



## Community Payback receives town's thanks and an award High Visibility: Community Payback in Leigh-on-Sea

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Essex Probation's Community Payback staff in Southend Office received a welcome letter from Leigh-on-Sea Council recently. They wanted to acknowledge the work done by offenders on the courts' Unpaid Work orders.

### 'Good for Leigh' Award presentation

"We are very pleased to inform you that the Town Council has decided to offer the Probation Service our 'Good for Leigh' Award!

"Leigh-on-Sea Council is aiming to improve the environment and cleanliness of Leigh and make it a more attractive place to work, shop, visit and live. As a thank you to those who are helping us achieve this - your supervisors and those on Community payback - we would like to invite a representative to receive the 'Good For Leigh' Certificate.

"Leigh Town Council would like to thank you once again on behalf of the local community for your tremendous efforts and time spent helping to improve the environment of Leigh-on-Sea."

Jan Owens, who manages the Unpaid Work Supervisors in the area, said "We're delighted to receive recognition of our efforts to help Leigh Council make their town a safer and more pleasant place to live. Offenders have put in a lot of work in Leigh over some considerable time. We've cleared up all around the town – by the station, in the Skateboard Park, on Two Tree Island, clearing the paths, roads, picking up litter, strimming – in fact anything messy and untidy gets the Community Payback treatment. Normally we're in Leigh every week, but in the summer months it has to be cut down to once a fortnight as everybody is clamouring for our services."