

REPORT TO CABINET

12 MARCH 2026

REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM

CABINET DECISION

Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources and Transport –
(Councillor Paul Rowling)

SOCIAL VALUE ANNUAL REPORT

Summary

This report presents the Social Value Annual Report, detailing the progress achieved in advancing the Council's Social Value Policy during 2025 and outlining planned developments for 2026/27.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)/Decision(s)

To provide an update of the Council's approach to Social Value.

Recommendations

1. Note the Social Value Annual Report (Annex 1).
2. Note the work undertaken during 2025/26 and the planned work in 2026/27.

Detail

1. Cabinet approved the Social Value Policy in March 2023, and the annual report in Annex 1 provides an update on the social value delivered during 2025. It includes case studies illustrating the range and impact of outcomes achieved, along with statistical information on the associated financial proxy value.
2. Since last year's report, the Council's approach to social value continues to develop, including:
 - The appointment of a dedicated Social Value Officer,
 - A refresh of the Themes Outcomes Measures (TOMs) that are used to measure social value and the associated financial proxy values,
 - Alignment of the refreshed TOMs to the Stockton on Tees Plan,
 - Updates to the Social Value Calculators and dashboards used during the procurement process,

- Closer work with Catalyst to ensure the VCSE sector benefits from social value commitments,
 - Initial work to explore how social value commitments made in Section 106 Agreements and Development Agreements can be captured and reported, and
 - Networking with various community organisations/ VCSE organisations to understand how social value can help them
 - Working both regionally and sub-regionally to share good practice and approaches to social value.
3. Work planned for 2026/27 includes:
- Work with Catalyst to develop a unified Corporate Social Responsibility and Social Value Framework to ensure a consistent, strategic approach to allocating social value contributions and CSR-related financial donations from local businesses,
 - Continue to develop processes to monitor and capture social value commitments made through Section 106 Agreements and Development Agreements,
 - Identify other contract opportunities to include social value.
 - Use social value case studies in press releases to demonstrate how suppliers, providers and contractors contribute to the borough through their social value commitments.
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Consultation and engagement

4. Discussion with Catalyst.

Next Steps

5. Continue the development of the Council's approach to Social Value and Corporate Social Responsibility.
6. Continue to monitor the financial proxy values of social value.

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Social Value Annual Report

Social Value 2025



Cabinet Report – Social Value Update

1. Purpose of the Report

To provide an update on Social Value delivered across Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council during 2025 and how changes to the national Themes, Outcomes and Measures (TOMs) have been refreshed and aligned with the Stockton-on-Tees Plan 2024.

2. Background

The National Themes Outcomes and Measures (TOMs) Framework has been refreshed and now comprise of the following Themes;

- Work Local Skills and Employment
- Economy Growth of Responsible and Local Business
- Community Healthier, Safer and more Resilient Communities
- Planet Decarbonising and safeguarding world

The new TOM's have been aligned to the Councils priorities;

