



Rectory Wildlife Garden in Loughborough.

# From Granite to Grassroots

As he steps into his new role as Operations Manager, **Aaron Laycock** reflects on how Mountsorrel Quarry continues to support local clubs, spaces and initiatives...

**H**ello everyone, as the new Operations Manager at Mountsorrel Quarry, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and share an update on some of the great work we've been doing outside of the quarry.

I've been part of the Mountsorrel Quarry team for several years and stepped into this role in September. I oversee the safe and efficient extraction of our distinctive pink granite. Whilst much of my day-to-day work is focused on operations within the site, one of the most rewarding parts of the job is seeing how the quarry can make a real difference communities around the site.

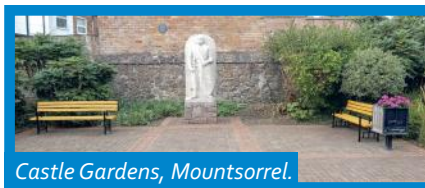
## COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN ACTION

In the last 12-months we're proud to have supported 20 local groups and projects, from sports clubs to village improvements. As well as supporting these projects, we support local employment, as over 90% of our workforce live within 10 miles of the quarry. Some of our most recent contributions include:

- **Rectory Wildlife Garden** – we provided with a new feature rock, adding to this beautiful open space in Loughborough.
- **Mountsorrel Amateurs Football Club** – we've sponsored new kit for the



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Castle Gardens, Mountsorrel.



Syston Town Juniors U11s.

team, helping them look the part on the pitch as they continue to represent the village in local leagues.

- **Castle Gardens in Mountsorrel** – we helped refurbish the benches around the statue and landscape area, brightening up this much-loved public space for local residents and visitors to enjoy.

- **Syston Town Juniors U11s** – we provided smart new training jackets for the players, helping to keep the next generation of footballers warm and dry on match days as we head into the colder months.
- **Mountsorrel Revival** – we've sponsored the Mountsorrel Revival since 2018, helping to bring together the whole village together through this festival of fun every August.
- **The Fix It Group** – we've provided financial support to buy new tools and equipment

Our aim is to keep working with local partners, from sport teams and schools to volunteer groups, to help make a positive difference wherever we can.

These are just a few examples of how we give back to the communities around the quarry

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL GROUPS

We're proud to be part of this community and to continue supporting the people and places that make it special. We are always looking for new community projects and local groups to support. There are two main ways to apply for funding:

1) Directly through the quarry: these are local projects, events and groups that are funded at the quarry's discretion. You can apply directly by emailing [mountsorrelquarryfeedback@tarmac.com](mailto:mountsorrelquarryfeedback@tarmac.com).

2) Through the Tarmac Landfill Community Fund: This enables operators to donate part of their annual tax liability to approved community and environmental projects. Projects need to meet a set of eligibility criteria so whilst the available funding is larger there are more restrictions on what can apply. Visit [www.entrust.org.uk](http://www.entrust.org.uk) to find out more.

## GET INVOLVED

You can find out more about what goes on at Mountsorrel Quarry by visiting **Mountsorrel.tarmac.com** If you would like to contact the team, please email [mountsorrelquarryfeedback@tarmac.com](mailto:mountsorrelquarryfeedback@tarmac.com)



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