



**Partnerships: working across boundaries**  
*Infrastructure*

**V/O Commentary - David Mayle**

The regeneration programme deals with the physical environment of the city as well as the social. Groundwork has helped dozens of organisations with environmental improvements including British Waterways....

**David Clarkson – Waterway Engineer – British Waterways**

“Within this area we have been heavily involved in partnering with Groundwork Trust Stoke-on-Trent and the City of Stoke-on-Trent council, involved heavily on the works around the canal areas.”

**Neil Hewertson - Groundwork Stoke on Trent**

“Organisations like ours are involved in transforming the way other organisations work. We have helped to bring together British Waterways, and local people, and European funding for instance, to work with the Cobridge community renewal to develop a project which improves the canal corridor.”

**David Clarkson**

“As a body on its own to actually attract the money, to carry out the works, and to achieve the targets required, would have been extremely difficult, if not impossible. Now with the other partners we find that each partnership can actually carry out different aspects, bring it together and produce one good quality package.”

**Neil Hewertson**

“One of the main areas that we do like to work in is with young people. We work alongside the education department and other City Council departments encouraging learning, but also helping younger people to make a contribution to environmental regeneration.”

**Dave Clarkson**

“Trust is very important at an early stage with the partnerships. But as you actually undertake projects, as the projects are delivered, and the quality and standards achieved, the monies are kept to target, then everyone involved becomes more motivated and able to deliver the goals.”

**Brian Smith – Chief Executive - City of Stoke on Trent**

“The big challenge facing us is to develop that forward strategy. To see that there is a proper community board in place at the end of this period, to continue proper representation, proper community ownership. We’re trying to deliver some local access to services in the area concerned, so that people in the area of the SRB scheme will feel able to contact, have some direct lines of communication, through to the City Council.”