

Success Story

Lindengate from start up to sustainable charity



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Lindengate - A registered charity (CIO), based in Wendover, with a core purpose to offer therapeutic gardening activities to help those with mental health needs to change their lives. They welcome a variety of needs from loneliness through to severe long-term diagnosis, ASD and Dementia, and each user is supported by assessment and work towards attainable goals.

“The support that we have received has been fundamental to our success so far. Having such professional and knowledgeable people to support us in dealing with the unknowns has been a godsend. There is no doubt in our minds that had we not been able to benefit from their input we would not be in such a strong position. Excellent overall support and advice. We would highly recommend this service to others. Thank you!”

- Sian (in image above left) and Charlie (right), Lindengate charity founders



Community Impact Bucks (CIB) Support Provided Including:

Fundraising	Volunteering	Governance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to raise start-up costs of 80k in 6 months • Fundraising Advice Surgery • Funding fair • Recommended training (e.g. crowdfunding, BCC Providers Forum) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer advice surgery • Volunteer hub • Expert volunteers • Policy and recruitment support • DBS checks for 40 volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff away day facilitation • Trustee board support provided by senior CIB team member Diane

In the beginning...

One of the founders, Sian Chattle, contacted Sara Greenwood (CIB) by telephone and was invited to attend a Funding Advice Surgery in August 2013. We saw that the support we offer could make a difference to help this new group get up and running.

With 14 hours of bursary funded 1-2-1 support, with input from both Sara and Alan Shepherd (Sustainability Team Business Volunteer), we were able to guide Sian and fellow founder Charlie Powell over a 12 month period.



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Lindengate have achieved so much with help from the CIB team:

- Fundraising efforts have raised more than 100k so far.
- Now helping 40 service users a week and offering art and craft, cooking and construction activities as well as gardening.
- Developed a business plan, budgets and unit costs and come up with pricing structures for clients;
- Negotiated and obtained a 10 year lease on a horticultural site in Wendover.
- Developed several partnerships with other charities and organisations.
- Developed marketing and publicity materials and organised events, organised several successful fundraising events and activities



Read more about Lindengate: www.lindengate.org.uk



“Lindengate have been fantastic to work with: they are keen and totally committed, have great trustees, have followed through on virtually all the action points from our meetings and done more besides. We wish everyone at Lindengate the very best of luck for the future”

– Sara Greenwood, Sustainability Manager – Governance and Funding, Community Impact Bucks

Media Coverage

Lindengate’s success has been featured in several publications:

- [Daily Mail Article](#) - A harvest of happiness: How two women reworked a wasteland into a fertile haven for people with troubled minds
- [Get Bucks Article](#) – Using horticulture therapy to combat mental health
- [Bucks Herald Article](#)
- [Wendover News Article](#)



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