

Darlington Cares' members pledge over 2,000 hours to improve the town's parks

We're very proud to announce Darlington firms have pledged to donate a grand total of 2,135.5 hours to improve the town's parks following our Great Park Auction.

At the event, which took place at Theatre Hullabaloo, our members and their teams were encouraged to dig deep and bid as many hours as they could spare to improve four of Darlington's best loved green spaces and play areas.

As a town, we are very fortunate to have an incredible 16 parks in total, and Darlington Cares is passionate about preserving these areas for the community, as spaces to be used and enjoyed to their full potential.

Working in partnership with Darlington Borough Council our winning firms and their teams will put their green fingers to the test to rejuvenate some of the areas that need some extra TLC.

Peter Barron, former editor of The Northern Echo auctioned Eastbourne Park, The Denes, Green Park, and North Lodge Park at the event on April 19th.

The auction saw Cummins pledge 465.5 hours to Eastbourne Park, EE donate 750 hours to The Denes, Darlington Building Society offer 500 hours to North Lodge Park and Capita volunteer 420 hours to Green Park.

The winners will work with the respective park's Friends group, with support from the Darlington Parks Ranger, Pippa Smaling.

Our Director, Seth Pearson said: "This was an excellent opportunity for our members to get involved with the local community and work together, with their employees, to develop the parks for the public.

"It was inspiring to see firms and their teams club together to be so generous with their time.

"It's important that we take care of the town's parks and improve those in need of a little TLC. We want each park to be the community-focused space it deserves to be."

So, watch this space and we'll catch up with our fantastic volunteers throughout the Summer to see how they're getting on.