

Alma Street

Social Value Case Study





10
Visitors to site



60
Primary Students participated in our Get into STEM programme



7
Apprentices from the Local Authority areas were employed by Esh or our subcontractors



979
Students participated in Building My Skills workshops delivered by a range of business guests



30
Days of site based Work Experience placements advertised to local training providers

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Thirteen Group had plans to develop an area within the centre of Stockton on Tees to provide affordable housing. The 34 properties constructed on the site comprise of a mix of 4 bungalows, 20 apartments and 10 family homes for affordable rent. The site is 0.56 hectares and is located within a mixed-use neighbourhood with railway station, buses and local shops and services nearby.

Building My Skills

The Building My Skills programme aims to provide young people with careers information and guidance on employability skills via the delivery of 5 workshops, delivered by local businesses. The programme was delivered to 6 educational establishments in Stockton to a total of 979 students. Schools which have taken part in the Building my Skills programme are; Egglecliffe School, Bishopsgarth Academy, Northfield School, St Patrick's Catholic College, All Saints Academy and Grangefield Academy. Successful students were invited to our mock interview day at the Eagles Community Arena in June 2019.

Stay Safe Posters & Visits

Interactive Site Safety talks which are delivered by our Social Value Team, provide students with an introduction to the project and works which are being undertaken locally and an awareness of the key dangers of construction environments. We visited St. Cuthbert's Primary School where a 'Stay Safe' presentation was delivered to 232 students who also participated in our poster competition. The winning entries were carefully selected and displayed on the site hoardings for passing members of the public to see. The winning group of students were met on site by Glen and Clare and shown the drawings and plans for the site and most importantly, their artwork displayed on the hoardings. From a safe viewing area, students watched as plant moved equipment from one place to another and asked lots questions.



Esh Communities

We firmly believe in making a difference in the areas in which we operate and committed to providing funding of up to £1000 to key projects in the local area. Joe's Speakeasy's funding application was selected to receive £950.00 of funding via Esh Communities which will enable them to design, produce and distribute promotional materials and provide transport to local events and trips for group members. Joe's Speakeasy is a community group which engages people throughout the local area by encouraging them come together and share their extraordinary stories about Teesside's shipbuilding and industrial heritage along with people's experiences over the years.

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The support we are receiving from Esh Construction will provide Joe's Speakeasy with the resources to reach so many more people. As a non-profit making initiative much of our promotional work has to be through word of mouth or social media - and by definition doesn't reach the people who would benefit most by coming along. We will be using your funding to reach out to some of the most lonely and vulnerable older residents across our Borough. We are so very, very grateful.”

Mike McGrother, Founder of Joe's Speakeasy

Get into STEM

Our award winning 'Get into STEM' workshops and kits provide primary school students from reception to year 2 with an opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills through fun and interactive learning. The 'Get into STEM' kit was loaned to St. Cuthbert's Primary School, Stockton giving 60 students from Reception and Year 1 access to the resources for a 2-week period.

Apprenticeships

This project was used to safeguard 5 existing apprentices from Esh Construction and our sub-contractors, who utilized this site for their development. Apprentices studied pathways including Construction Engineering and Joinery. An additional 2 apprenticeship vacancies have been filled within Esh Living in Joinery and Quantity surveying. Tricia Mullen (HR Business Partner) receives, reads and monitors all progress reviews from the apprenticeship provider and provides additional advice and support to apprentices who need it.

Work Experience

6 Work experience placements spanning 5-day periods were offered on the site. Placements were advertised to students from local colleges, who were studying associated subjects, providing them with an opportunity to work alongside varying trades and gain invaluable hands on experience. One joinery candidate impressed the site team and was invited to extend his placement by 5 days. He received great feedback from his mentors on site which subsequently gave him the confidence to apply for Esh Living's joinery apprenticeship vacancy, a position which he has now secured. We are delighted this site has provided him with the experience, support and opportunity to progress his joinery career.



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