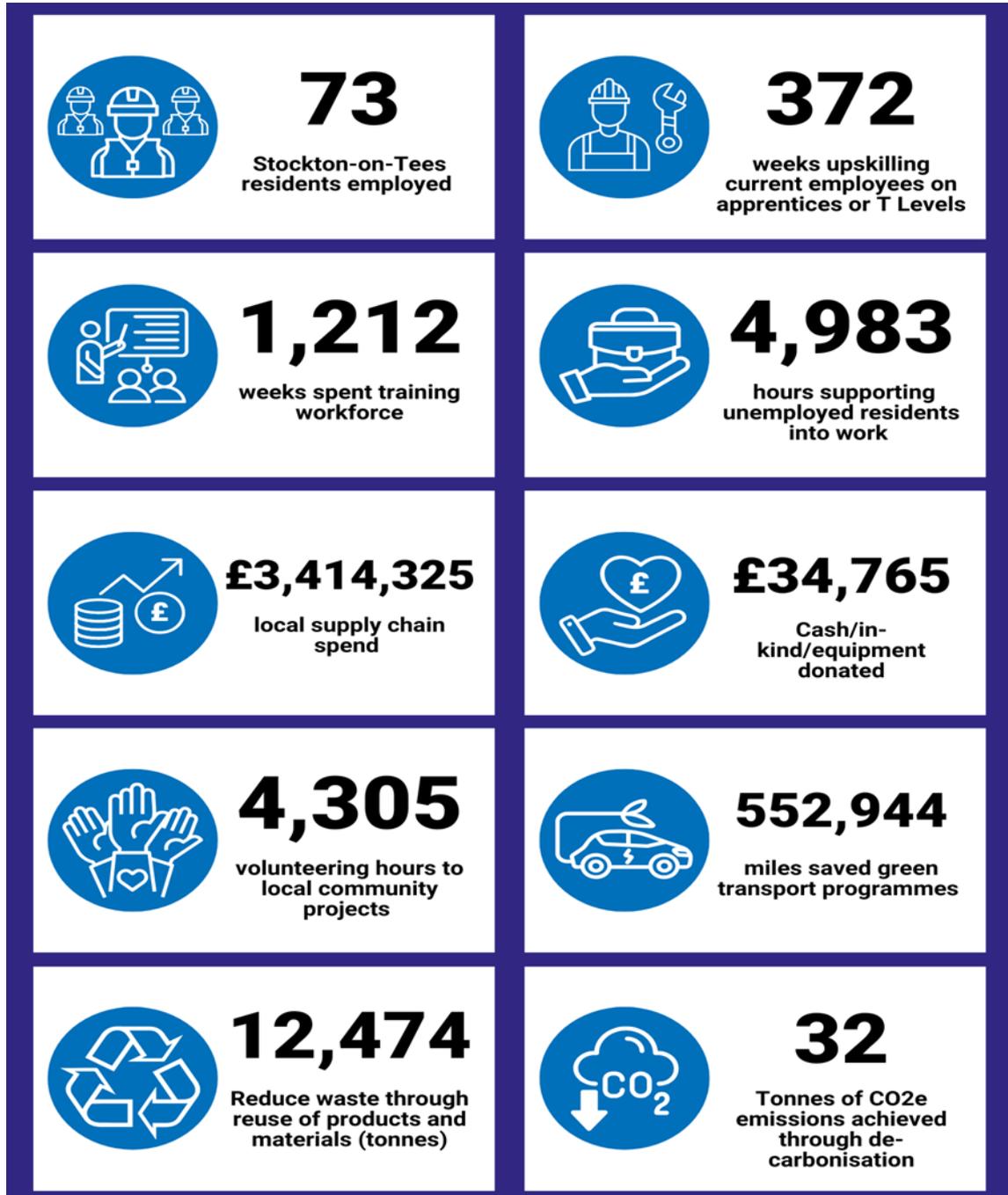
- Priority one – the best start in life to achieve big ambitions
- Priority two – healthy and resilient communities
- Priority three – A great place to live, work and visit
- Priority four – an inclusive economy
- Priority five – A Sustainable Council

As a result, the key outcomes Stockton-on-Tees Council aiming to achieve are as follows;

- Increased employment for Stockton residents
- Improved skills and training
- Work placements for Care Leavers, SEND and NEET
- Embedding Social Value in supply chains
- Increased opportunities for VCSEs and SMEs
- Improved health and wellbeing
- Reduced environmental impact

5. Social Value Delivery 2025

Between January and December 2025, the Council delivered £8,130,382.13 in measurable Social Value. A more detailed report can be found in Annex A



6. Other Contributions

Section 106 Planning Agreements

Caddick Construction received planning approval from the Planning Department to construct a warehouse on Queen Elizabeth Way, Land South of Lockheed Close, Preston Farm Industrial Estate. As part of the Section 106 agreement, Caddick produced a Social Value Plan with a total commitment value of **£9,276,340**. This contribution has not been reflected in current reporting, as we currently only capture Social Value delivered through procurement. However, the Social Value Officer has been actively supporting Caddick in achieving these commitments.

