

BRADFORD: Residents and builders join forces for new community centre car park

A great job done together!

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Residents and community workers on Bradford's Canterbury estate have linked up with construction giant Tarmac to make a new car park.

The car park is the latest improvement to facilities at Canterbury Community Centre in Dawnay Road.

It has been built by workers from Tarmac Heavy Building Materials as a goodwill gesture because the firm's sister company Tarmac Housing is currently renovating homes on the estate in a multi-million pound scheme.

But before the £1,000 car park could be built, local people helped to shift 170 tons of junk which had been fly-tipped next to the community centre.

"When we moved in September, there were burnt-out cars and all sorts outside,"

recalled Nigel Delaney, chairman of the Christian charity Impact which is spearheading the improvements.

As well as the car park, new security fencing now surrounds the site, which local children have helped to paint a cheerful shade of blue.

The car parking area will be a boon to visitors and volunteers whose cars have been vulnerable to vandalism while parked in Dawnay Road.

"We are very grateful for the help and support which has been given by Tarmac by providing a large car parking area," Mr Delaney said.

New activities at the centre include a job club for unemployed youngsters, and the thriving Canterbury United football club with under-13, under-16 and adult teams.

Steve Eddison, operations manager at the Bradford office of Tarmac Heavy Building Materials division, said: "We are delighted to help as a goodwill gesture."

**HAPPY LINK-UP:**

Nigel Delaney at the car park site as Tarmac carry out the work