



## The Glebe Project

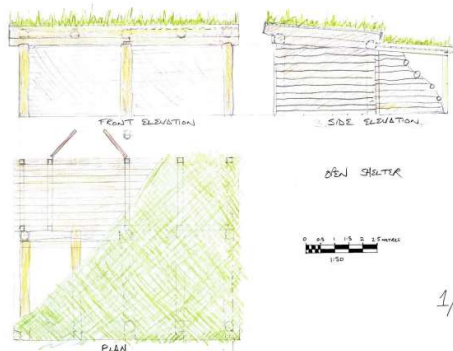
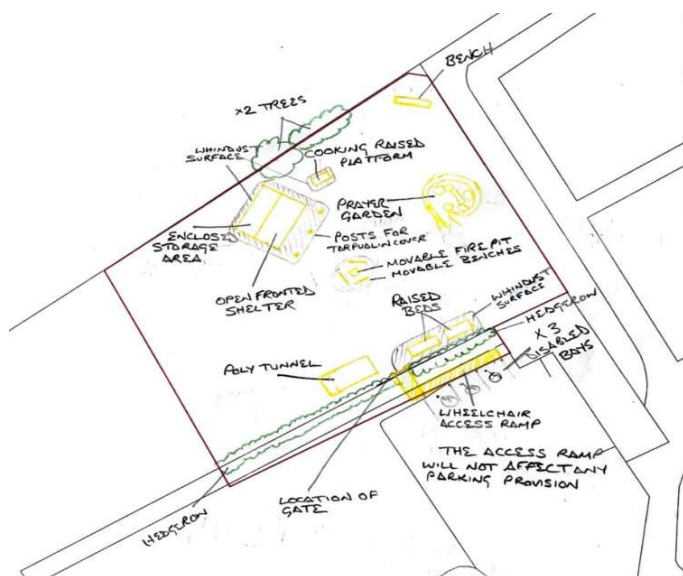
We are excited to share with you details of an exciting project which is in the early stages at Prestonkirk, East Linton. The aim of this project is to use the existing greenspace at The Glebe, to create an outdoor worship and community garden space, which is intergenerational, accessible, inclusive and biodiverse. The project plans to increase the functionality of the existing area so that it could potentially be used by the

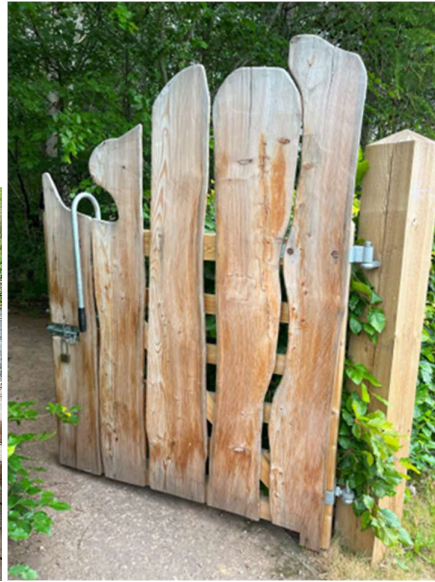
church community for forest church, holiday club, youth club and messy church. The wider community would benefit hugely from the project too.

The Beavers had previously our Minister Douglas Hamilton about the space and are keen to develop, and already have some funding for, a wildflower area. The Guides are keen to be involved too.

We've also consulted extensively with East Linton Primary school who would hugely benefit from a dedicated outdoor learning space within walking distance. Discussions with and designs by primary two and the eco group have fed into our ideas for the space designed by locally based Dave Crosbie who is keen to encourage community

involvement as the project unfolds. Plans have recently been submitted to East Lothian Planning Department, and we hope to have a decision by the end of September.





Produce will be grown in a no-dig community garden in two large accessible raised beds where we could grow 'picky' foods and in the edible forest garden to the rear of the shelter. An accessible ramp ensures universal access to the site. A willow windbreak between the shelter and edible forest will provide shelter and crafting resources.

Overlooking the graveyard will be a Psalm 23 inspired prayer garden, with a peaceful water feature running over large stones. This will provide a quiet area for reflection and meet the children's request for a thinking area and a 'pond' of sorts. A wildflower garden which will be created with help from the Beavers, and a no-mow meadow area could improve biodiversity. The school children suggested a bench where elderly people could sit and have lunch. It has been suggested the area be open during the day but closed at night to help discourage anti-social use of the resource.

The future of this space is exciting, opening new opportunities for church activities and other groups with an accessible, biodiverse community garden. Our hope is that the whole community will benefit from nature connection and outdoor learning opportunities. We will provide further updates as the plans progress.

We would love to hear from you if you or your community group would like to be involved in this project in any way. Whether that be volunteering, or assisting with funding, and grant applications and fundraising. In the first instance please contact [admin@parishoftraprin.org.uk](mailto:admin@parishoftraprin.org.uk).

Thank you  
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