

Community Payback in London: Project Summary



**Community
Payback**

Community Payback in London is a partnership between London Probation, the Metropolitan Police and local authorities, and forms part of the Safer Neighbourhoods Programme.

Community Payback enables the public to have a say in the type of Unpaid Work done by offenders in London to make local areas safer.

Objectives and Outcomes

- Reduction of fear of crime
- Increased community confidence in local service provision
- Increased public confidence in the Criminal Justice System
- Reduction of re-offending
- Address priorities identified by local communities
- Reduce the visibility of Signal Crimes

Benefits

- Local people see the Criminal Justice system working
- Victims of crime see local reparation
- Offenders make reparation back to their local community
- Offenders can gain useful life skills to increase their chances of employment
- Police Officers get to know the local offenders
- Local facilities are rendered fit for use for the community

Criteria

Each project must:

- not replace work that would normally be done by paid employees
- occupy offenders fully for a minimum of seven hours on each occasion
- contribute to the reduction of offenders' social exclusion by delivering tangible benefit to others in the community
- not give the impression of providing a reward for offending
- ensure that offenders on the scheme are low risk, having been sentenced for low tariff offences.
- Ensure that, wherever possible, offenders on the scheme are from the local borough

“Community Payback has made the estate cleaner and safer for those who live there.”

“This work has resulted in a huge decline in the number of robberies and violent offences being committed in the area.”

“Community Payback has cleaned up the park and made it safer for local children to use.”

“The project has made a real difference to my fear of crime.”



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