

## Where can I find out more?

For more information please contact your local Community Punishment Team on the numbers below:-

Hereford	01432 272521
Kidderminster	01562 820071
Redditch	01527 585152
Shrewsbury	01743 231525
Telford	01952 214100
Worcester	01905 723591

Or visit the Community Payback page on our website  
[www.westmerciaprobation.org.uk](http://www.westmerciaprobation.org.uk)



# Community Payback

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## What is Community Payback?

Offenders perform more than five million hours of compulsory unpaid work each year, but this work often goes unnoticed. Community Payback is a new Probation Service initiative to make this work more visible by engaging more with local communities.

Community Payback gives the people of West Mercia the chance to have their say about how offenders pay back the community. Local people are encouraged to become actively involved in the selection of unpaid work projects that will benefit their neighbourhood.

Once the work has been completed it will be branded with the Community Payback logo to show where offenders have positively contributed to improving the area.

In West Mercia we expect to provide over 90,000 hours of unpaid work by offenders in Herefordshire, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and Worcestershire this year.

## About the Projects

All projects combine punishment and hard work for the offenders and offer the chance for them to learn new skills. They help to reduce the risk of re-offending and help to make the communities we live in safer and better places to be.

## Local Project Examples

### Furniture Projects

We work on three furniture projects in the area, in Hereford, Kidderminster and Telford. Donated furniture is collected and distributed to those on low incomes and benefits. Offenders work in the warehouse and on collections and deliveries.

### Kidderminster Allotment

In Kidderminster offenders work at an allotment where they grow produce that is donated to local charities.

### Home Security

The Home Security Project in Redditch involves offenders fitting security devices to the homes of victims of crime and vulnerable people.

### Centre for the Homeless

Maggs day centre provides shelter and food for the homeless in Worcester. Offenders help the volunteers who staff the centre.

### Churchyard Maintenance

We work at numerous churches around West Mercia maintaining the churchyards.

### Droitwich Canal Trust

Offenders work alongside volunteers clearing towpaths and helping to restore the canal.

### Aylestone Park

Aylestone Park in Hereford is being developed to provide parkland and a conservation area for the local community. Offenders are involved in ground clearance, tree planting and construction of fences and steps.

## Community Centres and Parish Halls

Painting, decorating and ground maintenance work is carried out at community centres and parish halls across the area.

## Land and Footpath Clearance

Land and footpath clearance projects are undertaken across West Mercia.

## Project Criteria

A project must meet the following criteria:-

- Charity or have trust status
- Non-profit making
- Land or building should not be in private ownership
- Work must benefit the local community
- Work must be worthwhile, constructive and give offenders new skills
- Must not take paid work away from others

## What should I do next?

We need to know about projects you think we could work on.

We would like to receive suggestions from the people of West Mercia, including individuals, voluntary groups, faith groups, local businesses and local authorities.

If you have an idea for a project, you can call one of the numbers on the reverse of this leaflet or visit our website

**[www.westmerciaprobation.org.uk](http://www.westmerciaprobation.org.uk)** and complete the suggestion form.