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Hello

Last reminder about the launch day, this Friday the 13th September, starting at 12noon. There is a lot in place, four men have worked very hard, certainly have a sense of ownership and would like to show you our base at Quarry Field. The behind the scenes team have also been hard at it, to make this a memorable event... Worth remembering that this is an outdoor event! (that said, if the weather is really very bad, we will move it indoors to the nearby Foxhole building, and we will make sure everyone is clearly signposted there)

The LandWorks Garden has progressed from initial ideas to working plans and the ideas have been coming thick and fast.

The finished garden will be open to the public and will be a lasting testimony to everyone who has taken part in the project. A rare mark of longevity in what are often chaotic lives. Somewhere for them to bring family and friends and a lasting and growing achievement.

So the basic plan came out of everyone shouting ideas at me. I listened, to be honest, in absolute horror, "We want a sh. t garden, upturned trolleys... broken glass, needles... a garden that shows our background". Trying to join in and wondering just what I had unleashed, I suggested that a trolley could be a sort of trellis, er perhaps... No response, they were on a roll "We want water, a pond... yeah it's got to reflect over to a beautiful garden that shows where we are going". Now that is an idea that is powerful and that is a real gut felt expression. In its basic form - from bad to good. A troubled start in life finding a way to stability, all captured in a garden. Hmm.

I am now looking for rusting corrugated metal sheets to make the fence for the bad garden and trying to find funds for a pond liner to create the water to reflect onto the good garden. I suspect the rusting corrugated will not be too difficult but the pond liner is more important, so if anyone is feeling inspired and generous I would love to hear from you.

The garden has a working title of "Expressions".

See you on Friday.

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