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### Project 1:

The team carried out improvement works to Henderson House, a community hub run by residents and set in the heart of St Raphael's Estate. Residents requested the works to help give the centre a facelift to encourage the local residents to use it more. The hub is an important part of the estate, catering for different ages with different clubs and events including the 'homework club' for school children and social events to help bring the community together.

#### Works included:

- Fresh coat of magnolia paint in the hallway
- Fresh coat of canary yellow to a feature wall in the main room
- External works including the external brickwork, all external doors and railings at the front and back



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### Project 2:

The team carried out external works to NW Sufra Food Bank in the heart of St Raphaels Estate. The food bank is a vital community service within St Raphaels estate and in 2014 Wates installed a new roof to the building which had been in disrepair. The Director of the food bank, Mohammed Mamdani was overjoyed when Wates chose the food bank as one of the Community Day projects..

#### Works included:

- Clearing the abandoned and overgrown area of land to the rear of the food bank
- Clearing shrubs and trees
- Preparing and painting the exterior building and handrails



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***“The BHP/Wates Community Day was an excellent way to bring together our respective teams to deliver 2 excellent projects on the St Raphaels Estate. The sun shone and everyone worked hard delivering a great output with both the Food Bank and the Community Centre looking really excellent as a result of our collective efforts. The residents were really appreciative of our efforts as they joined us for a well earned lunch. Special thanks to John Horkan and Elaine Lister for setting up the day so well”***

David Morgan, Regional Managing Director South Maintenance

Above all, it's about people