community. The addition of this meadow, to our potager, wildlife area, medicinal court yard and our wildflower meadow, extends our range of environments to delivery learning in. We currently deliver 150 individual wildlife, horticultural and sustainability workshops every year. Local school children, community groups, housing association tenants, scout groups, women's groups all benefit from this free offer.

We have also succeeded in creating an opportunity for the casual visitor to The Gardens to get closer to nature. The informal paths and seating amongst the new plantings in the grassy meadow, provide visitors with an immersive experience, bringing people closer to nature and the environment. The secluded seated area gives visitors a place for peace and quiet, and the opportunity to enjoy an increased sense of well-being.





We are very pleased to have met our outcomes. Local people have increased their horticultural skills and understanding of biodiversity. Engaging them in the development has increased the local communities' sense of guardianship of nature. We have created a lasting learning resource as well as a beautiful immersive outdoor space for the benefit of all.

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