

Case study title: Thameslink Cricklewood – Millennium Green Community Day
Month/year: June 2014

Business unit: Construction Services/Rail

Date and location: 5th June 2014 Millennium Green

In partnership with: Network Rail and Torrent Trackside

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Outcome area(s): Supporting Sustainable Communities
Leading the way in our sector

Business benefits: Enhanced reputation
Delivery of sustainability objectives

Background

As part of the Thameslink Programme to increase rail capacity through central London, Carillion is responsible for design and construction of a new train stabling facility at Cricklewood sidings in north-west London. To fulfill the objectives of the project's Sustainability Delivery Statement (Action Plan) and to leave a lasting legacy in the local communities in which we work, Carillion has established a strong relationship with the trustees of the Millennium Green, a local park that needs support as it is entirely funded through volunteers.

During an earlier community day in October 2013 new park benches and planters were installed by members of the site team. To coincide with World Environment Day on 5 June 2014, a joint Carillion and Network Rail community day was planned to further enhance this run down green space.

Key Achievements and Observations

On a sunny World Environment Day, involving 12 volunteers, the main achievements were:

- It was clear that members of the community regularly uses the benches that were previously installed
- Sowing a 30m² wildflower meadow
- Removing 20m³ of overgrown vegetation
- Removing 200kg of wood waste for off site recycling
- Creating a raised bed to promote a planned community initiative to grow vegetables within the green
- Planting a number of 'pollinator friendly' plants to enhance biodiversity in this urbanised area of London
- Providing advice to the trustees to maximize biodiversity by retaining strips of uncut grass

Following the visit, the team of volunteers received praise from the trustees who indicated that their support really does make a difference within the local community.



Photos – Volunteering Day at Millennium Green on World Environment Day