

Reparation: making amends

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“Reparation is about putting things right and making amends for the wrong things young people have done. It is very important and the YOT place a high priority on this work. It is vital we offer meaningful programmes where young people can contribute to this process and the community can see the benefits. The young people must also understand why they are doing this work.

The pictures show just a small part of the excellent ongoing reparation projects we have running in Bradford and District. We offer a wide range of projects but I can honestly say the work on the allotment (bottom) is one of the best I've had the pleasure to work on. I could fill a newsletter with the quotes alone from the young people as they dug out the potatoes! - 'Wow! Look at these babies!' and 'Where's the chip ones then?!' I kid you not - you couldn't make up the comments I heard! It was a brilliant session. The important thing is that the participants are actually putting something useful back and will learn some valuable lessons about responsibility and doing something positive - and the wider community will benefit from their efforts as well.”

Derek Nolan



The continuing long-haul work at the allotment. These photos show the young people and staff getting the spuds out of the ground.