

CASE STUDY

Eston Community Village Middlesbrough

ESH **ADDED VALUE** 



Division:

Esh Property Services



Client:

Thirteen Group



Value:

£4.8M



Dates:

Jan 2015 – Sept 2016

Barnaby House Extra Care currently offers care and support for over 55's. Eston Community Village will add 38 apartments across 4 two storey blocks and 13 bungalows for older persons on a 1.2 hectare site located adjacent to the existing Barnaby House Extra Care Facility.

This scheme has been designed to significantly improve quality of life and is centred on creating homes for persons with dementia, mental health problems and learning difficulties. The scheme has adopted the use of familiar environments such as courtyards, crescents and squares to offer a community atmosphere.

Added Value Deliverables

| Deliverables | Required | Achieved |
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| New Apprentices | 1 | 1 |
| Workshops | 1 | 2 |
| Esh Communities | 0 | 1 |
| Work Experience | 5 | 14 |
| Site Safety Presentation | 1 | 1 |



Site Visits

Five groups of students from Middlesbrough College, studying course including Brick Laying, Construction Management and Joinery, were invited to view key operations and points of interest on this site. Our site teams are always happy to answer questions and give students a firsthand experience of what the construction industry has to offer.

Work Experience

As part of our commitment to this site we offered a total of 14 work experience placements to students from Middlesbrough College, totalling 64 placement days.

Esh Group believe it is important for education and business to work together to ensure that young people are better prepared for the world of work, develop the necessary skills and are motivated. We are passionate about developing the workforce of the future helping students develop an insight into the skills and attitudes required by business and to raise their awareness of career opportunities within the construction sector.

Charitable Provision

As part of the project we awarded £1,000 to Neighbourhood Welfare based in Middlesbrough via our Esh Communities scheme. The grant was used to support vulnerable residents of 23 wards in the fight against crime by providing items such as marking kits, door chains and personal alarms. Barry Coppinger (Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland) joined us at the cheque presentation.

“ We are really grateful it will help a lot of elderly and vulnerable people across Middlesbrough to feel more secure in their own homes. ”

– Susan Gill,
Neighbourhood Welfare

Workshops

‘Get into STEM’ is an exciting programme developed to address the Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) skills gap in the built environment and introduce primary school students to STEM careers.

Each kit is filled with innovative construction themed items and lesson plans. The kit includes child sized PPE, construction themed books, foam bricks, wheel barrow, model buildings and design tools. ‘Get into STEM’ kits are provided to schools free of charge for a 2-week period and aligns with the Early Years Foundation Studies and Key Stage 1 curriculum.

Whale Hill Primary school, local to the site, received our kit for a two-week period giving 70 of their student’s access to the resources.

Four students from Whale Hill Primary School visited Barnaby House to deliver a 15-minute show and tell to the residents on what they had learnt about the construction industry. They showed the residents how to build a wall, measure with a trundle wheel and read to them about some famous buildings.

“Staff delivered exciting activities linked to construction and the children thoroughly enjoyed the loan of the building resources. Esh Group values the importance of working collaboratively with schools and we were grateful of the chance to be involved.” – Sandra Marsden (Co-Head Teacher, Whale Hill Primary School)

Site Safety Talks

To help build strong relationships with the local community and raise awareness of what happens behind the site hoardings we engaged with 160 pupils at Whale Hill primary school by delivering our site safety talk.

The presentation covered the key dangers of construction sites, provides opportunities for students to dress up in personal protection equipment (PPE) and concludes with an interactive quiz.

We also ran a safety poster competition, allowing students to apply what they had learnt about site safety by designing a poster. The two winning posters were displayed on site hoardings. It is a great opportunity to promote our ‘Everyone Safely Home’ campaign to local residents and be a ‘Considerate Constructor’.