

# Volunteering Spotlight: Made Well

A team from NRNN Water spent the day volunteering for Made Well on one of their tree planting initiatives.



## About the organisation

Made Well are a community interest company set up to support individuals with mental health conditions and learning disabilities through horticulture and crafts. Over the years, Made Well have grown to become an all community resource due to the variety of support they offer. They have a café open to the public, an AQA centre to gain entry level qualifications and a community hub. Made Well needed voluntary support to assist with tree planting following a donation of saplings mid-January.



## How did you spend your day?

"Myself and six Kier colleagues spent most of the day planting sapling trees to create screening and new hedgerows. We planted a total of 678 trees, staking them with bamboo and adding a protective sleeve to prevent the deer eating them. With some healthy competition between us, we got the job done quickly, so had time to do some willow cutting, ready to use in crafts in the onsite workshops, which was educational and a nice end to a great day. We had some Made Well clients with us as well; Phil, Michelle and Andy, and it was great to work with them too".

## How did you feel about volunteering?

"I'm an advocate of volunteer days, seeing them as a great opportunity to give something back to my community, have fun and build relationships with my colleagues and often, to get outdoors when I otherwise wouldn't.

It was a really great day, we worked hard, as a team, we had a few laughs, and were looked after brilliantly by the Made Well team! I would thoroughly recommend other Kier colleagues taking the opportunity to spend the day at Made Well."



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