7. Case Studies

ESH – Stockton Waterfront Phase 1 & 2

- 41 Stockton Residents were directly employed by ESH
- 4,520 days worked by Stockton Residents
- £3.9m spend in the Tees Valley regions of which £2.1m spent with n the local supply chain in Stockton
- 755 days' work experience provided for Stockton residents
- 8 Stockton residents have undertaken work experience placements, of which 4 were paid placements studying Civil Engineering and Quantity Surveying
- 538 hours volunteering hours delivered supporting community activities in Stockton
- £2,200 donations in kind community support in Stockton
- 68 hours delivered in 17 local primary and 3 secondary schools and colleges supporting STEM curriculum subjects and employability skills
- 2,092 hours employability skills training, CV and interviewing support delivered to unemployed Stockton residents
- 14,608 tonnes of clay have been reused on site, saving approximately 104 tonnes of Co2e in comparison to using imported fill
- 7,000 tonnes of waste diverted from land fill



Premier Road Markings

Premier Road markings have supported several local projects via donations, volunteering and creating green infrastructure.

- Great Nort Air Ambulance Service – Refreshing Road markings and hatched areas at the Depot at Progress House, Urlay Nook in Eaglescliffe



- Crooksbar Primary School, Petrel Crescent, Norton – enhancing the school playground by creating a brighter, more engaging space for the children to play.



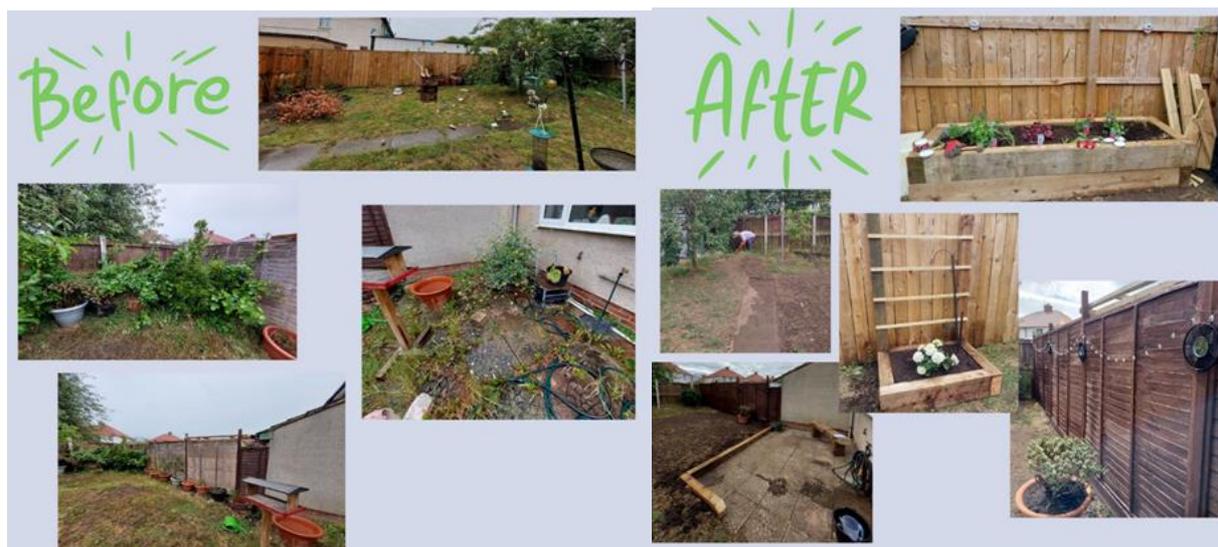
Pioneering Care Partnership - Stockton Community Wellbeing Champions (SCWC) - Garden Makeover that Sparkled with Community Spirit

The Stockton Community Wellbeing Champions (SCWC) team, alongside partners Thirteen and Groundwork NE & Cumbria, wanted to bring people together and create a positive impact, by creating garden makeovers that would transform outdoor spaces for both communities. PCP achieved their Social Value commitments by volunteering and supporting people to engage in health interventions.

Residents attending the warm welcome housing and environmental events at Primrose Hill Community Centre, and Newtown Community Resource Centre and, were invited to enter a garden makeover competition. The more times residents engaged with the team the more chances they had at winning resulting in one lucky resident from Primrose Hill winning the prize of a garden makeover. Seven volunteers weeded and pruned, painted fences, installed raised beds, added charming touches like solar lights and garden décor. They cleared patios, planted vibrant flowers, and even gave the bird feeder a fresh coat of paint.

