

## Why Community Payback?

Community Payback in London is a positive, cost effective and viable alternative to more conventional punishments. It gives offenders a chance to 'pay back' to local communities by doing work which helps to improve and enhance the environment. It does not replace paid employment but complements work carried out by local authorities. Community Payback is the partnership that helps to make London cleaner, safer and greener for its residents, workers and visitors.

## Community Payback listens to London

We want you to have your say about what work needs to be done in your community. If you think there is something in your area which Community Payback can help with let us know about it. All suggestions are taken seriously and followed up.

## Contact Us

### Online:

[www.london-probation.org.uk](http://www.london-probation.org.uk)

or

[www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods](http://www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods)

### Phone:

Community Payback Help Line

07894 176 943

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# What is Community Payback?

Community Payback is a partnership between London Probation, the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and 32 local London authorities. The scheme supports the MPS Safer Neighbourhoods local policing programme.

It is hard physical work and a demanding punishment. It enables offenders serving community sentences to make reparation to local communities as part of their punishment for offending.

Every neighbourhood in London now has a dedicated Safer Neighbourhoods police team whose aim is to listen and talk to members of the local community and find out what affects their daily life and feelings of security. Under Community Payback, the local police team then works with the community, London Probation, local authorities and other partner agencies to find lasting solutions.

## What are the aims of Community Payback?

Potential work projects must meet the following criteria:

- Reduce crime and the fear of crime
- Be identified by local communities as a priority
- Be visible to local communities
- Improve quality of life for the community.

## How does it work?

Local people suggest ideas for Community Payback projects and an assessment is carried out to ensure that the work proposed is suitable and meets the criteria outlined above.

London Probation staff supervise offenders doing Community Payback projects. Safer Neighbourhoods officers are involved in planning and often attend projects to offer additional support and engage with local people. Local authorities can provide additional support which includes staff resources and equipment.

## Examples of work completed include:

- Graffiti removal
- Refurbishing parks, playgrounds and leisure/sports facilities
- Cutting and clearing overgrown foliage
- Clearing rubbish from land and alleyways
- Landscaping and planting.



Chislehurst Children's Playground, Bromley



Prince of Wales Car Park, Hackney



The Haverfield Estate, Hounslow

