

Further to the very generous grants awarded in late 2020, due to the impact of the pandemic in 2020 and through 2021 when museums were finally able to reopen in June last year, as you can imagine we have had our backs to the wall in trying to keep afloat and a going concern, hence the delay in this end of grant report.

The grant was used to support our Project Splash and as part of that project we have been running a rural skills training program for isolated individuals, long term unemployed, those who are suffering with some form of social disorder and ex offenders. The grant has been used to support the ongoing costs for the interpretation and reinstatement of more than 10 acres of land as an open resource for biodiversity, wildlife, industrial heritage for schools, the general public, local residents and special interest groups.

During the course of the grant support we had over 45 individuals taking part in skills programs, and more than 450 visiting school children, and are created for the Uffculme Bookclub where summer readings were held when lockdown rules permitted and has continued to be used, alongside the building of a working partnership with the Uffculme Green Team - Wildlife Group who monitor the impact of the project and regularly carry out assessments on the wildlife and ecology of the site.

We are very pleased that 4 individuals taking part in volunteering from disadvantaged backgrounds were able to get paid employment 2 full time and 2 part time based on the skills, confidence and support of the Mill, as part of project splash, we had a further two volunteers who started their own businesses in garden maintenance.

The project itself has been submitted for awards, with funding from Niveneh being used towards the employment of a part time ranger to manage the project which has enabled all of the above to be achieved, furthermore the funding and subsequent work provided the basics for grants to Petroc College and Devon County Council of more than £70,000 to fund the rural skills training program now in its second year.

I can say that without the initial funding from Nineveh this may not have been possible,

If you would like some pictures, or a case study please do let me know and I will arrange for them to be sent.

I do attach a copy of Coldharbour Vision 2032 which is being launched this year.

Once again thank you for the support of The Nineveh Trust.

Kind regards

Martin

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