For the resident, this wasn't just a makeover, it was a lifeline as they were going through a challenging time, they found "joy and peace" in the renewed garden. The space became easier to access and a source of comfort, boosting their mental wellbeing.

This project was not about a garden. It was about community, kindness, and the power of coming together. Through voluntary hours, health and wellbeing initiatives, and sheer determination, SCWC and its partners turned a patch of earth into a sanctuary and reminded everyone that even small acts can make a significant difference.



Tees Active - Voluntary work to help improve green spaces

During 2025- Tees Active employees volunteered by participating in a range of events aimed at enhancing green infrastructure, supporting biodiversity, and maintaining clean spaces.

- Five Tees Active employees' volunteered to help plant 400 trees at Kinloss Walk in Thornaby
- Thirteen Tees Active employees volunteered to take part in a litter pick along the river at Round Hill Country Park in Ingleby Barwick



Bristow and Sutor – Enforcemnet Agency Services

Staff from Bristow & Sutor volunteered 24 hours of their time to ROC Group, a service that offers respite support for families with children with disabilities and life-limiting illnesses to help create a sensory space and community garden, complete with a teepee, sand-and-water play tray, and a mud kitchen at the Redhill Family Hub.

Staff also volunteered for 8 hours and donated £130 towards paint and materials and redecorated the reception area at Catalyst House, Yarm Road, T18 3NJ. Made a donation of £3,000 into Catalyst community grants program and paid £1,680 to support the delivery of British sign language classes at Lakoka Hub CIC.



Annex A



2025 Social Value Achievements

2025 SV Achievement

£8,130,382

Total Social Value Achieved
2025

Achievement By Themes



Work

73

Stockton Residents
Employed

1,212

Weeks Spent on
Workforce Training

4,983

Hours Supporting
Unemployed Residents...

200

Weeks of Paid/Unpaid
Work Placements

134

Hours of Educational
Visits/Career Talks for...

Planet

552,944

Miles saved in Green
Transport Programmes

12,474

Tonnes Waste reduction
from Reuse of...

32

Tonnes of CO2e
Emissions achieved...

Community

£34,765

Donated Cash/In-
kind/Equipments

4,121

Tonnes Waste reduction
from Reuse of...

Economy

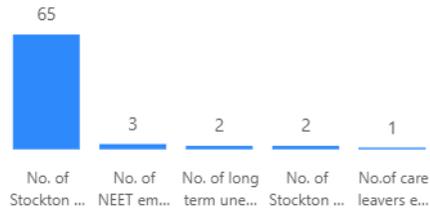
£3,414,363

Local Supply Chain
Spend

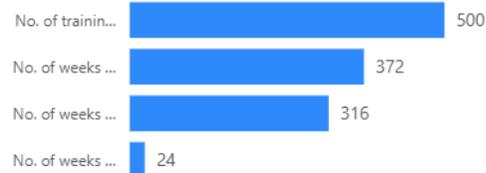
2025 Social Value Achievements Across all Themes

Works

Creating Local and Equal Employment Opportunities



Providing Skills and Experience for Good Work

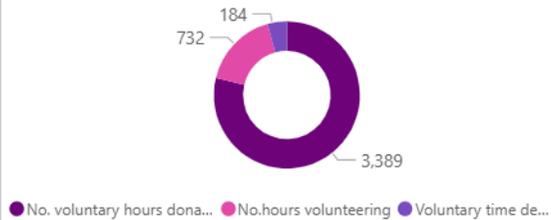


Providing Good Work Opportunities

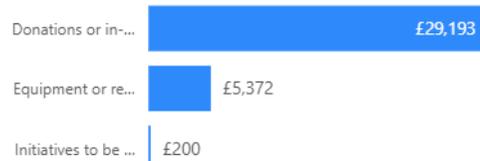


Community

Volunteering Hours To Local Communities Projects

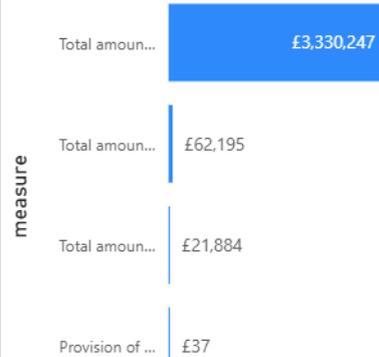


Donations Made Towards Building Resilient Communities



Economy

Economy - Building Diverse and Sustainable Supply Chains



Planet

Miles Saved (Green Transport Programmes)



