



Dodd Group

Social Value Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2026

**TOTAL SVROI
£7,722**

SOLIHULL CARE LEAVERS

Under our SCH contract and in collaboration with the Midlands Employers Alliance, we invited a young person who has recently left the care system to support our engineering team. Lucas performed exceptionally well, providing valuable assistance throughout the project. As members of the Care Leaver Covenant, we recognise just how important it is for young care-experienced people to receive support as they grow into adulthood.



**SVROI
£941.46**

BUILDING SUSTAINABILITY AT ERDINGTON ACADEMY

At the request of Willmott Dixon, one of our team members supported an education engagement session with a Year 10 class at Erdington Academy.

Working in teams of four, the students were challenged to design and build their own sustainable eco-villages, with each team member taking on a specific role. Throughout the activity, they had to work within a set budget while considering sustainability, environmental impact and practical design solutions. The session encouraged teamwork, problem-solving, communication and helped students to develop an understanding of how construction professionals collaborate to deliver environmentally responsible projects.



**SVROI
£104.88**

CREATING A WELCOMING GARDEN IN BERKSHIRE

We had a volunteer clearance day at Cornerways, an independent living facility for adults with autism. The existing garden had become overgrown and was therefore underused. It no longer met the needs of residents, despite having the potential to become a valuable wellbeing space.

To begin transforming this space into a welcoming environment, we first removed the overgrowth, eliminated weeds and thoroughly cleaned the storage areas. The next phase involves repairing the aged fences and pathways to ensure the area can be accessed and used safely.



**SVROI
£209.76**



BOWMER & KIRKLAND GOLF DAY

We proudly accepted the opportunity to support the Bowmer & Kirkland Golf Day through our sponsorship, and a donated England rugby shirt signed by the entire team.

The important cause behind this day is supporting young people affected by cancer. Cancer's impact extends far beyond the diagnosis itself; it can disrupt education, friendships, independence, and future plans. At Dodd Group, we are proud to stand with the Teenage Cancer Trust to ensure young people and their families receive expert care and support throughout their treatment journey.



SVROI
£889.95

SOCIAL SUPERMARKET AT COLEBRIDGE TRUST

A small group from the Telford Projects office spent their We attended Colebridge Trust Social Supermarket, a community shop selling surplus food and essentials, to deliver our first team food collection. We have made a commitment to support Tracy and the Colebridge Trust Social team with similar monthly donations. This initial contribution from the Dodd Group delivery team at SCH amounted to £100 and will help make a difference to families in need.



SVROI
£100

HIKE FOR HOMELESSNESS

Members of SCH took part in a charity hike across Kinver Edge and Wyre Forest to raise support for the fight against homelessness. St Basil's is committed to helping young people secure and sustain accommodation, boost their confidence, develop their skills, broaden their opportunities and ultimately prevent homelessness.



SVROI
£500

SPONSORSHIP OF PLATFORM COMMUNITY HEROES

We are honoured to support the Community Partnership Award. We recognise the outstanding contributions of Amanda Bowen and the DIVSS Youth Club, whose partnership-driven efforts are creating meaningful opportunities for young people, families, and the wider Coningsby community. This is a cause we are proud to be involved with.



SVROI
£750

SHIRELAND COLLEGIATE MOCK INTERVIEWS



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We conducted mock interviews at Shireland Collegiate Academy, which had a significant and positive impact on the students, helping to nurture key skills including communication and confidence which will serve students for life.



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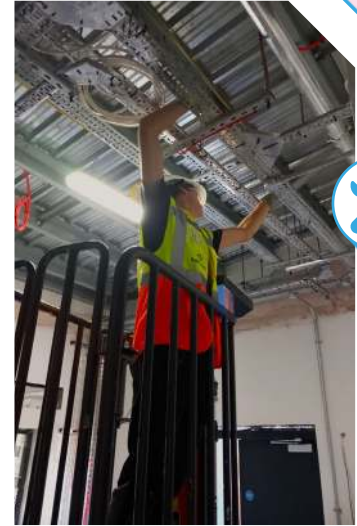
EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES WITH SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

We are pleased to support the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) initiative.

The programme sees a dedicated team working to help people across Southampton access employment opportunities or return to work, whatever their circumstances.

