

Planting project takes root in Peterborough communities

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The joint initiative was funded by a grant from the Mears Foundation and Mears' community chest fund, which forms part of our added value contract agreement with CKH, enabling a proportion of profits to be donated back each year as part of their corporate social responsibility commitment. CKH has also contributed with all shrubs, plants and trees bought locally from the Tandee Nursery in Thurning.

Gary Gibbs, Mears General Manager, Peterborough, said:

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fund, we're committed to delivering more projects like this and will continue to create opportunities for our teams to get involved in local community projects through our corporate volunteering programme.

CKH Director of Assets, Housing Needs and Estate Management, Stuart Fort said:

Huge thanks must go to all the fantastic colleagues from both CKH and Mears who have worked together to make this initiative happen. Together we have been able to transform five local neighbourhoods including Kesteven Walk and St Mary's Court as well as Loxley retirement housing scheme and Kingfisher Court extra care scheme, alongside today's tree planting at Park Lane. This initiative has not only helped to support our commitment to the environment, but it has helped to create communities that are more sustainable and healthier for the people living around them.

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