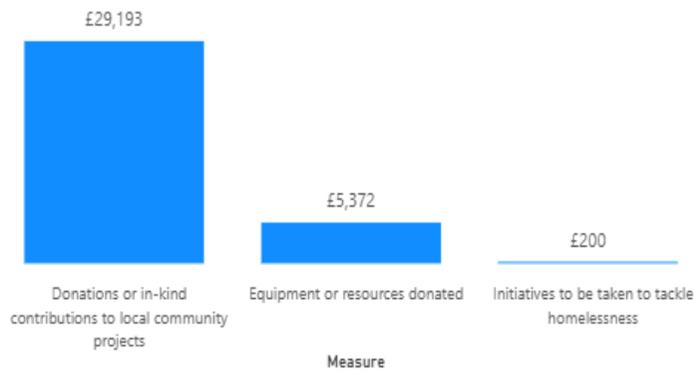
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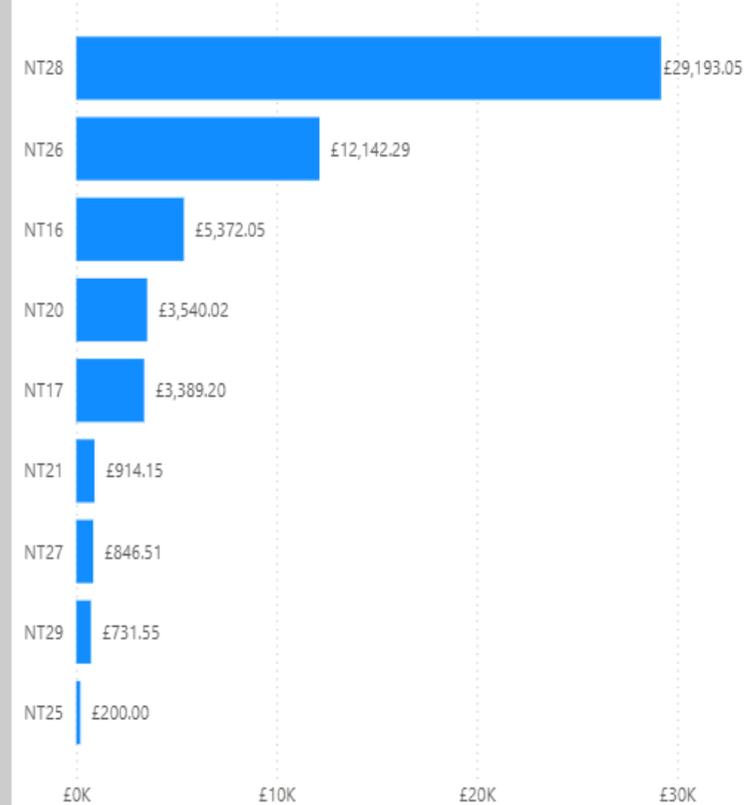
2025 Social Value Achievements -Community

Community

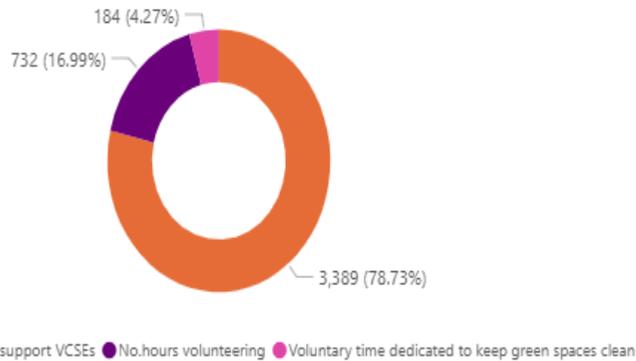
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Achievement by Measures



