

Stockton Crematorium

Social Value Case Study



980

Secondary students from **6** local schools participated in our **Building My Skills** programme



150

Primary Students participated in our **Get into STEM** programme



5

Apprentices on site



400

Local students participated in our **Stay Safe** campaign



10+

Items of furniture **donated** to The Tees Rivers Trust



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Community Partnership created

Stockton Crematorium

Stockton Crematorium is situated on the former Blakeston School playing fields on Junction Road, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees. The modern single-storey, state-of-the-art building encompasses two service chapels as well as ample on-site car parking. The crematorium building is surrounded by tranquil and attractive landscaped gardens of remembrance.

Apprenticeships

Apprentices are an important part of our culture at Esh Group. This project was used to safeguard 5 existing apprentices from Esh Construction and our sub-contractors, who utilised this site for their development. Apprentices studied pathways including; **Quantity Surveying, Customer Service, Landscaping and Construction Engineering.**

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 Rosebrook Primary School (0.4 miles from site) and Crooksbar Primary School (1.9 miles from site), giving 150 students access to the resources for a 2-week period. Our visitor from the Considerate Constructors Scheme also came along to watch the session.

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The exceptional standards displayed in reaching out and working with the community at large were witnessed by the monitor this morning at the Crooksbar Primary School. It was a lively and enthusiastic hour where children were introduced to construction.” – Considerate Constructors Monitor



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; Eggescliffe 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

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 as well as an awareness of the key dangers of construction environments. We visited Rosebrook Primary School, less than a mile from the Stockton Crematorium development, where a 'Stay Safe' presentation was delivered to 400 students who also participated in our poster competition.

Donation

Esh Group donated several office furniture items such as desks and cabinets to The Tees River Trust.

As they reach their 10th year, The Tees Rivers Trust are embarking on an exciting new chapter in their development. The team has grown steadily over the years and they are now bursting through the seams of their offices in Darlington' South Park and moving to new premises on the banks of the Tees in Stockton.

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This has been a great help for us and has saved us from spending funds on furniture which will instead be used to help us on our mission to improve the Mighty River Tees. Thanks very much indeed to the Esh Group from us all here and we look forward to seeing you on the river – fancy a raft race!” – Ben Lamb, Tees River Trust

Partnership

Community Wood Recycling's (National Community Wood Recycling Project) primary aim is to reduce waste and save resources by setting up and helping to develop wood recycling social enterprises. Therefore, safeguarding the environment – and enabling others to do so.

Stockton Crematorium site signed up to be part of this organisation, collecting pallets from site to save them going into a skip. The pallets were then recycled through social enterprises, helping to safeguard the environment.



Local Procurement

After a concerted effort by Esh Group to support local businesses, we actively engaged with sub-contractors in the local area to ensure the project generated maximum value for the surrounding economy.

Working closely with Esh Construction's procurement team, we monitored spend throughout the scheme and have been able to procure a significant part of the construction spend in the local area.

- **71% of procurement within 20 miles of the project**
- **91% of procurement within 30 miles of the project**
- **92% spent with MSME's**

Groundworks, mechanical and electrical installations, internal walls, brickwork and specialist glazing works were all provided by Stockton companies, accounting for almost 50% of the procurement – something we are particularly proud of.

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