

What is Community Service?

Community Service is a sentencing option for the Bailiwick run by the Probation Service.

It is tried and tested and has been running successfully in the UK and Jersey for many years. It allows offenders the opportunity to perform unpaid work for our community in reparation for their offences, instead of going to prison or youth detention.

Who does the work?

A Community Service Order can be imposed on any adult who otherwise might have received a prison sentence. Orders can be made by the Juvenile Court.



What work do we do?

Offenders sentenced to Community Service come from all walks of life with a wide range of skills and abilities. We can therefore undertake a variety of work such as environmental work, for example tree planting or clearing footpaths, to painting.

We can help with more regular jobs for local charities, sports clubs and societies such as gardening and grounds maintenance, housekeeping, as well as administration and fundraising.

Where appropriate, we can work in sporting and youth clubs.

How are offenders allocated to work?

Offenders are carefully assessed before being assigned any work and will be allocated to work in one of three areas:

- Work parties – working as part of a team of offenders, supervised by Probation staff, or;
- Individual placement - reporting to and supervised directly by the beneficiary, or;
- Workroom – reporting to the Probation Service but undertaking work on an individual basis for a beneficiary.

Offenders working in a group would normally undertake the larger projects and are supervised at all times by an experienced member of the Community Service Team.

Those offenders who are assessed as suitable for working at individual placements are directly supervised by beneficiaries. Individual placements are closely monitored by the Community Service Team and help and advice are available at all times.

Offenders undertaking Community Service in the Probation work room are undertaking work for a beneficiary in the Probation Office premises and supervised by the Community Service Team.

When do we work?

The work is done by offenders in their free time. Whilst the majority of group work is undertaken over the weekend, the scheme operates during weekdays and evenings.

In individual placements the hours of work can be tailored to meet the beneficiaries' needs.

Who do we work for?

In the community. All clubs, societies and non-profit making organisations are eligible to apply.

We aim to work alongside existing volunteers to assist organisations in their work.

What does it cost?

There is no cost for the labour we provide, although you would be expected to provide the materials. We have our own tools and equipment suitable for most general work but may ask you to provide specialist equipment if we do not have it.

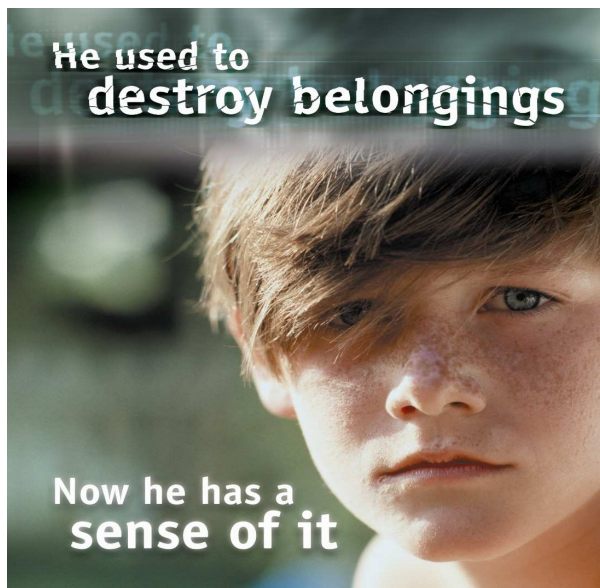
What is expected of beneficiaries?

A safe working environment.

If we are providing a working group for your project we will need someone to act as a contact, although you are not expected to be present whilst we are working.

If you are supervising an offender on an individual basis a contact from your organisation needs to oversee and record their work and attendance.

The Community Service Team will provide support to your charity. We will visit you regularly and deal with any concerns that may arise.



I'm interested how do I find out more?

If you have ongoing work or are considering a project in the future and you think we might be able to help then we would like to hear from you. Please contact the Community Service Team at the Probation Service and we will come and visit you to find out more.



This space is for your notes:

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What can Community Service do for you?

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