



Solihull Council

Social Value Overview



£45.3M
delivered for JOBS



£20.1M
delivered for GROWTH



£480.8K
delivered for SOCIAL



£484.3K
delivered for ENVIRONMENT



£69.9K
delivered for INNOVATION

People & Communities: Improvements in skills and access to good work

1407 local people

have been employed through our contracts



1581 weeks

of apprenticeships on our contracts



↑ + 735

↑ + 92



5747 hours

dedicated to support young people in to work

↑ + 587



516

training opportunities created

↑ + 237

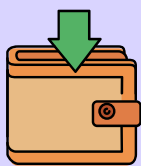


2873 hours

on local school & college visits

↑ + 305

Economy: Develop and promote the borough's economy, with a focus on revitalising our town and local centres



£19.7 M

spent in LOCAL supply chain through our contracts

↑ + £3.7M



£24.5K

equipment or resources donated to VCSEs

↑ +£581

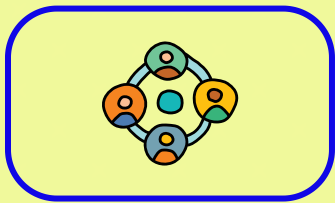


voluntary hours donated to support VCSE



hours of expert business advice to VCSEs and SMEs

↑ + 111



£319.1K

in donations or in-kind contributions to local community projects

↑ + £52.1K



2739

hours volunteering supporting local community projects

↑ + 1208



£7.9K

Supporting older, disabled and vulnerable with community networks

↑ + £3K



£8K

invested for initiatives aimed at reducing crime

↑ + £3.8K

People & Communities: Enable our communities to thrive



Environment: Enhance our natural environment, improve air quality & reduce net carbon emissions



191.5K

car miles saved on the project (e.g. cycle to work programmes, public transport or car pooling programmes, etc.)

↑ + 156K



6294

Tonnes of CO2 emission saved on contract from transport (tCO2e)

↑ + 6K



195%

plastic recycling on contract

↑ + 117%



1216 kg

Single use plastic packaging eliminated through reusable packaging (kg)



£1.2K

Innovative measures to safeguard the environment



£5.6K

Social innovation to support communities to thrive



£21.6K

Innovative measures to improve skills and access to good work

Promoting Social Innovation



Solihull Council Case Studies

Putting a spotlight on some of the incredible social value delivery in action

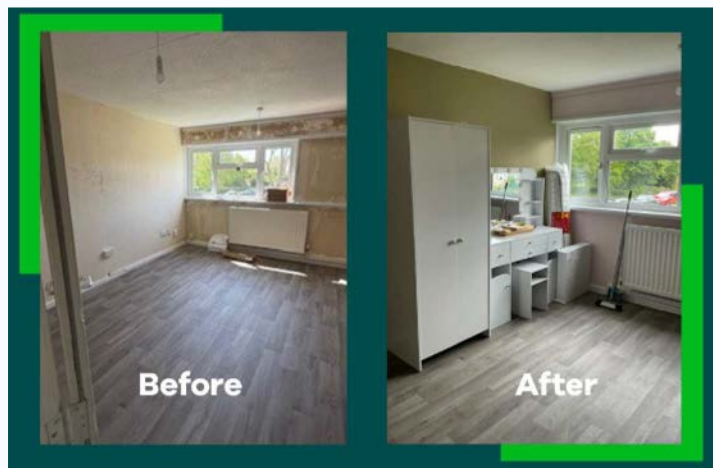


GRAHAM FM Hard Facilities Management

GRAHAM FM completed a project through Solihull's Match My Project platform, "Painting of Upstands by Rooflights" the project included providing resources and painting all the internal upstands around the rooflights in Meriden school.

Colleagues at GRAHAM also made a substantial trip to London as part of their social value to pick up a furniture donation from Jenoptik, a tech company in Camberley, the south of the city. The round trip was 11 hours and the furniture (sofas, benches, stools, chairs, shelving and a table) will support a Care Leavers Hub in Solihull – a place where care experienced young people can go to for advice, warmth and a caring environment when in need.

GRAHAM worked closely with SMBCs Care Leaver team and through this connection helped a young lady, Kara, get set up in her own place following being in care. With the help of our partner Opus, the rooms and hallway walls were stripped and then painted. An electric shower was fitted in the bathroom as well, complete with new screen. Not satisfied there, a couple of guys also came to help assemble furniture she had chosen - showcasing incredible commitment.



Sandant Care Mental Health Enablement and Drop in Services

Working in partnership with local community organisations, Sandant Care helped deliver many positive outcomes for residents through targeted charitable support.

Sandant Care funded the annual venue hire costs for the Solihull Striders and Strollers Wellbeing Walks in Marston Green, helping the group to continue to provide a welcoming space for residents to stay active, improve wellbeing and build social connections.

They also partnered with The Children's Storehouse by donating a consignment of children's clothing to support families facing financial pressures.

The donation helped increase access to free, good-quality pre-loved clothing while promoting sustainable reuse.

Together, these partnerships have strengthened community support networks, improved wellbeing opportunities and provided practical assistance to local families and shows the ongoing commitment by our contractors to continue to provide meaningful social value in the borough.



Qwello Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

Qwello is delivering EV charging infrastructure and has embedded targeted social value through local engagement – again through ongoing Contract manager discussions monthly Qwello has been able to successfully target their social value to where it is needed in Solihull.

The organisations delivered 33.5 hours of employability sessions and £985 in donations.

Activities included career resilience workshops, youth football sponsorship, and donations to Barnardo's. These initiatives supported skills development, inclusion, and community wellbeing. Qwello even supported the SMBC Civic Honours awards this year and provided a donation towards the event.

This is a long term contract for SMBC so going delivery will expand into green skills and employment support.



Qwello were brilliant to work alongside and they were great at communicating and very efficient! Would definitely work alongside them again. Thank you so much!