

Final Report – Restoration of Whorlton Village Garden

1. Name of Project

Restoration of Whorlton Village Garden

2. Funding allocation

£1,400

3. Short introduction to the project

The aim of the project was to improve the setting of the community garden by installing seating and a path, and maintaining the border of the site by planting a hedge.

4. aims and objectives of the project and how they have been met

- *To improve the border of the village garden with a hedge of appropriate tree species*
This was completed over a number of days with a couple of volunteers.
- *To install wooden seating for the community*
This was completed with the help of a group of volunteers led by Heart of Teesdale Volunteering Officer on an extremely wet day!
- *To lay a wood chip path into the garden*
This was laid with wood chip during the volunteer task mentioned above.

5. Additional achievements and legacy – community involvement/benefits

The project had significant support from a couple of key local volunteers who undertook quite a large amount of the work themselves.

6. Lessons learnt

- Without some signage (which could not be agreed by the Parish Council), the site is still under used due to lack of information about the site despite its key location along the Teesdale Way.
- The site improvements need maintaining by regular local volunteers.

- Agreements on access with key landowners are essential before work is undertaken. Since work has been completed, access has been restricted to the top end of the site.