

Community Payback

Community Payback is a punishment that can be handed out to offenders by the courts. It's physical work, carried out by offenders in the community.

Offenders have to wear bright orange jackets marked Community Payback, so you'll see them paying back for their crimes.

Members of the public can have their say on where offenders are working and the kind of work they are doing.

Last Year....

Approximately 55,000 projects were completed nationally

Over 6 million hours undertaken

Work valued at £34.5 million (if paid at the minimum wage)

Community Payback projects can range from litter removal, clearing dense undergrowth and repairing and redecorating community centres to removing graffiti

Voting Pilot

In March 2009, the Government ran a national campaign to raise awareness about Community Payback.

Wolverhampton was chosen as one of the pilot areas, and working closely with our partners the campaign was a resounding success.

As part of the campaign the public were invited to vote on five specially selected projects, over 300 votes were registered

The picture displayed shows offenders carrying out work as part of the Canal and Waterways clearance project while receiving a visit from the Mayor and senior officers from the council, police, probation services and British Waterways.

Nominate a project!

Although the voting pilot has been complete you can still have your say on what work is carried out by offenders in Wolverhampton. Wherever you live in the City you can contact your local Probation Service and nominate Community Payback projects

If you'd like to find out more go to www.westmidlands-probation.gov.uk and follow the link to community payback or alternatively call your local probation service on 0121 248 2688

In Wolverhampton, in 08-09, some projects completed under community payback include:

- Litter clear up around New Cross Hospital
- Clean ups in Blakenhall
- Canal Clearances in conjunction with British Water ways

Total hours worked by offenders under the community payback in Wolverhampton for the Period of April 2008 - March 2009 was **52350** this includes community projects, on site workshops and single placements.