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Dear Colleague

During 2014/15, Derbyshire County Council worked in partnership with the Derbyshire Probation Trust and a graffiti removal contractor to undertake clean-up work across Derbyshire.

Probation Community Payback teams worked on sites which included countryside sites, recreation grounds, play areas, churchyards, bridleways, allotments, pathways and ditches. Most work involved cutting back bushes and vegetation and removing litter and fly tipping plus clearing a shallow stream of weeds. Work also included basic painting and decorating e.g., varnishing fences and benches and painting corridors and rooms in community buildings.

A number of sites had graffiti removed by the contractor including Derbyshire County Council structures such as subways, underpasses and bridges on roads and country side trails. Other schemes included alleyways, walls and railings and signage.

Positive feedback was received following the exercise along with the graffiti removal contractor and Probation receiving direct feedback from members of the public who indicated that they would like to see more of this type of work undertaken.

We have some funding for 2015/16 and you are invited to submit an application for the clean-up of suitable sites in your community.

Proposals will be sent to Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) Community Payback Team and a graffiti removal contractor as appropriate.

Funding will be used for the graffiti removal and to support CRC supervisors and pay for any skips used.

Please note that sites belonging to private companies or sites belonging to private individuals cannot be included in this project. Graffiti on private sites will be considered on a case by case basis.

Background

Probation Community Payback projects should provide work for up to 10 offenders for a period of 1 day / approximately 7 hours.

They should also meet the following criteria

- It will benefit the local community
- It will not take paid work away from others

- No one will make a profit from the work
- It will be worthwhile and constructive
- Offenders will be seen to be positively contributing to the local community

Large sites are ideal and outdoor sites are preferred but indoor sites can be considered. Please note: Sites are assessed by Probation staff for Health and Safety purposes and work is not possible on roadsides or at heights above two metres. Toilet and washing facilities should be available.

The graffiti removal contractor has a two man team who are contracted on a weekly basis to carry out clean up works. Projects will be coordinated geographically.

This project is designed for one-off clean-ups of areas to improve the environment for the benefit of the community and reduce levels of anti-social behaviour etc rather than on-going maintenance, for which other arrangements should be made.

Application

An application form has been developed which will allow proposers to clearly state where and what type of work is required along with providing local contact information. The nearest postcode is required for Health and Safety purposes. Sites can then be checked and details collated so that the work can be allocated to either the graffiti removal contractor or Probation Community Payback Teams who will be sent a copy of the application.

There will be a time lapse between requests being made and work carried out. Sites for graffiti removal will be collated geographically for the contractor and work for Probation Community Payback Teams has to be assessed and teams allocated. If a skip is required please identify a suitable site. Ordering a skip needs 10 days' notice after confirming work dates with Probation.

We request before and after photographs of proposed sites which will illustrate the level and type of work to be done and the result after the work has been carried out. Also any feedback is welcome.

Please complete the attached form and return by email to seamus.carroll@derbyshire.gov.uk or alternatively post to:

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If you have any queries please telephone Seamus Carroll on 01629 538494.

Yours sincerely



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