



# Education and Employment 2020



**“We’re committed to investing in young people whether it be helping them into employment and training them through qualifications and courses for a career in construction or helping provide opportunities for them to develop soft skills and gain key life experiences like the Youth Zone will do.”**

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Supporting education and the development of young people and increasing employment opportunities is one of the ways our volunteering helps provide a net positive contribution to our local communities. Here are just a few examples of the way Tarmac employees have been supporting education and employment in their local communities in 2020.

## **Warrington Youth Zone**

Tarmac has joined Warrington Youth Zone’s family of founder patrons, a group of businesses and philanthropists who are united in support of young people and their ambition to see Warrington flourish.

The facility is part of a national charity which has created a network of Youth Zones across the country, providing young people with somewhere to go, something to do and someone to talk to. Tarmac, the UK’s leading sustainable building materials group is giving its support to the £6.9 million facility delivered by OnSide Youth Zones.

Paul Fleetham, managing director national contracting, said: “After visiting the Hive Youth Zone in Birkenhead and seeing the tremendous difference to young people and the community, we were inspired to support the new Warrington Youth Zone.

The state-of-the-art Youth Zone will offer thousands of young people from Warrington access to an indoor climbing wall, 3G kick pitch, four court sports hall, dance and drama studio, training kitchen, arts and crafts space, fully equipped gym, music room with recording studio, enterprise suite and much more. For more information about the charity.

## **Kingsley Venture Valley Project**

Tarmac is proud to have supported the Kingsley Venture Valley Project Team with nearly £20,000 funding toward the much-needed regeneration of the recreation area in Kingsley.

The funding has been provided through the Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund, with the project aiming to provide an inspiring, safe and enjoyable space for all village children to play. Following extensive consultation with Kingsley residents and several playground providers, a plan was drawn up that would incorporate enough equipment to make a real difference for the village children.





The donation means that the work can now proceed in full, with the playground design expanded to include a zipwire in addition to a range of equipment catering for a wide range of ages and abilities: three different swing types, small and large climbing frames with slides, two springers, a spinner, an obstacle course and a seesaw. The design has a woodland adventure feel, using hard-wearing Robinia wood in simple natural structures to blend in with its beautiful surroundings.

### **South Wilford Primary School**

Tarmac has provided South Wilford Primary School in Nottingham, with 40 metres of plastic pedestrian barriers to help students with social distancing in the playground. The fencing will help create segregated areas for pupils in outdoor spaces to keep them safe while in small groups and help with the logistics of working in smaller outdoor spaces, when they are unable to use the grass at break times due to the change in weather.

Ed Thompson, general manager for Tarmac's Highway Services business, worked with Tarmac Traffic Management colleagues on the delivery and installation. He said: "Supporting our local communities is a really important part of the way we operate and I'm really pleased we've been able to help South Wilford by providing these barriers. Safety and health are our top priorities

as a business and it's great to see pupils also enjoying their outside space safely."

Natalie Aldridge, acting head teacher at South Wilford Primary School, said: "The children's safety is our primary concern, and we are doing everything in our power to keep the children in school and learning.

"The logistics involved with keeping 400 children separated in their year group bubbles at break times has been a particular challenge so we are extremely grateful to Tarmac for providing us with this fencing, which will allow us to create clearer defined areas in our outdoor areas. It also allows the children to play safely in their groups now that the weather means we have less space to use."

