

HELPING REDHOUSE BLOSSOM

REDHOUSE NURSERY ACCESS & POWER SUPPLY

APPLICANT

Redhouse Nurseries

www.redhousenurseries.co.uk

TOTAL PROJECT COST

£35,279.00

£21,167

£14,112

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Match Funding

PROJECT AIMS

- Support the development of the existing business at Redhouse Garden Centre and Tea Room allowing it to expand.
- Install a commercial power supply onsite.
- Re-open a former access road to create a safer entrance and exit onto the main road.
- Improve accessibility throughout the whole site.

PROJECT DETAIL

Redhouse Nurseries and Tea Room operates from within the walled market garden beside Redhouse Castle. The Tea Room was unable to increase its capacity because of electrical restrictions. Due to the non-commercial power supply it has been impossible to install further commercial equipment necessary for large numbers of visitors. This project will provide an electrical upgrade to the supply onto the site, ensuring enough power for all future growth. The increased power supply will also allow the nursery to use heaters in glasshouses during cold weather permitting an increased range of plants to be grown on site and introduce equipment that will improve efficiency.

A former access road has been re-opened, creating a safer entrance and exit onto the B1377 for customers and suppliers, also redirecting traffic away from the front of the residential properties. The old access road was not sufficient for the volume of traffic and became a health and safety risk due to the large supply lorries having to negotiate a narrow gap between residential houses. A new larger access road has safeguarded the supplier's ability to deliver to Redhouse as well as the safety of visitors. Furthermore, a new slabbed path has been laid through the nursery which improves accessibility and enhances the overall visitor experience.

This project helps to enhance rural business growth and development, including food and drink as well as horticulture. It will create new job opportunities so more people are able to find local employment. In addition improved accessibility will enhance the tourist experience and an increase in visitor numbers to Redhouse Nurseries will add value to the community.

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LESSONS LEARNED

“Patience is a virtue, don’t expect anything to run on time. While deadline extensions can be acquired, these too take time to put into place, it would be beneficial to overestimate the project times beforehand.”