



UNPAID WORK

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DOING UP YOUR CHURCH PREMISES?

Unpaid work is one possible requirement of a community order that can be sentenced to an offender by the Court.

Unpaid work allows offenders to give something back to the community. The type of work that they can be participating in includes:

- graffiti removal
- environmental projects
- renovating communal areas
- cleaning up children's playgrounds
- renovating buildings e.g. church halls, community centres

Communities benefit from offenders doing unpaid work by receiving thousands of pounds worth of free labour. Each year over 103,000 hours of unpaid work are carried out in Cumbria.

Through completing unpaid work, offenders are able to rehabilitate themselves which in turn leads to a reduction in offending. The new skills that they learn and carry out can lead to them obtaining qualifications and gaining relevant experience that can help towards employment opportunities.

The Cumbria Probation Service would like to hear from churches that could benefit from unpaid work, for example by having the church hall decorated. The church provides the necessary materials and Probation organises and supervises the workers.

If your church could benefit from unpaid work, please contact:

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For more information, or to propose a church project for unpaid work see:

<http://cumbriaprobation.org.uk/delivering-interventions/community-payback.php>