



# ReWORK

## ReWORK furniture helps to kit out Ipswich Town FC Foundation

TRANSDEC are proud commercial sponsors of Ipswich Town FC Women and through that working relationship they introduced the ReWORK initiative to Ipswich Town FC Foundation.

Ipswich Town FC Foundation (ITFCF) run several projects allowing young adults to play football while combining that with their studies. Portman Road had the space to do this, as well as the coaches and partners to deliver the education part. However, they had no funding for kitting out the areas at Portman Road to a classroom standard.

Through conversations and productive meetings between ITFCF and Workhorse Group they were introduced to Workhorse Generation and subsequently their project ReWORK.

ReWORK works with Workhorse Group's customers to prevent unwanted office furniture from going straight to landfill. Along with Workhorse Generation they deliver this high spec furniture and equipment to charities and other worthwhile organisations free of charge.

The partnership quickly identified several items which could be used to kit out the spaces within Portman Road to a classroom standard. Equipment included desks, chairs, storage cabinets, white boards, stools and other items.

The Partnership between all parties has been set up with clear outcomes demonstrating that community partnership working allows all to bring their strengths to the projects which in turn maximises the outcome.

Dan Palfrey, Director of Ipswich Town FC Foundation said 'We are grateful to



Workhorse Group for their kind donation. The furniture has enhanced our facility offering for our Post-16 students which in turn create a positive learning environment for students to thrive under."

For Workhorse Generation it shows that our model of partnership working really does make a difference in our communities. Most of the best outcomes occur when people come together and think about what can be done and we are ideally placed to be the Charity hub leading these conversations.

Partnership working can also open other doors - Ipswich Town FC Women players Lucy Egan and Abbie Lafayette are now valued members of the Workhorse family based in our Ipswich office.

Conversations between groups and understanding the needs of others opens doors and Abbie and Lucy show exactly the positive outcomes of these relationships.





# Community allotment feeds off Workhorse Generation's help



delivering a pallet containing over a thousand vegetable plants to the allotment in July. These were immediately planted by the volunteers and have changed the landscape of the site ever since, along with the lives of the many who have benefited from the gardening experience and the ensuing harvest.

Mann commented; "We can't thank QUANTIL and Workhorse Generation enough, the vegetables we have been able to grow have been given to our volunteers, local communities, the Foodbank and other local charitable organisations, the Night Shelter, and shared with the larger community via the Crop Share initiative on Facebook. Those plants we couldn't find room for in our site were donated to another community allotment serving the other side of the city."

On behalf of Workhorse Generation, Mabon said: "We can't thank Mark and the team at QUANTIL enough for their generosity, seeing the change that adding the huge number of plants has made to the Greenpath Ventures' project and the many people who benefit from it has been incredible, and humbling. With the help of QUANTIL, we're proud to share the impact Horticulture can have on people's lives and mental health, and to continue to help Rob and his team with their inspirational allotment. We're always open to help, if anybody does feel they can assist us with the project, please get in touch."

**When Mark Clementson, Retail Sales Director at Lancashire based vegetable, herb, strawberry, and ornamental supplier QUANTIL met with Phil Mabon, owner of MABON Design and Print during the 2022 HTA National Plant Show, neither of them expected the result of their conversation to deliver such a difference to the lives of so many people.**

Through Mabon's involvement as a Trustee for the Charity Hub Workhorse Generation they were discussing the work of their supported charity, Greenpath Ventures, who run a community allotment in Colchester, Essex. The allotment provides a vital meeting place for those in its community who are vulnerable or in need of mental health support including people living with brain injury, people living with dementia, homeless people, refugees, and asylum seekers.

Managed by Rob Mann, who himself suffered a brain injury in a car accident in 1994, Greenpath Ventures' allotment site not only grows much needed food for their community but also offers a safe environment for people to meet and be active. Mann works closely with the City Council, the local Night Shelter, and the Colchester Garrison to supply a 'green haven' for those who will benefit from the safe outdoor space and activities on offer.

Since taking on the site in 2021 during the pandemic, Greenpath Ventures built the infrastructure with the help



of volunteers. Creating a vibrant meeting place fitted with reused cooking stove, wood fire, greenhouse, sheds, potting shed, outdoor furniture, raised beds, recycled generator, and even a running tap water system built by one of their regulars, Micky, quite a skilled engineer!

Despite the now great looking site and facilities, one comment they repeatedly received from other allotment holders was 'It all looks great, but what do you grow?' This is where the team from QUANTIL came in, generously donating and





# Colchester United Community Foundation receive furniture boost from ReWORK

Workhorse Group are the proud main sponsors of Colchester United, however our partnership is far greater than just a commercial one.

Workhorse Generation, along with their ReWORK programme teamed up with the community arm of the football club, Colchester United Community Foundation. Both Workhorse Generation and the Community Foundation know that supporting and building our communities is much more than throwing money at a problem and that's where our latest project showcases the benefits of community partnerships.

Colchester United Community Foundation deliver fantastic projects including the Senior U's over 65 Project and numerous youth projects. Working shoulder to shoulder with ReWORK, Workhorse Group's re-use of office furniture initiative, we were able to kit out the learning space as well as staff and reception areas



with contemporary, comfortable and productive furniture such as tables, chairs and workstations.

Colchester United Community Foundation Chief Executive Corin Haines said "We are delighted that we have been able to work in partnership with Workhorse Group and ReWORK to improve the furniture and facilities at the Shrub End Community and Sport Centre. The facility is used by over 1300 people each week and is the home of all our workforce. Simon and his team have been a pleasure to work with helping us meet our needs and this really is a superb initiative that they offer to charities like ours."

Fraser Cromar, Head of Charity

development for Workhorse Generation said "Partnership working and playing to each other's strengths really does make such a difference.

It allows charities, such as the Foundation, help people who need it most. Our project ReWORK not only allows others to benefit from fantastic office furniture but it helps preserve our countryside by stopping these items going to landfill.

We look forward to supporting Colchester United Community Foundation on projects in the near future as well as other groups and good causes throughout the UK and further afield over the coming months."



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