

What is Reparation?

Reparation means repairing the harm or making amends for the offence and the harm done. It is a way that those who have offended can give something back to their communities and demonstrate they are sorry for their offending.

Reparation is a structured activity which is organised by the Youth Offending Team with the primary aim of repairing the effects of crime and harm on victims and communities.

It allows a young person aged between 10-18 years, to make a positive contribution to their community and to repair some of the harm that has been caused.

Will I have Reparation on my Referral Order?

Yes – All Referral Order Panels are expected to have three key principles of restorative justice – taking responsibility, completing reparation and reintegration back into the community.

Reparation is a fundamental part of the Referral Order and a key element

in **every** panel contract. Where possible reparation should be based on the victims' wishes. If the victim does not have any specific wishes reparation will be to the wider community, as appropriate and agreed with your panel.

How much reparation will I have to do?

The following is a guide to the hours of reparation that Referral Order Panels should normally include in contracts:

Length of order and normal amount of Reparation:

3–4 months: 3–9 hours

5–7 months: 10–19 hours

8–9 months: 20–29 hours

For orders of 10–12 months, Referral Order Panels should normally include a minimum of 30 hours of reparation. In certain custody threshold cases, a considerably higher number of hours will be appropriate and should equate with the unpaid work element of community orders where the young offender is aged 16 or 17.

What are the Benefits?

Benefits for the Community:

Increases public confidence in Youth Justice and shows you are willing to make amends for your crimes.

Reducing crime and the fear of crime by reinforcing the direct consequences of offending behaviour by young people.

Practical work or activities in the community, which will be of benefit to the community or directly to the victim.

Benefits for the you:

Helping you understand that others have been affected by your crime.

Provide an opportunity to give something back to the victim or the community who have been affected by your offending.

References can be supplied to you and can help you access employment/training in the future.

It's a great opportunity to try something new, meet new people and gain new skills!

What charities or projects could I go to?

Your case manager will talk with you about what projects are available. Some of the possibilities could be;

- Working on the allotment site to provide fruit and vegetables to a local hospice.
- General grounds work maintenance around the county.
- Supporting the local foodbank to distribute supplies.
- Repairing broken bikes donated to a local charity.
- Helping an arts and crafts charity to make craft packs
- Work with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust protecting, maintaining and enhancing nature reserves.
- Support local Town Councils to maintain their cemeteries
- Support a community farm to expand and help those with disabilities

Please note, projects are subject to availability.

Wiltshire Youth Offending Team

The Youth Offending Team is a multi-agency team with Social Workers, Police, Probation, Youth Justice Workers, Prevention, Education and Mental Health Workers, all working together to deliver the aim of preventing or reducing the risk of offending and working with victims to repair the harm caused by offending. You can contact Wiltshire Youth Offending Team: 01249 709 400 or email:

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If there is anything you are unclear about please discuss it with your case manager



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Young people making amends for their offence, to the victims and communities most affected