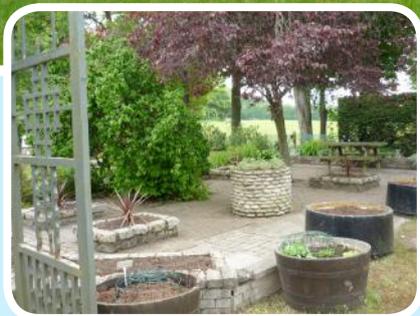
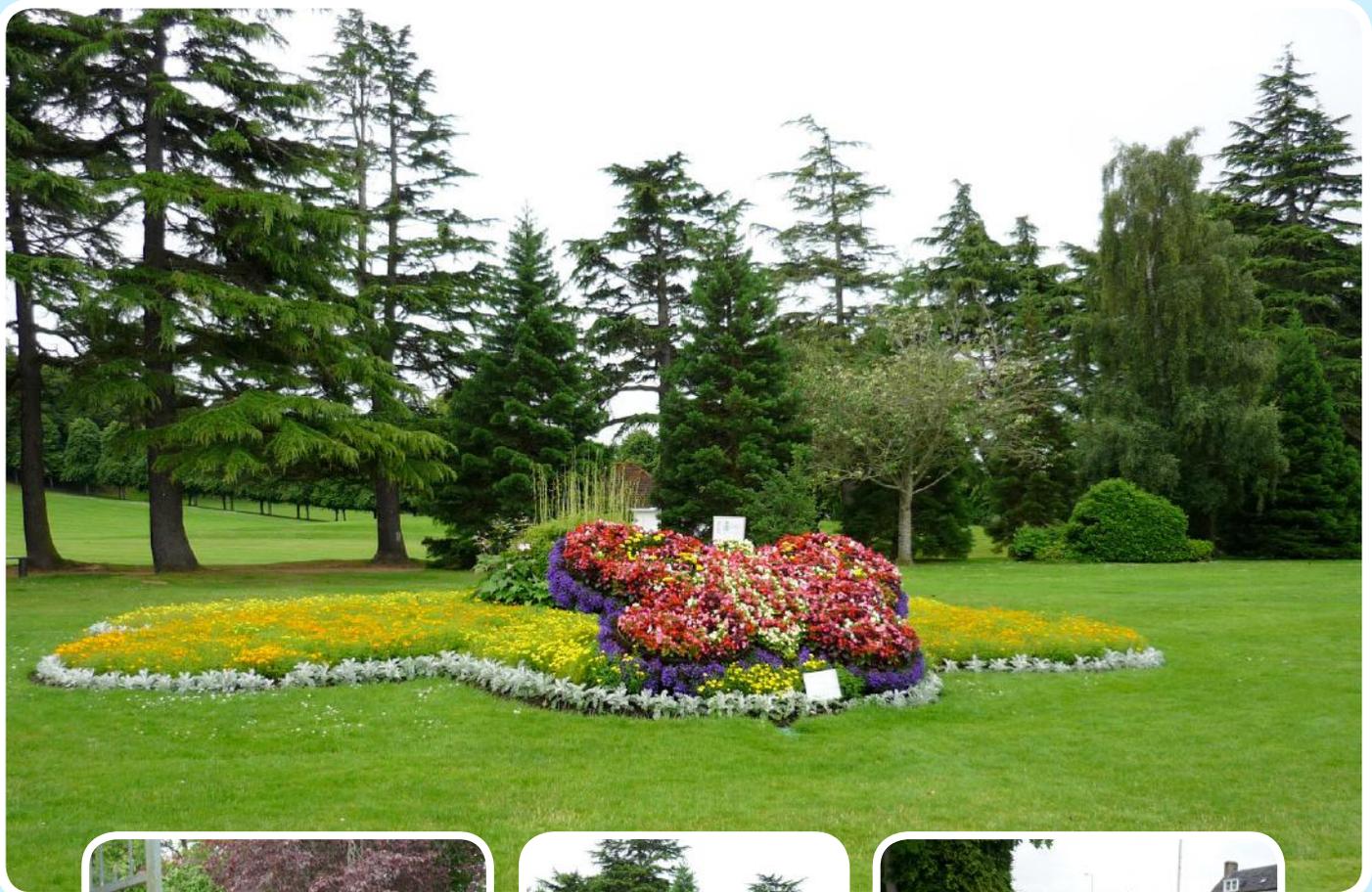


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Forres in Bloom is an excellent example of how individuals subject to a community Payback Order can carry out their unpaid work for the benefit of a community. This individual placement offers flexible work in terms of the times individuals can attend as well as a choice of tasks they can undertake. This placement is also available Saturdays and Sundays which can suit those who are in full time employment but who need to complete their unpaid work hours within a set period of time. Forres in Bloom was formed in 1990 and worked in partnership with the local authority entering Beautiful Scotland and Britain in Bloom campaigns and winning over 30 awards. However two years ago the Moray Council had to pull back on their financial support for floral efforts, and closed their greenhouses in Elgin which meant they could no longer continue supplying plants to communities in Moray. Forres in Bloom were allowed to take over the use of the former council nursery beside Grant Park in Forres and with the help of volunteers and external funding they are now able to continue to grow the plants and flowers. Criminal Justice Unpaid Work team contributes to the pool of volunteers by offering the services of those on unpaid work orders. In the past year we have had 11 of our workers complete/or partially complete their unpaid work hours at this placement.



