



social value case study

our communities

A 'QUACKING' Good Day at Diving Duck

Diving Duck is on the Esk Valley Line in the North Yorkshire Moors. The structure is a single-span underline bridge with a half-through girder and stone abutments. AmcoGiffen was due to carry out essential work to reconstruct the bridge with precast concrete units that required lifting into place by crane.

Due to the location of the work, we rented some land to create the site compound and offices. The land belongs to 'Beyond Boundaries' which offers a day service to adults and young people with a variety of learning difficulties who help with running the farm.



What did we do?

The land was being used as a car park for staff and volunteers, access to the goat enclosure, and a pig pen for two Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs. To create space for our site we had to build a new home for the pigs, our team even helped the farm move the pigs into their new home

As the project progressed so did the relationship between the Beyond Boundaries team and some of the participants who were keen to see some of our equipment and compound. We organised a site visit demonstrating our equipment and the way we work, much to the enjoyment of the Beyond Boundaries team.

We could see the difference that the farm makes to the lives of its participants and wanted to do more so we offered to host our own volunteer day together with colleagues from Network Rail.

Working with the landowner Bob Muir and the Beyond Boundaries team, we agreed to move a polytunnel and build some raised beds to plant fruits, vegetables, and flowers that the participants could get involved with tending and harvesting and set a date for after the bridge reconstruction was complete





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On the day, Bob Muir greeted the volunteers from AmcoGiffen and Network Rail explaining how Beyond Boundaries was formed and how the reconstruction of Diving Duck Bridge had helped to change the landscape of the land, opening it up to greater potential.

Working together

With the help of a hired excavator, we started by creating a flat area for the polytunnel and positioned sandstone blocks and sleepers, recycled from the track renewals.

When the staff, volunteers, participants, and Network Rail team arrived they were set to work clearing up debris and old bits of farming equipment from around the area of the raised beds and polytunnel, loading up all the non-reusable materials into the tractor for disposal.



Everyone was invited to the Beyond Boundaries facilities for lunch together.

In the afternoon AmcoGiffen finished building the raised beds while everyone else cleared out two newly formed paddock areas which formed part of the land agreement, stacking up reusable materials.

The day was a huge success and showed the importance of helping others and building community relationships.



Raised bed construction



Raised border



During



After

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