

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

Tyne Esk LEADER

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 operates from within a walled market garden beside Redhouse Castle, Longniddry, East Lothian. The Tyne Esk LEADER project has helped Redhouse improve in three ways, increasing its electricity supply, improving its main access road and making the grounds more accessible for all users. This has enabled them to provide much more for their customers and grow and expand.

The Tea Room was, prior to the project, difficult to run as a full catering kitchen because of electrical restrictions. The old non-commercial power supply made it impossible to install further equipment. The project upgraded to power supply, allowing them to offer hot as well as cold food and use heaters in the glasshouses during cold weather permitting an increased range of plants.

The previous access road was not up to standard: its entrance was too narrow for traffic, including lorries, which had at times caused damage to the adjacent properties. It was also on a part of the road notorious for fast flowing traffic. The project enabled a former access road to be re-opened creating a safer entrance and exit for customers and suppliers, directing traffic away from nearby properties. The new, larger access road is positioned closer to the town meaning traffic is calmer and visiting Redhouse safer.

The final part of the project entailed addressing the uneven surface on the site which made movement for disabled visitors difficult. A new slabbed path has been laid, stabilising the ground, improving access for all..

This project has helped a rural business grow and develop, encouraging new local customers and providing an enhanced attraction for tourists. It certainly adds value to the local community and may well create new job opportunities.



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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.”