

## Mears Group supports community initiatives in Thurrock

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[Mears Group](#) has supported three community projects in Thurrock as part of the company's ongoing commitment to giving back to the local communities it works in.

The first project saw Mears staff create mud kitchens for pupils of two primary schools in Tilbury. These outdoor spaces allow children to engage in imaginative and sensory play by using natural materials such as mud, sand, and water, to mimic a kitchen environment.

The mud kitchens were made by students from the Mears Group trade school, with the assistance of operatives and a supervisor. The trade school helps young adults who are not in education, employment, or training to develop new skills and gain the experience necessary to begin a career in construction. The first group concentrated on carpentry, and also created gates and bird boxes which will be used on residential properties across the borough.

A group of volunteers also helped with the increasing seasonal demand at [Thurrock Foodbank](#). The team dedicated their time to support the crucial work of the charity by providing essential resources to individuals and families facing food insecurity.

Lastly, support has been extended to the residents of Thurrock's 29 sheltered housing complexes by creating and delivering winter packs. Each pack, carefully created with the residents' comfort in mind, includes various items including warm clothing, thermal flasks, and blankets. Mears staff have distributed the winter packs, providing essential items to help residents stay warm during the upcoming cold months.

Gary Luscombe, Mears Operations Manager, said:

We are always looking at how we can support the local communities in which we work and these initiatives across Thurrock are perfect examples of this. Much of the support formed part of our Big Volunteering month throughout October when 37% of Mears colleagues participated in volunteering projects and initiatives nationwide. It's fantastic to see the benefits these projects have delivered in Thurrock. I want to thank everyone who got involved and took the time to help improve the lives of people living locally and beyond.