

Meeting the needs of our community

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 **SCAPE**

 **COMMUNITY**
LEGACY PROGRAMME

Our Legacy Programmes

Social value has been at the heart of SCAPE's approach to framework procurement and management for over a decade.

All our framework delivery partners are committed to delivering social value and working collaboratively with SCAPE through our Community Legacy Programmes to deliver additional social value, focusing on employment skills, training, the environment, and sustainability.

We have committed to supporting local supply chains by identifying opportunities to work with local SMEs, micro-businesses and Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprises (VCSEs).

This will increase local employment and training opportunities and promoting STEM and the myriad of built environment careers in schools to inspire the next generation of industry experts and plug the skills gap.

This is alongside driving environmental sustainability as part of all projects delivered through our public sector procurement.

We're proud to collaborate with industry and listen to your needs and your communities to create a genuine opportunity to improve the health, the environment, wealth and wellbeing of our local communities in which we live and work.

We believe our Community Legacy Programmes demonstrate our shared responsibility and approach of mutual trust, respect, collaboration and expertise.

Quarterly Theme:

Meeting the needs of our community

By collaborating on quarterly themes, we can maximise our social impact in the communities where we work. Collaboration means that SCAPE Partners can either work together, or work on a shared goal.

This isn't just a tick in the box - it's about doing the right thing for the communities most in need.

This report showcases some of the ways the needs of the community have been met by our framework delivery partners and SCAPE in England and Wales in just three months.



£4,370
Goods or funds
donated



40
Volunteers



18
Organisations
to benefit



157
Volunteer
hours

Environmental



In early January colleagues at Stepnell helped with Treetops Hospice’s Tree-cycling scheme. In return for a donation to hospice care, Stepnell collected 26 Christmas trees from outside homes in the Allestree area and took them to a central recycling point. Treetops Hospice provides nursing care and emotional support for adults and their families in Derby and Derbyshire.

Willmott Dixon’s team took part in ‘The Great British Spring Clean’, cleaning up the litter around Birmingham’s canals. The Great British Spring Clean is the nation’s biggest mass-action environmental campaign. With recent issues around waste collection in Birmingham, their work was appreciated by local residents and resulted in four bags of litter.

Jeakins Weir constructed community planters, which had previously been kept in storage for some time, and filled them with 2.5 tonnes of gravel and soil. This community project for residents in Loughborough has enhanced the appearance of the housing estate, where the plan is to use the planters for growing fruit and vegetables for the community.

GF Tomlinson partnered with Gardens of Giving and spent the day volunteering at a local SEND school teaching pupils how to construct bird boxes using pre-cut templates. Gardens of Giving is a community interest company set up in Sutton-in-Ashfield with the aim to teach young people how to grow their own food and teach residents new skills. Following the school activity, they were delighted to gift the bird boxes to Teversal Visitor Centre, where visitors can follow the footpaths and explore the network of varied and enchanting walks through countryside that is abundant with wildlife.

Working with the University of Bath, Perfect Circle developed a podcast called Built to Last tackling construction waste with sustainable operations management. By exploring the intersection of economic growth, environmental sustainability, and social responsibility, the podcast highlights the importance of addressing construction waste not just as an operational issue, but as a pressing concern with broad social implications. The discussions and expert insights provide listeners with a clear understanding of the challenges, opportunities, and potential solutions, motivating both individuals and companies to act for a greener, more sustainable future.

Foodbank donations and support

Colleagues at Willmott Dixon's Nottingham office collected clothing, toiletries and food items for The Rope Project, a community project in New Ollerton helping men, women and families who have fled domestic violence, by providing household items free of charge. They also help homeless people, rough sleepers and those who have been victims of house fires.

Morgan Sindall Construction, together with their supply chain Summit Scaffolding and Henley Stone, attended the Maundy Relief centre in Accrington to deliver items for their foodbank. Between the teams, they managed to collect approximately 100 food items, as well as personal hygiene products, which were requested by the centre specifically. Maundy Relief offer an immediate and person-centred response to poverty and need and, crucially, support the ongoing wellbeing of those who seek their help. This donation assisted the charity to continue helping members of their community in the times of their lives when they need it most.

