



Building Better Opportunities Progress report

August-December 21

This report has been produced by participants of the BBO project



Adam applied for work at Sainsbury's. He was invited to attend an interview and was offered employment he has now left the project. Adam spent his time on the project learning skills to job search and to work on an online Open University course as he would like to attend University in the future.

Lewis has started to re-stain the door and window frames outside the BBO room.



As part of our ongoing promotion of the project to attract new participants we have put up posters and placed leaflets in libraries, supermarkets, local community projects, LDP and some residential homes around Fenland.

We have also promoted the project through word of mouth and when new potential FACET students have visited for a show around the premises.

We are continuing to offer work experience opportunities within FACET as we are faced with limited opportunities elsewhere in the community at the present time. We are supporting our participants in the horticulture department, clearing and cleaning unused rooms and window cleaning.



Nathan has left the project but has gained skills and confidence in his art, using public transport and gaining work experience in the Whittlesey shop.

He will continue to attend FACET and will work towards an independent living qualification.



We are running a stall at Tesco selling our wildlife woodwork products and promoting the BBO project. We have made a wide range of different items to attract wildlife into the garden, these include bird boxes, insect houses and hedgehog boxes.

The event was a big success, we sold 21 products and our participants gained skills and confidence around sales promotion, handling money, working with the public and independence.



Kobe has left the project. He has now gained the confidence to job search and apply for work on his own. He has also gained voluntary work at the British Heart foundation in Kings Lynn as part of the warehouse team for 3 days a week.



Andrew visited CCORRN which is a community paint recycling outlet in March. He picked up an application form and is looking to volunteer with them.



As part of our ongoing enterprise activities and sustainability and recycling we have been bagging up off cuts of wood from making our wildlife products and selling these as fire wood.



Andrew has now started with his supported volunteering at CCORRN and is helping to sort through paints and generally tidy different areas of the building.

Lewis is interested in attending an accredited I.T course at the Further Education centre in March and has asked his home support to look into this for him.



Members of the group have taken responsibility for cleaning out the store cupboard. They then sorted out the items we needed to keep and recycled the rest.

John has used recycled wood to make up 2 wooden pictures in woodwork.



The project arranged with Tesco to hold another sales event at their store in March. Again, our participants took the responsibility of setting up the stock, chatting to customers and making sales.

It was another success with 13 products being sold.



It also gave Tony the opportunity to showcase his work around selling pre-printed DIY packs which make a selection of dodecahedron inspired maths and physics 3D shapes.

