

Joint effort makes Barne Brake presentable again

"Clean the Creek" sponsored by MVV Environment Devonport Ltd cleans up tidal land and shore area of Weston Mill creek / 30 helpers from the Probation Service, the Groundwork Trust and MVV remove rubbish

The two-day clean-up of the Weston Mill creek around the Railway Bridge got off to a successful start. On Thursday, around 30 people from the Probation Service, the Groundwork Trust and MVV collected rubbish on both sides of the creek as well as from the smaller tributary coming from Blackie's Wood. The items removed included large amounts of litter, several tyres, a wheelbarrow, broken chairs and tables as well as a number of bicycles. The waste collected, about 12 cubic metres, was passed on to Plymouth City Council's "Clean and Green" service for removal.

Members of the management team from MVV Environment as well as from its parent company, MVV Umwelt, took part in the event. Dr. Hansjörg Roll, Managing Director of MVV Umwelt, especially applauded the helpers:

"The people participating today have done a magnificent job, so a big 'thank you' to them. It is our intention to become a part of the community of Plymouth, and an event like this, working together with local groups, shows our dedication."

Paul Carey, Managing Director of MVV Environment, said:

"My personal biggest find today was a fire extinguisher we pulled up from the mud. That was real team effort, just like the whole event, and I'm proud of the commitment of everybody who took the time to be part of the team."

Darren Dean, Community Punishment Supervisor for the Probation Service, who took part with six helpers, thought the action a very good idea:

"It is nice to get the area clean again for the local people to enjoy it. It is quite hard work, and I hope people will appreciate it."

The initiative is going to continue on Friday with a cleaning of Blackie's Wood.

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