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PROJECT?**



Across our part of the Midlands last year, **835,191** hours of Community Payback were completed during 14,000 work sessions by people on community sentences. This equates to more than £6 million worth of labour provided to local communities as people pay back for the crimes they have committed.

Community Payback projects include litter picking, clearing dense undergrowth, repairing and redecorating community centres and removing graffiti. Those who have been sentenced (our Service Users) usually work as part of a team, monitored by a supervisor, and will work all day with short breaks. There are also opportunities for placements where organisations can benefit by supervising a carefully selected individual or small team on our behalf.

To be considered your project must meet the following criteria:

- It must benefit the local community
- It must not take paid work away from others
- No one must make a profit from the work
- It must be challenging and demanding
- It must be worthwhile and constructive
- Our service users must be seen to be putting something back into the community.



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The Community Payback team will assess your project for suitability and for health and safety implications. Anyone can nominate a project, so, if you are an individual, member of a club, community group, faith group or voluntary organisation and have a project that fits the criteria above, please visit our website at:

**DLNR CRC: [www.dlnrcrc.co.uk/community-payback](http://www.dlnrcrc.co.uk/community-payback) or**

**SWM CRC: [www.swmcrc.co.uk/our-work/community-payback](http://www.swmcrc.co.uk/our-work/community-payback),**

download the 'Get Community Payback' smartphone app or call **0121 273 5500**.

Community Payback seeks to improve the employability of our Service Users. This in turn will help to reduce crime which means there will be fewer victims.

### **Sponsorship:**

Our Service Users are able to work towards and gain recognised qualifications while carrying out Community Payback. As you can imagine this is quite costly to provide, and there is no provision from government to fund it. Therefore our scheme seeks a financial contribution, or sponsorship, from all beneficiaries. The money that your organisation donates will be used towards the costs of providing the vocational skills tuition, assessment and awards to Service Users.

Alternatively you may wish to help us to reduce our operating costs by donating benefit in kind for example tools and equipment to enable us to carry out your work.

### **Tim Pitt, Estates Manager, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council:**

"We have worked with the Probation Service over a number of years, using Community Payback teams to deliver a range of site cleansing and improvement initiatives at locations where we do not have a regular maintenance regime. Our relationship has evolved so that we now hold a negotiated Service Level Agreement for a 'retained' Community Payback team that deliver (and usually exceed) an agreed amount of unpaid work hours. Overall I am pleased with the quality of work that we receive, and I do consider that we achieve excellent value for money."

### **Terry Ball, PASC Operations Manger of Gedling Borough Council:**

"In the current financial climate it is often difficult to maintain buildings such as the Pavilion in Jubilee Park. The help provided on this project is extremely appreciated. The high standard of work is something we can all be proud of. The working connection we have been able to create with the Community Payback teams and their Supervisors is of vast importance to the Council and we fully hope that we are able to maintain this working relationship in the years to come."