



An invitation to participate!

INTRODUCTION TO EARTHWORKS

We are a small, award-winning charity nurturing people with learning disabilities – known as our Earthworkers – to reach their full potential. Alongside our staff and our wonderful volunteers, Earthworkers manage 3.5 acres of beautiful eco-gardens in Hixberry Lane on the edge of St Albans. The technique we use is called **Social and Therapeutic Horticulture**.

With our stall on the monthly St Albans farmers' market, our work with school children with disabilities, and our seasonal events throughout the year, we engage with our community to promote **inclusion** and **sustainable living**.



IN 2020, WE WANT TO CELEBRATE OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY WITH YOU!

Earthworks has now been nurturing people and planet for **25 years**. We are so grateful for the ongoing support of our community and this year we invite you to join us as we develop a disused area of our woodland garden into something beautiful, enticing and inclusive. With the help of our local community, we would like to build **a fairy garden** (a miniature garden) to entice and delight our Earthworkers, our school groups and visitors.

Could you, your group or your school make something to contribute to our new fairy garden?

MATERIALS YOU COULD USE...

WOOD
CLAY
LOGS
TWIGS
BARK
PAINTED
PEBBLES
GRAVEL
BROKEN OR
INTACT
FLOWER POTS
PINECONES
ACORNS
CONKERS
CRATES
WATERING
CANS
WIRE
SEASHELLS
COCONUT
SHELLS
LOLLY STICKS
STRING
NATURAL
GARDEN
TWINE
HANGING
BASKETS
OLD CHINA
BIRD
FEEDERS
FIGURINES!

Fairy garden ideas

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A fairy garden is a miniature garden with structures, plants and sometimes mini figures or creatures.

Could you, your group or your school build something to contribute to our fairy garden?

A miniature home, an animal or figures? Or a miniature gazebo, arbor, pathway, café, school, caravan...

Or maybe some figures or creatures made from clay?



Some ideas for materials you could use.

Earthworks champions sustainable living, including recycling and repurposing, and we are especially keen to incorporate repurposed items such as broken pots or watering cans.

Our Earthworker Ed demonstrates his Piglet house, right, made of logs, sticks, bits of wood and a splash of paint.



With limited space, depending on the entries we receive, we may need to be selective when choosing the items that will appear in our garden.

WHEN WILL THE GARDEN BE BUILT?

The garden was originally due to be built in summer 2020. Although times are uncertain, if you or your school would like to take part, please get in touch, or send a photo of your house to the email address below. As soon as restrictions allow, we will invite contributors to visit Earthworks, where you can experience social inclusion and learn how we manage our gardens with organic principles, and see our new fairy garden in situ.

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