

NATIONAL PROBATION SERVICE TEESSIDE

Unpaid Work Teesside

Unpaid Work currently has a case load of approximately 860 offenders with orders ranging from 40 to 300 hours.

Offenders are required to attend for Unpaid Work once per week until the successful completion of their order, beginning at 0830 and finishing at 1530, a 7 hour day.

2,408 UPW hours are completed each week and this brings a value of £13,448.00 to the local economy based on a minimum wage of £5.60.

Stockton projects account for 84 offender work days per week with four supervised groups over a seven day working week, all Stockton offenders work within the Stockton Borough Council local authority area.

This works out at approx. 588 UPW hours per week completed in the **Stockton** area with a value of £3,292.00. An annual value of £164,600.00.

Current Stockton projects are:

- Thornaby allotments, conversion of an old derelict allotment site into new refurbished plots with car park, access road, fencing and water supply.
- Installation of new fencing in John Whitehead Park Billingham. This fence has been fabricated by prisoners at Kirklevington Grange prison so a good joint working partnership between NOMS partners, local community (Friends of John Whitehead Park) and the local authority.
- Work on various public rights of way throughout SBC area to maintain public access and promote community safety.
- Work with the Safer Stockton Partnership under the guidance of Gary Collins team dealing with anti social behaviour hot spots and graffiti removal.
- Maintenance of 5 miles of river bank from the Tees Barrage to Preston Park as part of the River Tees stewardship scheme in partnership with British Waterways Board. This work is part of the preparation for the 2012 Olympic qualifying events to be held at the Barrage.

The UPW unit is also actively engaged with Tristar Homes and most other local community groups through out Stockton.

Recently completed works include:

- Preparation of Wolviston Community field ready for annual fete (Saturday 13.06.09) which raised over £3000.00 for the local community.
- Involvement in the Environmental agency "Big clean up" at Port Clarence.
- The Thornaby Green community garden was also completed recently.

Communities can nominate projects either through their local council officers, by submitting an online request from the Probation Service Teesside website , Community Payback link, or by telephoning the UPW unit 01642 515315.

The unit also operates an Individual placement scheme where organisations supervise Low risk offenders on their projects under or guidance. These account for 28 offender days per week in Stockton, a value £1,176.00 per week to the local economy.