



Before



After



Investing in Communities Through Sport, Wellbeing and Homelessness Support

Project overview

DS Projects continues to demonstrate its commitment to delivering meaningful social value across North Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire through a range of community-focused initiatives. As a local contractor with strong links to the communities it serves, DS Projects have provided financial support, practical assistance, and volunteer contributions to projects aimed at improving health, wellbeing, inclusion and opportunities for local people.

Most recently, the company donated £500 to support a community event at Scunthorpe Rugby Club, while also committing to install new flooring within the club's changing facilities. In addition, DS Projects supported Ongo's Garden Wellbeing Project at its homeless support shelter in Doncaster by renovating and extending a problematic car park, helping to create a more accessible and welcoming environment for residents and visitors.

Partnership in action

DS Projects have been a trusted contractor of Ongo for a number of years, consistently demonstrating a commitment to supporting the communities in which it works. Beyond delivering high-quality services, DS Projects have embraced Ongo's social value ambitions, regularly seeking opportunities to create positive outcomes for customers and local communities.

Through a strong and collaborative partnership, DS Projects have actively supported initiatives that align with Ongo's priorities around community wellbeing, skills development, health, inclusion and support for vulnerable people. Their proactive approach means they are often keen to get involved in projects that deliver benefits beyond the contract itself.

Addressing local priorities

Many of Ongo's communities face challenges relating to health issues, social isolation, youth engagement and access to support services. Young people face barriers to participation in sport due to financial constraints, whilst individuals within Ongo's homelessness support services had limited access to quality outdoor and communal spaces that support wellbeing and social interaction.

The initiatives supported by DS Projects directly address these challenges by encouraging young people within Ongo communities to engage in sport and physical activity, reducing barriers to participation through the provision of free equipment, and helping families access wider support services including mental health and employment support.

At the homeless support shelter in Doncaster, the improvements have created a safer and more accessible environment while supporting residents' mental wellbeing through the development of a shared outdoor space where people can build confidence, learn new skills and connect with others.

Jim Hunter, Service Officer at our Homeless Service said - "The new outdoor space gives us so many more ways to support our customers. From outdoor activities that benefit mental health, to building practical skills and confidence, it's already making a difference. It's been fantastic to see customers involved in creating this space themselves and then welcoming the community in to enjoy it with us. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event and helped make it such a success."

Delivering social value

DS Projects delivered social value through a combination of financial investment, in-kind support and practical improvements to community assets.

Key contributions included:

- A £500 donation to support a community rugby event focused on youth engagement, health and fitness.
- Supporting the delivery of advice and guidance for parents and carers, including access to mental health, employment and wider wellbeing services.
- Commitment to install new flooring within the changing rooms at Scunthorpe Rugby Club, improving facilities for players and visitors.
- Renovation and extension of the car park at Ongo's homeless support shelter in Doncaster, resolving long-standing access and capacity issues.

Using the HACT Social Value Calculator, the donation to Scunthorpe Rugby Club and the improvements made at Ongo's homeless support shelter have generated an estimated £114,000 of social value. This includes recognised outcomes such as community investment, access to high-quality green space, and the provision of private outdoor space.

DS Projects' contribution represented a significant investment into the projects and wider community. Had the works been commissioned commercially, the improvements to the homeless support shelter would have cost approximately £3500. In addition, DS Projects provided 18 volunteer hours to support the project, helping to transform the space while reducing costs and enabling resources to be directed towards further support for residents.

Outcomes and community impact

The support provided by DS Projects has already delivered significant benefits for local people and community organisations.

At Scunthorpe Rugby Club, the funding and facility improvements will help create opportunities for more young people to engage in positive activities, improve their physical health and build confidence through sport. The event will also provide families with access to valuable support services that may improve wellbeing, employment prospects and overall quality of life.

At the homeless support shelter, the extended car park has resolved accessibility issues and enhanced the overall environment for residents, visitors and support workers. The wider Garden Wellbeing Project has transformed an underutilised space into a welcoming community area where residents can develop practical skills, improve their wellbeing and build positive social connections.

As there was previously no communal space available, the transformation has already had a noticeable impact on residents' pride in their surroundings and their sense of belonging within the community.

Sustainable Impact

The benefits of these projects will continue long after the initial works have been completed. The improvements at Scunthorpe Rugby Club will support future generations of young people to participate in sport, helping to promote healthier lifestyles, stronger community connections and increased confidence. Enhanced changing facilities and the availability of support services will create lasting value for both participants and their families.

At the homeless support shelter, the improved infrastructure and transformed outdoor environment will continue to provide residents with opportunities to socialise, learn new skills and improve their wellbeing. The project has created a lasting community asset that contributes to a more positive living environment and supports residents on their journey towards greater independence and stability. Through its ongoing commitment to supporting local initiatives, DS Projects is helping to create stronger, healthier and more resilient communities across the region.

One resident, who wishes to stay anonymous, said - "I feel like my confidence has built especially in the last few months and having the garden project has given me a focus. It's great to see how rewarding gardening can be, and I've enjoyed getting out of my usual routine. I've helped in building the shed, greenhouse and other things, and I'm looking forward to using them. Building a network here has given me an idea of how the future might look – it's been motivational for me. I'm now looking forward to taking on some training and volunteering with Ongo staff to build up some more skills."