



COMMUNITY
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Schools provided with loose parts play kits as part of the Re-Play project

50+

Tonnes of materials diverted from downcycling or landfill

1000+
Volunteering Hours

2800+

people benefitting from our materials support

23

Projects Supported

The Rebuild Site opened at the end of January this year, and since then we have helped 23 community projects with the supply of building materials. We think you'll agree it's a great start, which has only been possible with the support of our Contractor partners.



We provided **Harraby Community Centre** with timber to build raised beds as part of their community garden project. The community centre now supports Harraby residents to grow fresh produce and plants, contributing to health and wellbeing, supporting community cohesion and offering a relaxation space.

Cumbria Wildlife Trust were provided with slates to edge a pond as part of a project they're running with Carlisle schools, which aims to embed nature and outdoor learning in the curriculum. the project will benefit 600 children this year.

Prism Arts work with artists and people who have additional needs in Carlisle and the surrounding areas. Rebuild provided them with panels of plywood which their artists used for a series of street art workshops with participants. This culminated in a final piece of public art which was on exhibition at the Central Methodist Hall in Carlisle.

Home to Work got in touch regarding a project they're running called 'Goodlives', which takes people out of classrooms and allows them to develop skills outdoors. Rebuild were able to provide materials which support gardening, and, as the project is ongoing, it will support community members for years to come.

We supported the newly formed **Caldew Squirrel Initiative** with timber to build wooden squirrel feeding boxes to be placed in woodland between Sebergham and Caldbeck. From the materials Rebuild provided the group were able to build 38 feeding stations, which will support the conservation of the endangered red squirrel in the local area



The **Creative Quarter** is a new arts initiative offering affordable creative spaces for artists and community groups to explore their practice, supporting mental health and wellbeing of our communities. We provided materials to put on their first full scale art exhibition

Community Shed (formerly Men in Sheds) needed materials for a joinery project; from the materials Rebuild provided they were able to build work surfaces in a shed and numerous members of the group were able to benefit from the project.

Florence Arts Centre, part of the Egremont & Area Regeneration Partnership, was provided with materials for arts projects. From the materials Rebuild provided, hundreds of people will be able to enjoy the improved spaces for years to come.

We provided **Ragtag Arts** with materials to fill their loose parts play trolleys for local primary schools in the Kendal area. Hundreds of Primary School children will benefit from these trolleys over the school year.



We worked with **Age UK Carlisle & Eden** and **I Can Health and Fitness CIC** to provide paving materials for a community garden, facilitating a path to make the garden wheelchair accessible. The garden is now open to the community and over 100 people will benefit.

Garnet Therapeutic Counselling, which offers equine facilitated counselling, were in need of some fencing to develop an area for groups to meet and work in the orchard. The materials Rebuild provided has supported the work that they do and the many people that benefit from it.

Introducing Re:Play

Our Schools Loose Parts Play Project

What is loose parts play?

'Loose parts' play, is the idea that children can potentially get more out of the experience of relying on their own imagination to create 'play', rather than relying on toys. In other words, children have more to gain from playing with everyday objects, and potentially enjoy it more, than pushing them to use toys.

At Rebuild we receive a lot of materials which can be put to good use as loose parts play components. These may be pipe connectors, gutters, timber offcuts, cable reels... the list is endless!

Loose parts play encourages teamwork, communication skills, physical development, and is a way to get children active outside, supporting mental health too.

Since we opened at the end of January, we have provided ten schools with materials for their loose parts play cupboards!.

Kingmoor Nursery and Infant School
Kirkbampton CE Primary School
St Cuthbert's RC Primary School
Fir Ends Primary School
St Cuthbert's Nursery
Dearham Primary School
Lanercost Primary School
Longtown Primary School
Rockcliffe Primary School
Wreay C of E Primary School



and we have reached over 600 pupils!

Our hope for the future is that we will continue to provide materials for our local schools, expanding provision to larger kits and supporting more children to play imaginatively!



Our Construction Partners

The Rebuild Site works with contractors and building merchants to divert surplus building materials from downcycling and landfill. Materials are used in their original, intended form, supporting circular economy practices and reuse approaches in the third sector and beyond.

Our current partners are:

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