

CELEBRATION STORIES 2021

WHITEMOUNTAIN PROGRAMME





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The partnership that we have had with Whitemountain since 2008 is an exciting initiative.

As managers of the Whitemountain Programme, we have seen the direct impact this funding has on the life of people in communities around Northern Ireland.

In 2020, we celebrated the investment of over £7.5m from the Whitemountain Programme to biodiversity and community projects.

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**CARA CASH - MARLEY
GROUNDWORK NI**



LCC COMMUNITY TRUST

REFURBISHMENT OF THE COMMUNITY HUB: £ 47,300

With the support of Whitemountain, we were able to refurbish our main hall and adjoining facilities last year.

This was a major help during the lockdown as it meant we knew our facilities were fit for purpose and easy to maintain to a high standard for cleanliness and sanitisation for our staff and volunteers.



As an essential service we were busier than ever.



The highlight of this project has been...

Seeing the support come in from the community through volunteers, donations and general well wishes was a real encouragement to our team.

It made the hard work and long days worth it when delivery drivers came back reporting the thanks and gratitude they had received when dropping off a food parcel to an elderly couple who couldn't leave the house or a single mum who had lost her job.



NORTH DOWN RED SQUIRREL AND PINE MARTEN GROUP

OUR WILDLIFE: £ 8,599.50

Funding from the Whitemountain Programme supported the partnership collaboration between NDRSPM and the Glenraig Camphill community group

The '**Our wild life**' project aimed to empower and support the residents living with learning difficulties, to understand, protect and connect with nature around them.



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The next step of this funding will allow us together with the residents to recuperate an unused area at the site, to plant the wildflower meadow in the spring.

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At the Eco-Hub, residents interacted with dynamic resources such as ID cards, moth traps, and video footage from the camera traps.

The residents at Glenraig used their workshop time to create bird feeders, and pine marten nest boxes. These linked with the promotion of natural species, as well as the control of invasive species like the grey squirrel.

VIA WINGS

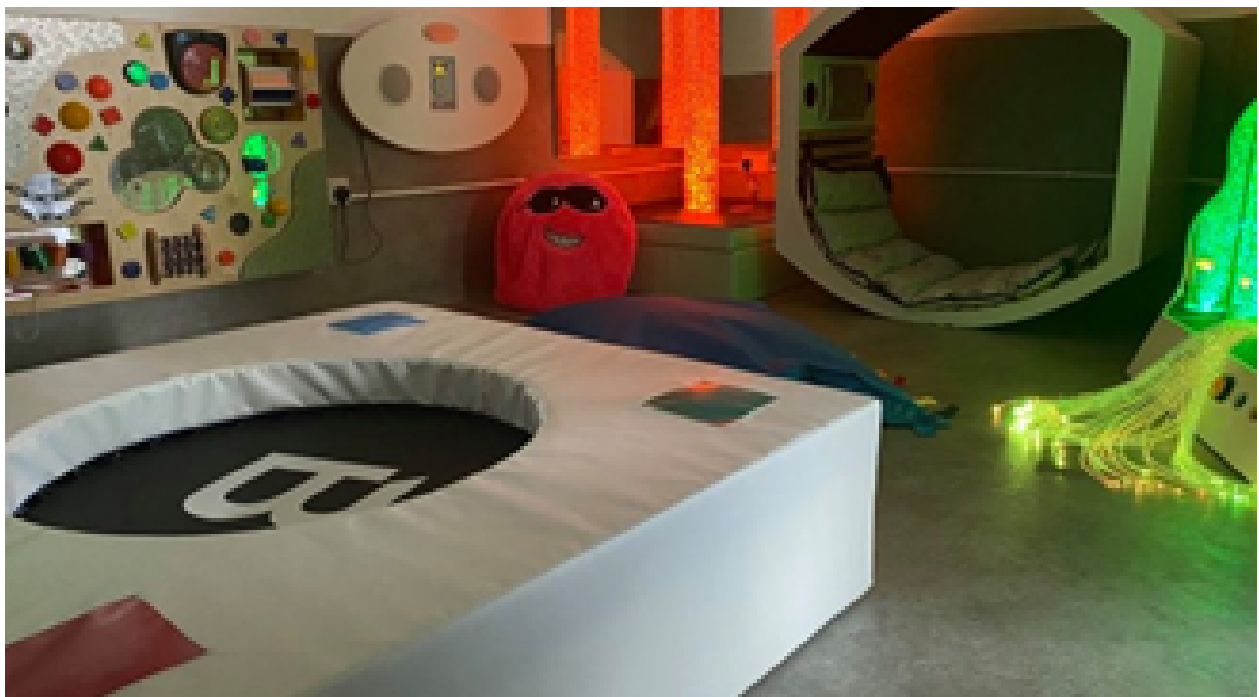
ROOF UPGRADE: £ 50,000

This project follows initial funding from the Whitemountain Programme in 2017, which contributed towards the refurbishment of the Via Wings building. The building was previously a pub in the centre of Dromore and with the refurbishment, the site became a community hub, which included the installation of a cafe, charity shop and food larder.

The repairs to the roof in 2020 provided the building with a more secure space, and enabled the organisation to utilise new rooms in the building which were inaccessible.



**This funding let us continue to do what we do best,
meeting needs and changing lives.**



ULSTER WILDLIFE

BOG MEADOW ACCESS AND EDUCATION PROJECT £49,969

The project aimed to open up and landscape the entrance area to the Bog Meadows in West Belfast. In addition, the funding facilitated the purchase of a portacabin to act as an outdoor classroom area to facilitate educational and engagement activities.



The work carried out with the aid of this grant from the Whitemountain Programme has had a major impact on Bog Meadows Nature Reserve. The Milltown Row area has been transformed, creating a welcoming focal point for events and activities and helping to strengthen relationships with immediate residents and organisations, as well as the wider community.



Since the project has been in place, the community has benefitted from guided environmental walks, winter wellness walks and summer fun days.

Under the shelter of the classroom, individuals have been learning about foraging, healthy eating habits and environmentally-friendly lifestyles.



WANT TO HEAR MORE?

The Whitemountain Programme has funded a number of community-based projects. Projects that have a real impact on real people, people like you. Check out our video to find out more! Click image below to play.



We see all sorts of weird and wonderful applications



The real contribution comes from the many dedicated volunteers who are involved in delivering these projects.

Since 2008, we have witnessed the significant contribution that this programme has made to the community groups within Northern Ireland. We at Breedon Group are very proud of the contribution we have made to this initiative, albeit it is only a small part, because the real contribution comes from the many dedicated volunteers who are involved in delivering these projects.

**LIAM MCDONALD
WHITEMOUNTAIN**



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We particularly welcome applications for projects that promote biodiversity through:

- The provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat; or
- The maintenance or recovery of a species in its natural habitat.

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