



# Unpaid Work

## *In Sheffield*



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## Lunch Clubs

Lunch clubs in Sheffield were formed at a direct request from Social Services to help two elderly ladies run a lunch club that could no longer cope with its growing demand. In 1978 Community Punishment took on this challenge and from running one club each week now run seven a week. They cater for around 275 OAPs who are bussed in and out by Sheffield Community Transport or walk to and from the centres.



Offenders travel with their supervisors from the Pitsmoor office to their relevant clubs and are taught how to prepare, cook and serve the meals that are made from scratch with fresh ingredients provided by our own food suppliers. Tables are laid with cutlery and napkins and while the food is being cooked, drinks are handed out and bingo is played. The offenders serve the two courses of food to all attendees. After the lunch pots are washed, tables are removed and the hall is cleared.

All offenders on lunch clubs (dependant upon the number of community hours given) are offered the chance of completing an NVQ level 1 in catering through the lunch club. A food hygiene course can also be attended, this is accredited through Barnsley College.

One day each week is allocated to do laundry from every lunch club. This is done at a housing complex at which one of the lunch clubs is run. Offenders help to do the laundry under supervision.

