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Working together to reduce re-offending

National Probation Service Bedfordshire



Supporting the Community
through Unpaid Work

Every year, local communities across the country benefit from over five million hours of Unpaid Work, performed by offenders serving community sentences.

In Bedfordshire last year a total of 44,164 hours of Unpaid Work were completed, representing £214,954 worth of labour by 679 offenders.

However, this work often goes unnoticed, so local residents are now being asked to play a part in deciding the kind of work which they would like to see carried out.

Projects undertaken in Bedfordshire include:

- Graffiti removal
- Litter clearance
- Repairing and redecorating sports pavilions
- Environmental work
- Redecoration of schools and community buildings

All projects combine hard work with opportunities for offenders to repay the community for their behaviour. They are encouraged to take pride in their work, and to learn new vocational and life skills.

FOREST OF MARSTON VALE



In the last year alone, offenders completed approximately 3,448 hours of compulsory unpaid work, the equivalent of £16,720 of labour. This included tree planting, footpath construction, scrub clearance and hedgelaying.

SKATE PARK PROJECT, BEDFORD



Between May and September approximately 445 hours of work, equivalent to £2,160 worth of labour were contributed by offenders on Unpaid Work, who assisted Bedfordshire Police in transporting and assembling two mobile skate ramps at 15 locations in Bedford and the surrounding villages. The skate ramp was enjoyed by young members of the local community.

SOUTH BEDFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL



This exciting new project sees offenders working alongside the council's 'Handyvan' workforce. Areas of need are identified with the local community. Tasks include hedge trimming, grass cutting, gardening, rubbish clearance, and painting. So far, approximately 365 hours, amounting to £1,770 of labour, have been completed in a three month period.

Faith groups, businesses, voluntary groups, local authorities and individual members of the community are being asked to nominate projects they would like to see the Probation Service get involved with.

When the work has been completed it will be branded with the Community Payback logo to show where offenders have positively contributed to improving the neighbourhood.

But we cannot do any of this without your help. We need to know about projects you think we could work on.

When we receive a request we will assess whether a project is suitable, using the following criteria:

- It must benefit the local community
- It must not take away paid work from others
- No one can make a profit from the work
- It must be seen to be putting something back into the local community

Particular priority will be given to projects which reduce the fear of crime by making our community a safer place to live in.