



Providing Homes and Supporting Communities: Retaining Rotherham

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council reappointed Mears as the main contractor to provide £250m repairs and maintenance during a ten-year contract period from 1st April 2020.

The team provides repairs make empty properties ready to be re-let, provide caretaking services and make adaptations to homes when required to approximately 22,000 homes.



Our Journey

Mears Group has been running the contracts since late 2012 and the contract continued to run successfully until it came to an end in March 2020. Mears Group successfully tendered for the new contract of 5 + 5 years and this was mobilised during a national lockdown in April 2020.

Our contract in Rotherham is a true testament to our excellent relationship with Rotherham, which comprises of a consistent give and take from each partner.

We currently have 116 colleagues working on the contract with our longest serving colleague clocking up over 47 years continuous service. A large proportion of our operational staff started their careers on this contract as apprentices and have been with us ever since, providing a wealth of skills and local knowledge.

Investing in our community

Over the life of our contract, we have provided a total of 49 apprenticeship opportunities. This commitment will continue with a total of 100 apprenticeship opportunities to be made available to local residents over the next 10 years.

We have strong links with local stakeholders through our social value offering with key projects with Age UK Rotherham and the local secondary schools.

Our Christmas delivery to Age UK service users and our first virtual employment event for local students and jobseekers in partnership with Rotherham Council and Job Centre Plus harnessed the spirit of the partnership in the midst of the pandemic.

Mears have a strong presence within the town of that is marked by our presence on a number of strategic groups such as the Rotherham Together Partnership, Rotherham Pioneers and the Business Growth Board's Employment & Skills Group.

These groups are a collaboration between local government, key stakeholders and local businesses who work together in the best interests of the town and community.

