

## Youth Justice

### Task for Community

A young person was charged with assaulting a care worker. He accepted the charge and agreed to make amends for his behaviour.

The person assaulted did not want anything for himself but requested a task for the benefit of the community be carried out.

I contacted the local council ranger service and they were willing to allow the young person to do some work alongside a ranger. After the risk assessment was carried out and suitable clothing for the young person was available I went with him to meet the ranger.

The task was to cut and prepare lengths of willow to support young trees being planted in the area, and prepare some lengths for weaving baskets and fences.

During the task the young person was able to accept that doing this piece of work was a way of making amends to the care worker.

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