

FUNDRAISING FOR PHASES TWO AND THREE OF THE CHERRY TREE NURSERY SUSTAINABLE REPLACEMENT BUILDING PROGRAMME

Phase One

All funds have been secured for Phase One, a tremendous achievement within a year of our fundraising launch in April 2010. Construction of the shell of the building is almost complete, and work will begin on the interior very soon. Our previous tearoom did tremendous service for many years, and we look forward to making the new one another home from home. The atmosphere inside the building already feels right, even though it is not yet finished. With this phase of the building in place it is easy to imagine how wonderful the whole construction will be if we are able to raise the funds for Phases Two and Three.

Fundraising Phases 2 and 3

Fundraising has begun for Phases Two and Three, which we now feel will be best built together due to the physical restrictions of the site. We also know that a period of rest and recuperation from the unavoidable disruption of the current building work is necessary, so a revised timescale moves on the original plans by one year. So far we have pledges of £37,000, which is a great start, though it is becoming increasingly difficult to raise money in this financial climate. We also have a contingency fund for unpredictable extra expenses, currently standing at £41,000. Unfortunately there have been some increases in costs. Test boreholes around the site did not uncover the fact that, at some time in the past, parts of the site had been used to dump large amounts of concrete and rubble. As this rubble had spaces within it, which could cause instability.

It all had to be removed, and then the area properly filled in, before the foundations could be laid. In addition, because of this landfill discovery, a vapour-proof membrane had to be fitted to avoid the possibility of toxic gases entering the buildings. We have now assumed that this work will be needed across the whole site, hence the increase in costs. However, once built, with all the sustainable features in place, Cherry Tree will have a near zero carbon footprint, and could be used as an example of this type of building for many other organisations.

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		Phase 2	Phase 3
Dec 2012	prefabrication in workshop	£44,000	£50,000
Mar 2012	demolition, groundwork, frame assembly	£69,000	£84,000
May 2013	completion and finishing	<u>£46,000</u>	<u>£41,000</u>
	Total	£159,000	£175,000
	Combined total		<u>£334,000</u>

To achieve our dream, we have almost £300,000 to raise, while making sure that the work and effectiveness of the Nursery continues