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Abbott Staff Volunteer Team Restores Redlees Play Area

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MAIDENHEAD, Berkshire, 24 August 2007 - As part of celebrations for global healthcare company Abbott's 70th anniversary in the UK, local employees have rolled up their sleeves to support a tidy-up project at Redlees Park, Isleworth in association with London Cares.

On 20 August, eight staff from the London region sales team got together to cut back overgrown vegetation, clear the space and remove graffiti in the play area to help maintain Redlees Park as a family-friendly space for the local community.

Gennie Franklin, London Cares Manager, Business in the Community added, "It's great that Abbott has been able to contribute to our work with Hounslow CIP. The team's hard work has helped to make Redlees Park a safer, cleaner and greener space for local people."

Abbott's Caring for our Community scheme was introduced this year to formally encourage staff to get involved in their local communities and to support one-day volunteering projects run by Abbott staff across the UK. Every staff member who volunteers can contribute seven hours of company time as part of a team managing a project of their choosing. This year 250 Abbott employees are taking up the challenge and around 25 local groups and charities will consequently benefit from their involvement.



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About London Cares

Of the 32 Cares partnerships across the UK, four are located in London and the South East. The locations reflect where more deprived communities are located and where there are significant concentrations of employees. Cares partnerships build strong links in the local community and ensure that activity is focused on the issues that matter in that area.

Cares is an initiative of Business in the Community. Business in the Community is a unique movement of over 700 of the UK's top companies committed to improving their positive impact on society

For more information, please go to www.bitc.org.uk/cares

Abbott in the community

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For more information on Abbott's Global Citizenship, please go to www.abbott.com

About Abbott

This year, Abbott is celebrating 70 years in the UK. The UK affiliate was established in 1937 and became a key supplier of anaesthetic products to the armed forces during the Second World War. Headquartered in Maidenhead, Berkshire, Abbott currently employs 2,500 staff nationwide, with facilities in Kent, and Oxfordshire.



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