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# Volunteering adds up for finance firm

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ENTHUSIASTIC: Zurich staff at the Tom Roberts Adventure Centre.

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### By Bev Hawes

**MORE than 25 volunteers from the Bishop's Cleeve-based financial services company Zurich left their desks and rolled up their sleeves to help renovate a rural adventure centre for young people.**

They took to the outdoors to paint fences and prepare outbuildings at the Tom Roberts Adventure Centre (TRAC) on a 22-acre site in the Leadon Valley, near Newent.

The centre provides a taste of rural life with exciting indoor and outdoor activities for young people and support staff, but it needed help with work such as digging trenches as well as raising £3 million for TRAC.

The project was organised by Three Sector Match, a new initiative enabling businesses to help the voluntary sector in Gloucestershire and gain experience to help staff develop.

Three Sector Match is a partnership between businesses and voluntary groups – known as the third sector after the private and public sectors.

The initiative is supported by Gloucestershire Rural Community Council, Gloucestershire County Council and Rural Renaissance.

Terry Lockwood, a co-ordinator of the day and director of Paradise Property, said:



ON SITE: Sue Playfair, Jo Holmes and Denise Lodwick.

"TRAC relies heavily on volunteer effort and I am delighted that Zurich staff are supporting us to, literally, move the project to the next phase."

Zurich's team challenge leader Jo Holmes said: "Giving our time to TRAC by working with Three Sector Match has given all the Zurich volunteers the opportunity to put something back into the community – and build our team-working skills."

The late Tom Roberts owned

Yates Farm in Malswick, near Newent and allowed youth groups to camp on his fields. Following his death in 2004 the charity Tom Roberts Adventure Centre took possession of the whole farm and since then volunteers have carried out extensive renovation work.

For information about how your company can become involved, contact Carole Garfield on 07776 144033 or visit [www.threesectormatch.co.uk](http://www.threesectormatch.co.uk) or [www.zurich.org.uk](http://www.zurich.org.uk)