

Amey provides a helping hand to local Friends group

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Local community group Friends of the Tame Valley have been delighted to welcome a team of volunteers from infrastructure services and engineering company, **Amey, to the Tame Valley to help with some essential environmental work.**

One element of Amey's Bolder Steps Together, sustainability and social value strategy sees volunteers help local community projects and the team have spent two days in the Valley undertaking tree work, woodland management and clearing debris from the paths and river bed.

The Friends are a group of residents, who look after the section of the Tame Valley from Shepley Wood, Audenshaw, through Jet Amber Fields in Denton and Hyde and running into Upper Haughton and Whittles Meadows to Mill Lane, Haughton Green. It covers a large area and the equipment and manpower Amey's Highways team provided has meant that the group has been able to make significant improvements that would not have happened without this support.

Andrew Gwynne MP and Secretary of the Friends of the Tame Valley said: "It has been an absolute pleasure to work with the team from Amey. The volunteers were magnificent on both days and have massively improved accessibility through the wood at Jet Amber and helped to clear out the river too.

"Their work has made a huge difference and I really can't thank them enough for their efforts."

John Fennell, Amey's Area 10 Electrical Operations Manager added: "Our team really enjoyed supporting The Friends of Tame Valley, clearing up vegetation, removing shopping trollies that had been washed down the river, and cutting back overhanging branches.

“Many live in the local community and use this area regularly so it’s nice to give back and support our community. Amey actively encourages the use of social impact days to help in projects like this.

“Not only did it give us a feeling of satisfaction in helping out, but also pride in our achievements. Amey offers all employees two paid social impact days per year to work on local community projects or support local charities. I am really impressed with everyone’s commitment to completing a huge amount of work in two days and improving our local environment. We look forward to working with the Friends of Tame Valley in the future.”

Chris Clarke, Executive Committee Member at the Friends of Tame Valley said: “I want to pass on my sincere thanks to the team from Amey for joining us on their social impact days.

“They really have done us proud and the Friends will warmly welcome them back at any time.”

Amey recently launched Bolder Steps Together, its five-year strategy to make delivering benefits for people, places and planet a key driver in its service delivery. Employees using their social impact days is just one way that Amey can leave a positive legacy in the communities it serves.