Currently our number of available individual placements in Moray is around 30 and we are pleased to be able to offer this variety of placements. If we can match an individual to the correct placement we find they are more motivated to attend and more likely to complete the order within the time allocated by the court. We often find that those who have enjoyed the placement and found it worthwhile might stay on as a volunteer after they have completed their hours.

Other popular placements used were within charity shops; Reboot (computer recycling) Keith Duftown Railway; Drumuir 21; Trees for life; Moray Community Foodbank; Community Centres; Moray Wastebusters; Moray Arts Centre.

Xmas Toy Appeal 2016, in the photograph is Peter Wilson, Task Supervisor and Gazette Editor, Tanya McLaren. (Photograph courtesy of the Forres Gazette). Each year individuals on Community Payback Orders with an Unpaid Work Requirement find themselves involved in the Northern Scot Toy Appeal in some way or another. There are various tasks to be undertaken in order to make the annual event successful. The duties include collecting, storing, sorting and delivering presents for families, children and those deemed to be in need at Christmas time. Our task supervisors oversee the work of individuals on unpaid work orders in order to ensure this work gets done timeously and accurately so that everything gets delivered to the correct recipients and on time. The work for the Toy appeal begins in early November and continues right up until the week before Christmas. Individuals on unpaid work orders get a real sense of satisfaction by getting involved in helping others at this time of year.





Helping set up a Stage for Out of Darkness Theatre Group.

We collected a portable stage from Bishopmill Hall and set it up at Cooper Park for the use of Out of Darkness Theatre Group (Academy St) for an event they were staging. We took it all down again after the event and returned it to them. Tents were also put up for their use that same day.

Sanding Chairs and Tables for Rafford hall community.

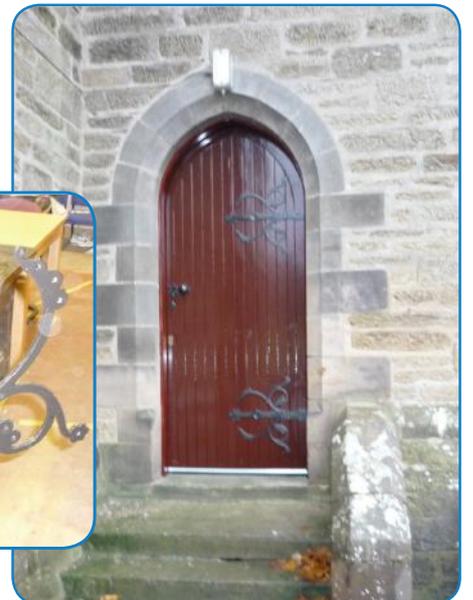
We took in about 40 wooden folding chairs and 5 tables from Rafford Village hall which we sanded and then wood stained over a period of about 2 months. (good for rainy days). We also painted their shed and some benches.



In 2016 our task supervisors took squads (consisting of up to 5 individuals subject to unpaid work orders) to various locations in Moray to undertake general outdoor work, this included clearing back overgrown areas, gardening, litter collection or upkeep of community grounds. Some of the areas covered included:- Spynie Hall; New Elgin Hall; Deskford Hall; various areas in Portknockie and Buckie; Winchester House; SAMH, Elgin; Roseisle Hall; Burghead FC; Forres FC; Lossiemouth FC; Burghead View Point;

Mildonduff Hall; Keith Station; Alves Hall; Duffus Hall; Elgin Convent; Covesea; St James Church and Guide Hut, Lossiemouth; Bishopmill Hall; Dr Grays Hospital; Lossiemouth Bowling Club; PCD Rothes; Logie School;

Holly Trinity Episcopical Church in Keith the whole congregation really appreciated the work that had been undertaken for the pitch pine door that had become really shabby over the years. The door was removed by the squad earlier in the year and taken back to the workshop where it could be sanded and repainted. The iron works was also sanded and given a lick of paint before the door was returned to its rightful place ready to face the elements of winter.



Feedback from recipients of our service

"He has now used up all our available paint and done a first class job. We have had all our picnic tables scraped cleaned and painted including the various benches. The bridges have finished being painted with decking oil, he even cleaned and oiled the decks of all the bridges (Quite a laborious task). He also carried out a repair on one of them. Our bird hide has been repainted and various railings along the all abilities path and round the ponds to name a few of the jobs he has done for us. He really got on with the work, at one stage I had to tell him to slow down as he would have had the jobs finished before his hours. He achieved far more than I expected him to. Considering he did all that work around his family and employment commitments and all without any supervision whatsoever I feel he has discharged himself very well indeed. I have told him not to come out next week, if necessary we can book his last few hours as tidying up our store and equipment.

Drummuir 21 is very grateful to this man, please convey our gratitude to him and our best wishes for the future and our thanks to yourself for the arrangement in the first place".

Sandy Peddie
Drummuir 21

"Thanks Roz,

We are all stunned by winning a GOLD Category WINNER!! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR US. We were greatly helped by the folk you sent us. Made a huge difference."

Sandra MacLennan
Forres in Bloom

"The Northern Scot is so grateful for all the help we get from your team, we couldn't do this without all you hard work and support".

Thank you
Kind Regards
Linda Kay
Sales Support Team Leader
The Northern Scot

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