

Case Study

Selby Meadow – Uckfield.

Chiara, the Community Development Worker for Uckfield, chatted to Velda from the Selby Meadow group to find out what had inspired the group to get started and what the garden means to her.



Start Small

"We see lots of children coming here with their parents and lots of them don't know one tree or plant from another. We put up information to explain what butterflies are here, or what birds. Then we thought if we gave them a special place to come with their children to look and learn, it will grow a whole new generation who should hopefully look after our countryside and wildlife, and take an interest."

Make Connections

"We're a very small group and we get funding occasionally. What Chiara has done is give us an opportunity to put in a new mud kitchen, made by Uckfield Men's Shed group. This has brought friendship – they were so pleased to bring the mud kitchen. It's wonderful! Then we added the seating area, the shrubs and trees which give a sense of peace. That's what it means to me, and Chiara has helped us all the way, including to access the Making it Happen funding. We couldn't have done it without her support."



Wellbeing.....!

"What it's meant to us is the fact that we can now offer another level of peace, learning, quiet areas, play areas for all people and children. We get great pleasure from knowing that people are happy and healthy. It's good for their wellbeing, their minds, their bodies and they can run and jump and they can't hurt a thing in here."