



Lindengate
The Old Allotment Site
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Lindengate is 6 Years Old

Lindengate celebrates its 6th birthday this week and what an eventful few years it has been!

What started as a discussion over a glass of wine at a party, between 2 friends, Sian Chattle and Charlie Powell, has grown into a multi award winning 5 acre therapeutic garden and wildlife haven, offering everyone space to improve their physical and mental wellbeing through nature based activities.

In 2013, a small plot of land was found on an underused allotment adjoining Wyevale Garden Centre in Wendover, Buckinghamshire. Initially, the hope was to find a couple of acres of land, but the Garden Centre offered the entire five acres.

Having been abandoned for a while, the site was waist high in thistles, with rotten sheds and greenhouses nestled within the weeds. A team of more than 80 volunteers, including horticultural experts and psychologists helped to get the site ready, advising on both mental health issues and garden maintenance and an amazing £100,000 was raised by the local community to get the project up and running.

Now the weeds have gone, the sheds are repaired and painted and two huge polytunnels have been constructed.

'The name Lindengate comes from mixing the Old English name for a Lime tree – 'Linden', known for its recuperative and stress-relieving properties and the 'Gate', symbolising passing through on the journey to recovery.' says Charlie Powell, Co-Founder & General Manager.

None of this would be possible without the continued support of so many people, our amazing team and volunteers – we thank you for everything you have done for Lindengate.

Not only do we support our local community, with many of our Gardeners being referred by a care professional, as well as others visiting as part of our Rest & Reflect programme, but we have a community of volunteers, who get as much out of Lindengate as they put in, giving them a sense of purpose, and a feeling of belonging, in an inclusive environment.

In creating Lindengate, we were able to plan the gardens, with wildlife and conservation in mind and ensure that we had the right habitat to encourage a variety of insects and wildlife.

There are many wild spaces where the habitat has been left to evolve naturally with raised beds, kitchen gardens full of seasonal produce and rose beds. Our work has meant that we have become increasingly recognised by leading conservation groups in the UK, as our work in supporting them to protect species, such as the Black Poplar, Devils Bit Scabious and Dutch Elms and have recently been award the Bees Need's Awards, sponsored by DEFRA and Green Flag.