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## Mellon helps the disabled break down their barriers

**EMPLOYEES** at BNY Mellon in Manchester have been supporting disabled people by volunteering for two horticultural schemes.

Staff from the global asset management and securities services company linked up with Breakthrough UK for the activities. The Manchester-based charity tackles barriers to independence experienced by many disabled people.

Five employees from BNY Mellon's Hardman Street office in Spinningfields helped to install a raised bed for growing vegetables at an allotment in Crumpsall, north Manchester, and laid the foundations for the surrounding concrete paths.

Staff also helped to cut back foliage and lay a wood-chip path at Debdale Park in Gorton.

Breakthrough UK uses the sites to train people in horticultural and grounds maintenance skills.

Michele Scattergood, deputy chief executive of Breakthrough UK, said: "The assistance we've received from BNY Mellon has proved invaluable in supporting Breakthrough UK to develop a new service which offers the



**HELP** Ruth Caplan and Jackie Williams from BNY Mellon

opportunity for disabled people to develop their skills.

"The volunteers have done a superb job in improving both the accessibility for wheelchair users and the sites' overall appearance."

Jackie Williams, managing director at BNY Mellon asset servicing in Manchester, said: "We are very pleased to have been able to support Breakthrough UK and the work they are doing.

"Our employees here in Manchester take our commitment to supporting local good causes very seriously."