

# ECCLES FESTIVAL

## Supporting the Community

Before starting work on the pre-paint programme, the Brookhouse team joined the City West team and one of the other Framework contractor partners at the Eccles Festival.

The event attracts residents from the whole of the Eccles area, and gave the team a good opportunity to introduce themselves to the local community and tell people what we were going to be doing on the Brookhouse Estate.

The Emanuel Whittaker stall included a number of attractions, including craft competitions, a customer survey, a hoopla game and a variety of free prizes and giveaways.

With over 1000 local visitors, the event was a great success, thanks partly to the lovely weather.



# CITY WEST HOUSING TRUST

## Brookhouse Estate

### Pre-Paint Works

#### Best Practice, Innovation and Community Benefit



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## SNOW PROBLEM!

The icy conditions may have forced our teams to stop carrying out the external repairs to homes on the Brookhouse Estate, but the team managed to come up with some creative ways to busy themselves!

Whilst Adam, our Resident Liaison officer visited local residents to check how they were coping, our decorators and joiners were shovelling snow and clearing paths for vulnerable residents throughout the estate.



## WE'RE ONE

City West marked the milestone occasion of their first birthday with a series of celebrations.

The 'We're One' celebrations brought staff, residents, local Councillors and partner contractors together to celebrate the achievements of the first year, acknowledge the efforts of those who had helped City West to reach the milestone, and focus on the task ahead.

Emanuel Whittaker were happy not only to take part in the celebrations, but also to sponsor them with a £2,500 birthday present.

The money that was left over after the celebrations was recycled into local community projects. Some of the excess funds were donated to Pennington Close Sheltered scheme, who used the money to buy a TV, a Karaoke Machine and gift vouchers to issue as prizes.



As part of our on-going commitment to support training and employment for local people living in the areas in which we work, Emanuel Whittaker were proud to sponsor a bay at the newly refurbished City West Works Skills Centre.

The next five years will see City West invest over £235million into their properties and communities. On the back of that investment, City West hope to create over 300 jobs for the people of Salford.

The Skills Centre encompasses skills workshops and training suites and provides the base for delivering City West's three week skills programmes for trainees. Trainees are recruited by City West to undergo the training before being placed with partner contractors to complete their training in their chosen careers.

At the Centre, trainees can sit the CSCS test as well as take their CIEH Health & Safety Level 2, Manual Handling Awareness, First Aid, Asbestos Awareness and PASMA qualifications. Following the three week programme, trainees are then placed with partner contractors to embark on relevant training qualifications in the various construction trades.

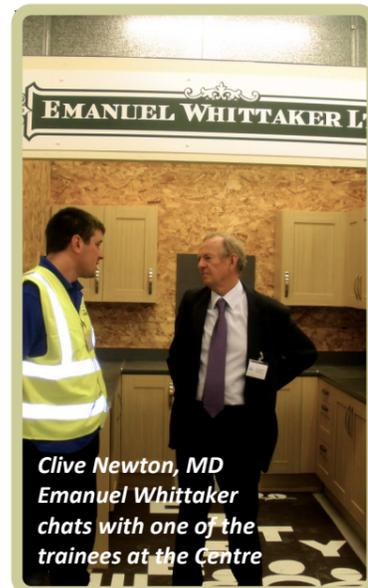
To help provide essential training tools and materials, Emanuel Whittaker were happy to 'Sponsor a Bay' within the skills workshop area. Our £1000 contribution was used to kit out one of 6 bays that the trainees can work in throughout their training programme. Emanuel Whittaker are also donating materials from their joinery workshop to help keep training costs to a minimum.



Salford actor Ciaran Griffiths with trainees at the official opening of the Centre



Hazel Blears MP for Salford with Colette McKune, Director of Asset Management at City West



Clive Newton, MD Emanuel Whittaker chats with one of the trainees at the Centre

### New Trainee

Having been recruited through the Skills Centre, Kirsty Roberts from Monton in Manchester will be taking up her post within Emanuel Whittaker in February.

Following her induction training programme at the Skills Centre, Kirsty will join the teams at Brookhouse and Little Hulton to further her training in her chosen career of painter and decorator. Kirsty will receive on the job training as well as securing a professional qualification to NVQ Level 2 in painting and decorating. We wish her well.



Salford's totem Pole is to be restored to its former glory. The 30ft, two-and-half ton gift from Canada was given to Manchester Liners in 1969 as a sign of friendship.

After three years of being in storage, the Pole has been moved to its spiritual home at Salford Quays by apprentices from City West Skills Centre, who will also help with its restoration.

Emanuel Whittaker did our bit to support the restoration by creating and donating the bespoke stands that the Totem Pole will sit on throughout its refurbishment.

## BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE REFURBISHMENT

The Brookhouse Estate are lucky to have an active residents group who voluntarily run the local community centre and youth club.

The Brookhouse Youth Action Group provide a range of activities for the young people of the estate including cheerleading, street dancing, craft groups and various sports activities. The Brookhouse Community Association also run a variety of social events at the Community Centre including tea dances, concerts and dance classes.

When Emanuel Whittaker were invited to meet the Association at the Community Centre, it was clear that they had enthusiasm and energy by the bucket load, but they lacked resources to maintain their centre.

Emanuel Whittaker were only too happy to help out with a donation of paints and materials to redecorate the Centre and Youth Club. And when the snowy weather put a halt on the external works to City West homes on the Estate, our painters were only too happy to help out with the redecoration! To help finish off the job, we also donated vinyl flooring for the two toilet blocks.



In total, Emanuel Whittaker have donated over £5,200, and over 50 hours on community and training initiatives with City West in the last six months. That's over £11 per household on the Brookhouse Estate!

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