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Garages to goals

Whitefriars Housing Group has helped kick off an initiative to see derelict land in Radford redeveloped into a community area.

The site in Bridgeman Road is undergoing a makeover to turn what was derelict garages and wasteland into an area that can be used for sports and other activities.

Neighbours living near the site have created a mural to illustrate how the site looked and how they hope it will look in the future.

Whitefriars, which owns the site, carried out the demolition of the garages and levelled the ground as part of the project.

Whitefriars North Regional Manager Kevin Roach said: “We are glad to have contributed to this project that will see the site completely transformed from an area that residents avoided to one that is a focal point for residents of all ages to use and enjoy.”

Residents surrounding the site were given the opportunity to have their say on how the land should be used during a consultation run by Groundwork Coventry and the local area co-ordination team. Funding for the £45,000 work has come from the Coventry Partnership and Advantage West Midlands.

Groundwork’s’ Community Project Officer, Claire Bullen, said:

“We’re hoping to turn the site into a colourful and uplifting space. Work is currently being carried out and the site should be in use by Easter.”

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