

Case Record

Carillion's new recruits help out in the local community



Date August 2002

Location St Chad's
Community
Centre,
Wolverhampton

A team of 70 of Carillion's new graduate recruits spent a day helping to refurbish a Wolverhampton community centre, a challenge organised by the charity organisation Business in the Community (BitC).

New Carillion graduate recruits have worked with Business in the Community to refurbish a community centre in Wolverhampton

Business Benefits

- **In-kind contribution to Business in the Community and the local area**
- **Team working skills gained / built upon by graduates**
- **Community activities incorporated into induction process, beneficial to business**

A team of 70 of Carillion's new graduate recruits helped refurbish a Wolverhampton community centre during the summer of 2002. The project, organised through Business in the Community, entailed the graduates working at St Chad's Community centre, as part of the Carillion graduate induction programme, aiming to benefit the local community.

The challenging schedule of work set for the graduates included repainting the youth club sports hall, attaching netting to the ceiling to prevent balls getting stuck in the rafters and boxing in arches.

In the grounds of the community centre they had to clear all the over-grown vegetation and cut back trees and shrubs. Litter and general refuse had to be cleared from the grounds and the guttering and the railings and gate were in need of a good rub down and repainting. Broken fences needed repairing too.

Challenge organiser Business in the Community is a unique movement of companies across the UK committed to continually improving their positive impact on society, with a core membership of 700 companies, including 80% of the FTSE 100.

The graduates found the day extremely enjoyable...though hard work as one graduate explains, "you never imagine that maintaining a community facility such as this one, takes so much physical hard work. We've helped with just a fraction of the work still to be done...it's inspiring that people make this commitment and work hard for the well being of the local people and their surroundings".

It was a worthwhile day for all involved; the graduates worked as a team and experienced the reality of voluntary work and the community were interested in what was going on around them, as the graduates were inundated with questions about who they were and what they were doing!