By providing a placement opportunity, we've been able to welcome Toby, who has joined the team to gain valuable on-site experience, develop new skills, and rebuild his confidence as he works towards long-term employment. Toby started his journey through a construction course in 2025 run in partnership by several City Council teams, Hampshire Teams and the Kings Trust.

Like many people starting something new, Toby was understandably apprehensive about joining a live construction site, having never worked in this environment before. However, with the support and encouragement of the team on site, he has quickly settled in, thrived, and become a valued member of the project.



CANNOCK CHASE HIGH SCHOOL

We organised further mock interviews at Cannock Chase High School to equip the students with essential skills, preparing them for the job-hunting process in the future.



SVROI
£104.88

INSTALLING BLEED KITS

Dodd Group has installed three bleed kits throughout Sandwell to help protect the local communities. These kits are emergency first-aid packs specifically designed to control severe, life-threatening bleeding caused by major trauma.



SVROI
£259.89

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY HOMES RAFFLE PRIZE

The annual PCH Charity football match has recently taken place, with all proceeds being donated to Andy Mans Club. The charity focuses on men's mental health and the power of being able to talk about your feelings. They offer 1-to-1 counselling for men who are struggling.

During the event, a raffle was organised, and we were pleased to contribute by donating an air fryer as one of the prizes.



SVROI
£95



THE SANDWELL HOUSE PROJECT

We reached out directly to the Children's Trust to offer our support for the Sandwell House Project, supporting young care leavers moving into their first home independently. We strongly believe in the importance of this cause, and our contribution involved collecting and delivering donated furniture. We also donated a hamper filled with essentials and thoughtful gifts to help transform the space and make it more welcoming.

Elena Reis, our Social Value Manager, said: *"We have been really pleased to support the Housing Project by collecting and delivering donated furniture to help a young care leaver move into her first home. We also put together a hamper of useful items to help make the house feel more like a home. It's important to us that we support young people as they take these first steps into independent living, and we're keen to continue working with the Children's Trust on future opportunities."*



SVROI
£209.76

With Corporate Parenting Week on the horizon, these initiatives prove how organisations can unite to enhance outcomes for young people, ensuring they receive the support and opportunities necessary to flourish.

PLYMOUTH WORK EXPERIENCE

We have been pleased to welcome two young people for work experience placements in Plymouth. Dhwiya, who joined us to learn admin skills, successfully managed all duties associated with her role, visibly gaining confidence with the completion of each new task.

Dhwiya consistently arrived early to work and demonstrated a genuine enthusiasm for the activities and operations of the branch. She was fortunate to spend a morning with the projects team, gaining valuable insight not only into our property care division, but also into the project side of the business.

We were also pleased to welcome Aaron for a three-day work experience placement, and were pleased to find that he demonstrated a keen interest in the construction industry. He shadowed Chris, our mechanical foreman, as he performed a gas safety check on the office boiler, gaining insight into mechanical and safety procedures.

In addition to these hands-on experiences, Aaron undertook various day-to-day administrative duties. Aaron shared that he learned a great deal about wiring and electrical work and expressed that he thoroughly enjoyed his time at Dodd Group.



SVROI
£1882.92



ANCHOR RE-ENGAGE EVENT

We spent a delightful afternoon supporting our charity partner, Re-Engage. Our activities with some of the older participants included playing cards, Scrabble, seated yoga, enjoying a good cuppa and cakes, and providing much-needed companionship to isolated individuals aged 75 and above.



SVROI
£104.98

MILVERTON LODGE & NORBECK HOUSE

For our Abbeyfield contract, we have successfully completed the supply and installation of benches, hanging baskets and planters at Milverton Lodge Care Home, providing residents with attractive outdoor features to enjoy during the hot weather. We also supplied similar items for Norbeck House.



SVROI
£2326.54

HARROGATE POLICE STATION MEMORIAL GARDEN CLEAN-UP

Over three days, we carried out pre-cleaning works at the Harrogate Police Station Memorial Garden for the North Yorkshire Police Authority, including removing foliage, hot jet washing the area and completing a chemical clean-down. We then removed and re-bedded any loose paving slabs, repointed areas where required and finished by cleaning down the full area, including the memorial plaques. We were pleased to complete these works and restore this important memorial garden to a clean, safe and respectful condition.



SVROI
£3237.21