

## Chequers Road, Derby



Brambles and  
overgrown bushes  
hiding fly tipping

Derbyshire Community Payback works with Derby City Council's Streetpride team to clear areas of dereliction and to transform public areas from sites of fly tipping, drug use and other illegal activities into areas the public can enjoy and feel safe walking through.

In early January 2011 we were approached about clearing the footpath leading from Chequers Road to the River Derwent which runs adjacent the livestock market, early in January. At the time the footpath comprised a narrow pathway between overgrown areas which were used by fly tippers and drug users. There was an area where asbestos had been dumped and one area of Japanese Knotweed.

The Streetpride team arranged to remove the asbestos before the Community Payback team commenced, and work was organised so that vegetation and other waste cleared from the site would be collected on a daily basis by them.



Asbestos strewn  
across the path

Offenders worked on this project four days each week, and made substantial progress removing waste, clearing vegetation and cutting back brambles, shrubs and self set saplings to widen the footpath to its full extent. Along the way a variety of items were discovered hidden in the undergrowth where they had been dumped including knives, drug paraphernalia, a gun (believed to be a BB gun) wrapped in a plastic bag, and two safes.

The result of this work has been very pleasing - an area of dereliction and anti social activity that could be clearly seen by the public entering Derby on the A52 has been returned to a public access area that is tidy, very visible and feels safe to use.

Around 915 offender hours were dedicated to his clean up.



Offenders clearing debris (orange jackets) and Streetpride staff collecting material for removal