

Community Payback



Unpaid Work Scheme

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What is Unpaid Work?

Unpaid work is type of sentence that courts impose to be served in the community, these are known as Community Payback Orders (CPO's).

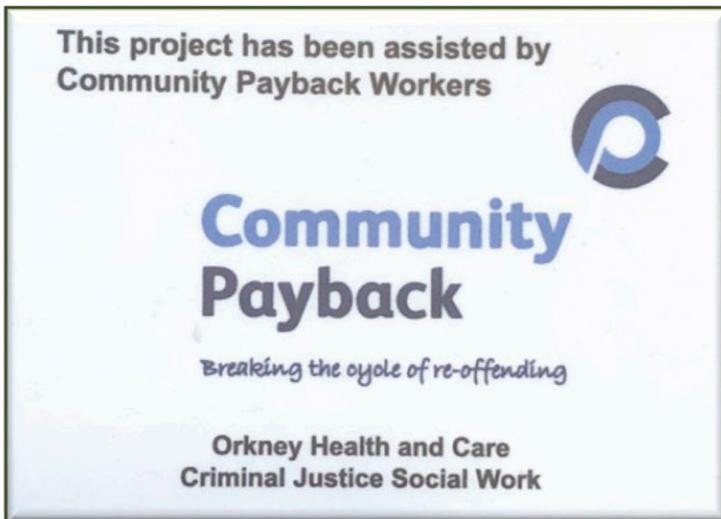
A Community Payback Order can vary in length according to the court's view of the circumstances, and often includes Supervision, where there are identified needs that a Social Worker can help resolve, or Unpaid Work, or both. The overall aim is to reduce the risk of reoffending. The criteria for Unpaid Work tasks include:

- Benefiting the local community
- Not taking away from paid work from others
- Costs of materials generally supplied by the beneficiary

This booklet contains examples of Unpaid Work Projects completed by clients in Orkney.

If you have an idea for a task that we could help with, you can ring us on **01856 873535 ext 2660** or e-mail us at

criminal.justice@orkney.gov.uk



Why Unpaid Work?

It gives individuals a chance to work for the benefit of the community and 'payback' following their involvement in offending behaviour. Those engaged with Unpaid Work can remain in their employment and continue to support their family. For those not in employment, they can learn new skills to help them identify a new career opportunity. The support and guidance received will help to reduce the risk of further engagement in offending behaviour.

“Scotland’s communities have benefited from over 12.5 million hours of unpaid work since 2011”

Comments from our service users

“It’s given me time to reflect on my situation, make plans and adjustments for the future”

“Unpaid work made me feel part of the community”

“Unpaid work was much better than expected, there is a sense of comradery which has been somewhat an incentive, supervisors have been treating me with respect and fairly”

“I have found my time at unpaid work to be productive and positive. I believe I have relaxed more while being here.”

“I very much feel like it has made me reflect on a lot of issues I have had. The social side has really helped with my social anxiety”

Comments from Beneficiaries

Aurrida House

“Thank you and your team for your amazing work! We couldn’t be more grateful.

Aurrida garden as you will have seen was looking very tired. You and your team came together at such short notice to do a great job...”



Historic Environment Scotland

“A big thank you from us all for looking after the Barnhouse Village again this summer. It makes such a difference having it weeded and looking good for the daily tours and visitors who are visiting the site in increasing numbers.”



The Work of Community Payback Orders



We supported families by making Barbie Furniture and Christmas Decorations to bring some festive Cheer!





Aurrida House saw a refresh of some worn spaces bring a new lease of life for service users to enjoy





St Lawrence Kirk saw some improvements with a new bench and planters, creating a nice area for the community to enjoy





Did you know that many of the community benches around Orkney have been refreshed by Community Payback Orders?





**Some of the items made through
Community Payback Orders find
homes in our community.
Some of the pieces are sold by
Employability Orkney**

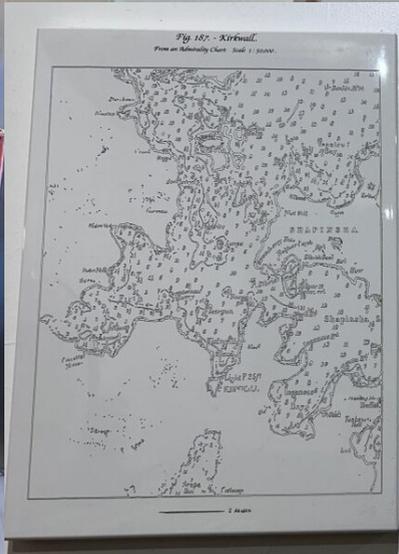


**A refresh to
the Marengo
Community
Garden
benches**





Many community spaces need a bit of help and support to bring them back to life. Sanday School saw a lighter fence following a fresh coat of paint!



We also support individual pieces of art as a way to reflect and build skills



In Hoy Community Payback Orders helped to keep areas usable for public, here we refreshed the memorial areas.





Sometimes, community areas get a little overgrown, Community Payback Orders can help to tidy spaces making them look better and keep them safe for us all to use



Get Involved

Projects and Placements

Unpaid work can provide labour to charity organisations in the local area who qualify or need help to undertake projects.

The work of those on Unpaid Work is important and is overseen by trained supervisors to ensure quality. Strict Supervision is provided at all times.

Projects we will undertake include:

- Gardening/grass cutting
- Woodworking / bench making
- Light building duties
- Furniture removals
- Tidy up environmental and community areas

If you have ideas or suggestions for unpaid work, please get in touch.

Contact details are on the back of this leaflet.

What Happens Next?

After contacting the office to make a request for projects to be undertaken, our team will visit and explain what is involved and assess the project work to be undertaken. If approved a start date will be arranged.

Although our service has a range of tools and equipment, we do not provide materials such as paint or other items needed.

We make every effort to finish all project work as soon as we can without compromising on quality.

WHO WE ARE

Criminal Justice Service's aims to prevent and reduce offending by supporting the needs of individuals. The service wants to achieve the best possible outcomes for individual's who are engaged in the service, victims, families and communities.

GETTING IN TOUCH

If you have any questions or comments please get in touch with us, we can be reached at.

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