

**THE NINEVEH CHARITABLE TRUST  
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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)**

The Nineveh Charitable Trust kindly supported Blyth Star Enterprises with a grant of £5,000 in July 2023 towards an initiative to convert a piece of barren land into a usable garden space for our client base of disabled adults.

**Tell us about the Funds**

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

We are delighted to share that the horticultural project to convert an area of barren, uncultivated land into a usable space filled with raised beds and planting areas was completed in June 2025.

As the funds required to deliver the project were attached to the physical creation of the garden, there are no associated ongoing project costs.

- 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 £5,000 generously provided by The Nineveh Charitable Trust helped to bring the total raised in aid of the barren land project to £22,850 against our original target of £41,000. While this did leave us with a shortfall, the funds from The Nineveh Charitable Trust were still gratefully received and we completed the project regardless using Blyth Star Reserves.

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

The barren land project was supported by a number of different charitable trusts and organisations. In addition to The Nineveh Charitable Trust, we received grants from The Barbour Foundation, The Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust, The Oliver Ford Foundation and Northumberland County Council's Community Chest. As we did not achieve our fundraising target, the shortfall in funding required to complete the project was met by Blyth Star Enterprises Reserves in line with our Reserves policy.

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### Tell us about the project

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

Designed as a partnership between our vocational day services at Stakeford Nurseries and The Woodfuel Centre, the barren land project has been a huge success.

What started out as a large patch of waste land covered in thick brambles is now a well-tended garden featuring an Eco Shed, raised planting areas, a greenhouse, soft fruit cages and a mini orchard which our service users enjoy spending time in during their lunch and tea breaks.

While the creation of the garden was the physical end result of the project, the wider aim of the project was to provide our service users with new training and work experiences and to help them develop new skills and understanding of all aspects of horticulture as a means of supporting their mental health and wellbeing. To this end, the project has also been a great success, with our service users across both sites engaging positively throughout the course of the works which has resulted in the horticultural upskilling of some of our service users at The Woodfuel Centre, who enjoyed the project so much, they are now taking it upon themselves to maintain the newly created garden and have even started planting their own crops of fruit and vegetables.

### Photos of the finished “Quiet Garden” at The Woodfuel Centre



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

We are delighted with the outcome of the barren land project. The new garden is a wonderful addition to the day service at The Woodfuel Centre, providing a broader range of activities for our service users to engage with during their time on site, especially during the summer months when the demand for woodfuel products quietens off.

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

The barren land project was supported by a number of different charitable trusts and organisations:

The Nineveh Charitable Trust - £5,000  
The Barbour Foundation - £10,000  
The Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust - £2,500  
The Oliver Ford Foundation - £1,000  
Northumberland County Council Community Chest - £4,350

#### **Feedback about us**

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

Compared with other trusts we have applied to, the process of applying, being selected and then receiving payment was relatively quick, which was greatly appreciated.

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

As this was a two year project which has only just concluded, we weren't in a position to supply a full end of grant report before now, however we will give due consideration to the issuing of interim reports moving forward if these would be of interest to the Trust.

- Would you welcome a visit by our Trustees?

Most definitely! We love welcoming people to visit our services.

- Have you any other comments?

On behalf of Blyth Star Enterprises, I would once again just like to extend my thanks to you and the Trustees at The Nineveh Charitable Trust for your ongoing support of our work with adults with complex mental health needs and learning disabilities, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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](mailto:sally@ninevehtrust.org.uk)

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