Morgan Sindall also supported Yarmouth and Magdalen foodbank with donations and volunteer time. The cost-of-living crisis has seen an uptake in the number of families in Great Yarmouth reaching out for help from the foodbank. They also spent time in the community Pathway Café helping the staff serve meals and washing up the dishes, talking to the visitors and other volunteers. In the past 12 months, the Pathway Café has provided 15,036 meals free of charge to local residents.

Colleagues at Balfour Beatty supported Bradford Central Foodbank and Advisory Centre, delivering donations collected on the project, sorting parcels and organising stock as requested by the foodbank. Working via referrals, Bradford Foodbank serves the needs of a very deprived community. The foodbank asked for specific support throughout Ramadan to meet the needs of the community, with many of their service users taking part in the religious observance and finding themselves in crisis.



Providing support and advice

The Bradford Foodbank and Advisory Centre adds real value by working to help people overcome the root causes of food crisis. They offer benefits advice, job coaching, CV writing, fuel grants, and legal family advice. Balfour Beatty volunteered at the Centre, helping service users to apply for jobs through CV writing and general advice to support service users back into work.

Lindum supported the Men in Sheds group at Dysart Park with a donation of two essential joinery tools. UK Men's Sheds Association provides a welcoming space where individuals can connect, share skills, and work on meaningful projects - helping to combat isolation and promote wellbeing. The donation of the tools, plus a hamper of tea, coffee and biscuits will support the men as they produce public benches, bird tables and bespoke joinery.

G F Tomlinson colleagues volunteer at the Kefira Project girls' group at Switch Up's Mansfield's Community Hub every week.

Switch Up provides a safe space for the Mansfield community at this hub, where each session supports key themes such as health, creative and food education. It's an exciting opportunity for girls to come together, make new friends and learn valuable skills through fun workshops and games.

Colleagues at G F Tomlinson also spent time with a Kefira Project member, assisting her in preparing for her first ever interview at a local travel agent for an apprenticeship vacancy. They conducted an interview with tailored questions relevant to the travel industry and held the 'interview' from one of their meeting rooms at their Little Eaton office, providing the experience of entering a workplace.



Charity Fundraising

Two members of RG Carter staff spent time volunteering for The Lighthouse Charity. They also raised £2,190 by completing the half marathon Winter Walk in London, walking along the River Thames spotting many landmarks on the way. The Lighthouse Charity supports the mental health of construction workers through a range of support including financial support and crisis lines that are in operation 24/7. The construction industry has the highest number of suicides every year and the charity was set up to support the people who need the most help.

Two other members of R G Carter took part in the Cambridge Half Marathon, running a total of 13.2 miles around the historic city. This year's event supported the charity Alzheimer's Research UK.

"Purple Day" was founded in 2008 to raise awareness for people with epilepsy and help them see that they are not alone. Purple Day has grown to be a global event and, to help mark this day, the R G Carter Academy team ran a 'Purple Day' at the Thetford office. Employees wore purple items for awareness and tasty treats were baked to raise £110 for Epilepsy Action, supporting people with the condition which affects around 600,000 people in the UK.

Arc Partnership's site manager, Kyle Ryan, participated in an Ultra White Collar Boxing event to raise money for MIND, an incredible charity that provides vital support to people experiencing mental health difficulties. Following a hard training process, the fight went the full distance and was a draw. A total of £1,645 was raised which exceeded the target.



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raised by Arc Partnership's
site manager, Kyle Ryan

“We’re thrilled to announce that this year, we’ve been able to collect 1,300 trees and raise over £24,500 for the hospice, which could help to fund 212 nights of Hospice at Home care for patients receiving end of life care in their own homes. We wouldn’t have been able to do this without volunteers such as yourself.”



Victoria Rocca,
Relationships Manager,
Treetops Hospice

“I just wanted to say thank you to you and the team for all the hard work today, it’s very much appreciated.”

Chris Covill,
CBC Neighbourhood Development Officer

“We are very appreciative that you took the time to ask us what would be most useful and extremely grateful for what you provided which was exactly what we needed. Your generosity will have a real impact on the lives of those living in poverty in Hyndburn where so many individuals and families are struggling with the high cost of living: your donation will enable us to reach more people in need in these tough times.”



Lucy Hardwick,
CEO, Maundy Relief

“A very humbling start to the week. It was good to give a little bit of something back to the community and to also see the amazing work the volunteers do every single week as they set out to help others.”



Ben Virdee,
Senior Site Manager, Morgan Sindall

