



Unpaid Work

In Sheffield



Community
Payback

SOUTH YORKSHIRE

General Gardens



Historically Sheffield has always kept old age pensioners gardens clean and tidy throughout the Sheffield area (cutting back shrubs and trees etc that are over grown). All waste was then taken to the dump site at no cost to the pensioners.

Two years ago the dump sites were privatised so we could only do the gardens that could arrange the collection of the waste or to put it in the green bins.

This year we are working in partnership with certain housing areas, including Parsons Cross and Foxhill, where they will deliver large dump bags for our use then they pick up the bags and dispose of the waste.



Facts & Figures

The single parent families stated that the Council wanted to charge them between £800 - £1000 per garden. All that Community Payback asks for is drinks for the offenders and supervisor and a nominal cost for petrol and wear and tear of the machinery

For this exchange of services Community Payback agreed to cut back the gardens of one parent families that have just moved into new housing in the area.



The housing authority will ring with an address then the project probation service officer will visit the address and decide how many bags are required and the start date of the project, which is arranged with the residents approval.



What do the beneficiaries think?

All the old age pensioners and single parents are highly satisfied with the work carried out.

Most of the old age pensioners ask to be put on the garden list for next year and the single parents can maintain the gardens so that the children can play.