

Raby Gardens

Social Value Case Study



Raby Gardens Regeneration

Raby Gardens regeneration scheme is a key project for Thirteen Group which aims to enhance the local area by providing affordable, high quality housing solutions which meet the needs of local residents. The project involved the design and construction of 31 dwellings and the completion of all associated external works.

35

Students studying construction visited site

STEM

Programme delivered to over 40 primary students

200

Students engaged in site safety talks in a local school

2

Apprentices working on site throughout the programme

190

Students participating in Building My Skills workshops, delivered by a range of business guests

7

Site based work experience placements advertised to local training providers

£1000

Funding donated to local community group

Apprenticeships

11 Apprentices from the local area, who are undertaking a range of courses including: Higher Apprenticeship in Quantity Surveying, Intermediate Apprenticeship in Bricklaying and Advanced and Higher Apprenticeships in Construction Engineering, are employed by Esh Group or their subcontractors. In addition, a further 2 apprenticeship opportunities were made available with apprentices utilising the site to gain invaluable hands on experience in their chosen career.

Site Visits

During the project, 35 students from Hartlepool College of Further Education, who are enrolled on Bricklaying, Joinery and Multi Skills courses, visited the site to learn about the project and see their prospective trades in action.

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It was really interesting to see what actually happens on site, it's opened my eyes for a future in the construction industry and something I'd like to pursue.” – Student, Hartlepool College



Stay Safe

We deliver site safety talks in schools local to our construction sites through an interactive assembly presentation. Site safety talks provide students with an introduction to the works being undertaken locally, the key dangers of construction environments and ways to stay safe. We visited Jesmond Road Primary School to deliver a Site Safety talk and ran a safety poster competition. The winners received a goody bag and book voucher, and their designs were displayed on the site hoardings.

Building My Skills

Our Building My Skills programme aims to provide young people with careers information and guidance on employability skills via the delivery of 5 workshops. The programme has been rolled out across 2 educational establishments in the local area with a total of 20 workshops being delivered to 190 students. Local schools taking part in the Building My Skills programme are Hartlepool Sixth Form College and Manor Community Academy.

Work Experience

5-day placements were offered to students from colleges in the local area. Interviews were held by the social value team, providing many applicants with their first experience of an interview. The 7 successful candidates worked alongside our site team in varying trades to gain first-hand, workplace experience.

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. We welcomed grant applications from community Groups, Charitable Organisations and Social Enterprises and a grant of £1000 was awarded to Hartlepool Bereavement Service who provide advice, emotional support and practical help to those living in Hartlepool.

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. Our 'Get into STEM' kit was loaned to Jesmond Road Primary School, giving 40 students access to the resources for a 2-week period.



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