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## Press Release

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# Invaluable Volunteering

As the Autumn is transitioning to Winter, after the first frosts of the year, we here at Pennine Lancashire Community Farm are reminded of how deeply grateful we are to a team of volunteers that turn out, whatever the weather, to keep our sites running. Their efforts are enormous, and would equate to over £376,000 annually of time, if paid at the national minimum wage.

A great example of such contributions can be seen at the new community garden space on Cog Lane, beside Parkside Methodist Church in Burnley which was opened on Monday October 30<sup>th</sup>. The refurbishment of the space was carried out by Pennine Lancashire Community Farm, with the help of volunteers, transforming *"What was basically a piece of waste ground is now a neat set of allotment style plots, ready for planting"* said Richard Hoyle, the lay pastor of Parkside.

A volunteer on the project, Daniel Kirkbride from Burnley, said *"I helped put the woodchip down, paint the fences and put the soil in the beds, I was shown how to do it then got on with it myself. It keeps me busy, I learn new skills and help others"*.

A short video, showing before and after photographs, and the work of some of the volunteers on the project is available on Pennine Lancashire Community Farm

For people who want to find out more about volunteering at Pennine Lancashire Community Farm, or see a short video, showing before and after photographs and the work of some of the volunteers, they can find them on PLCF [website](#).

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### Notes To Editors

1. For further information please contact Nicholas Ripley, Marketing, Social Impact and Education Manager on 01282 421 690 Monday to Thursdays.
2. Pennine Lancashire Community Farm was founded in 2002 and became a registered charity in February 2011.
3. The following photographs are before and after shots.

