

# Midcounties Colleagues Spruce Up Churchyard



The graveyard at Holy Trinity Church in Short Heath, Willenhall has received a well needed spruce up in a combined effort between the church congregation and Midcounties Co-operative colleagues.

A team of thirty three volunteers from The Midcounties Co-Operative Funeralcare and the church spent the day getting their green fingers dirty clearing a forest of scrub bushes, weeds, debris and long grass from the bottom of the extension churchyard.

The Midcounties Co-operative Funeralcare Manager and Team leader Emma Henderson said; “It was a big challenge, but having so many hands made the job much easier. Everyone got stuck in and the team managed to fill the disposal lorry four times. All the debris was bio-degradable and so each load was taken to the local bio-composting centre.

Colleagues came from far and wide to support the event – some as far as Gloucester and Oxford! Everyone was keen to help out and we were especially grateful to Walsall’s HSS Plant hire for providing a heavy duty strimmer for us to use. Also, the local chip shop supplied the hungry team with chips to keep them going!”

Reverend Dr. Mark Hathorne from Short Heath Holy Trinity Church said; “We were amazed at how much work the team got done in a day. The very bottom part of the graveyard was very untidy before and the efforts of the team from Midcounties has made a huge difference, we really are very grateful to Emma and her colleagues.”

The Midcounties Co-Operative has an extensive colleague volunteer programme that takes on all types of challenges to assist local people and organizations and to help the participants to develop personally and as a team. Each colleague can spend up to three days a year on volunteering activity as part of their paid work time.