

## Case Study: Social Value

### Supporting local community projects and charities Balfour Beatty – Gedling Access Road Project.

As the main contractor for the new Gedling Access Road, Balfour Beatty was keen to engage with local communities to help mitigate the impact of the works on villages such as Burton Joyce as part of our continuing commitment to leaving a positive legacy in local communities.

Throughout this project we engaged with local communities to provide creative and sustainable solutions on several community projects which have helped create lasting relationships within these communities and preserved local landmarks. Four of the projects were:

#### Emergency water main repairs

Following a burst water main in the village, the Burton Joyce Parish Council contacted us to get the details of someone who could help – but not content with just supplying the emergency number for Severn Trent, Mick Kelly and Craig Chapman hot-footed it to the village and fixed the problem.



#### Planters for a local school

The team at Gedling also took some time out to build planters to encourage budding gardeners at Phoenix Infant and Nursery School.

Craig Chapman and team built some very smart raised beds on some disused land at the school much to the delight of the pupils. This has created a lasting relationship with the school.

#### Creating a new campfire base and path for the local scout group

The local scout group were significantly affected by the building of the Gedling Access Road (GAR), with a large section of the site being transferred to Nottinghamshire County Council for construction of the GAR.

Balfour Beatty alongside Via built on their relationship with the 3rd Woodthorpe Scout Group to make sure there was a positive outcome for the group. Balfour Beatty and Via along with its subcontractors built a new campfire circle for the group to enjoy.



“Our new campfire base is a highly impressive addition to the pepperpots site. We look forward to it being used on a weekly basis for regular activities and for special events, not just by our own group but also for other scouting, guiding and youth organisations”

Ron Hodges Trustee and Group Secretary

The Scout Group is set to receive new land adjacent to Arnold Lane, after the GAR is open and the famous Pepper Pot will be saved by ensuring the new access road is built around it.

A new footpath will from the remaining site to the Pepper Pot will maintain the link and wood chippings have been provided to create a safe and sustainable footpath.

### **Resurfaced pathway at local cemetery**

Burton Joyce Parish Council liaised with our project team to explore opportunities to work in partnership with them on community projects.

One key project identified was the re-surfacing of the old and damaged pathways in Burton Joyce Cemetery. The work was undertaken by Balfour Beatty’s subcontract partners, Hanson, led by Site Supervisor Christian McMullen. The team laid 32 tonnes of tarmac with fantastic results.