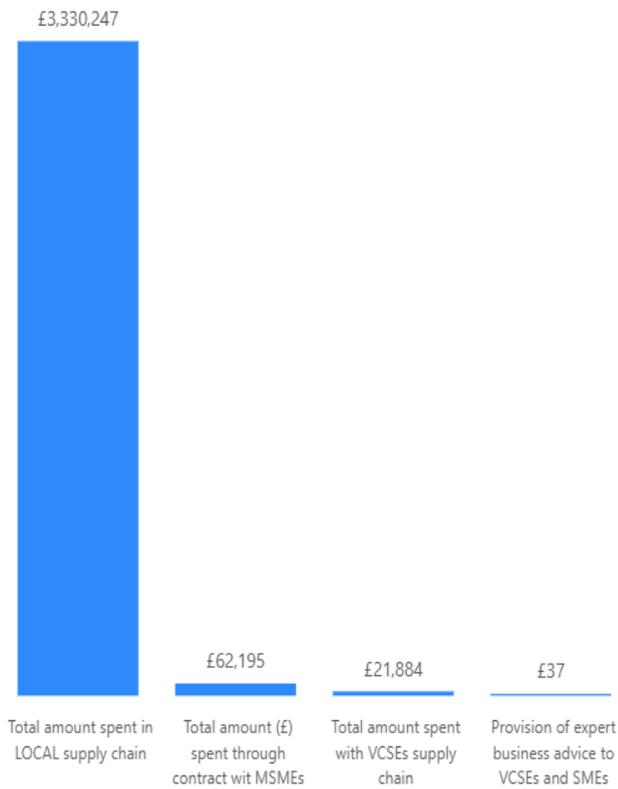
Volunteering Hours To Local Projects



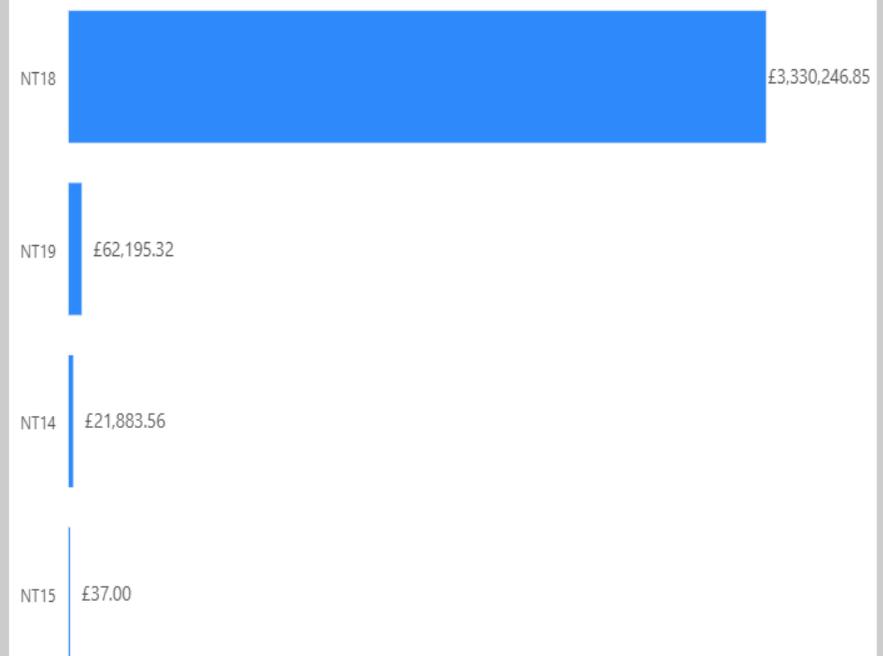
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Economy

Economy - Building Diverse and Sustainable Supply Chains



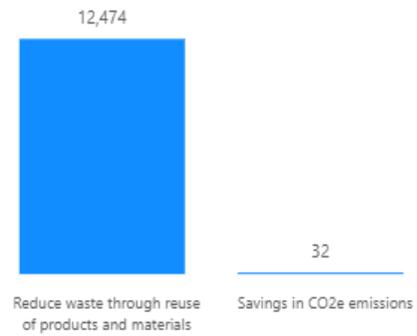
Achievement by Measures



2025 Social Value Achievements - Planet

Planet

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Achievement by Measures

