

NEW RHUBARB PLOT AT UNCLE PAUL'S CHILLI CHARITY GETS YOUNG PEOPLE PRODUCING DELICIOUS JAMS

THE IMPACT

Uncle Paul's Chilli Charity has received help from a donor in setting up a new rhubarb plot at their farm, which is dedicated towards developing the experience and employability of disadvantaged young people.



THE STORY

With their 40 acres of farmland, Uncle Paul's Chilli Charity provides an immersive environment for disadvantaged young people to receive mentorship, experience natural beauty, and develop employability skills. As part of the charity's 'from seed to table' process, participants are involved in growing fruit and veg, turning these into jams and chutneys, and selling them in the charity's cafe. Thanks to the donation, the charity has been able to expand this process with the addition of a new rhubarb farm, which is already being looked after by participants, and delicious jams to follow in just a couple of months. This support will go a long way in building a sense of confidence and accomplishment in young people who have experienced barriers to education and employment.

It was so kind of the donor to support our growing of produce by sponsoring our 'rhubarb farm'. All the young people got involved in planting the crowns and they will continue to maintain the beds until the rhubarb is ready to be picked and used to create jams, sauces, and chutneys in our kitchen.

– Uncle Paul's Chilli Charity

“Set in the wonderful countryside, Uncle Paul’s Chilli Charity is such an inspiration, giving disadvantaged young people the chance to be part of our food economy, learning what it takes to grow crops and turn them into delicious food. I look forward to trying some tasty rhubarb jam made from the crowns nurtured by the teams in the not too distant future.”

– Donor



Founded in 2020, Uncle Paul's Chilli Charity is set in a unique, rural environment. We welcome young people and adults who may have experienced social disadvantages or barriers to learning and/or employment. Using our farmland setting, beneficiaries can learn and develop new skills, as well as gain experience and qualifications needed for successful and sustainable employment. Our key focuses are on education, wellbeing and social prescribing.

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