At Bath Western Riverside, Community Wood Recycling provided a waste wood collection service, so saving timber for reuse or recycling. Collections at the site were carried out by Bristol Wood Recycling Project, a co-operative established in 2004. The wood was sorted so that it could be dealt with the most environmentally beneficial way, with anything reusable sold to the community for their own projects, or made into furniture and other products, while non reusable wood has been sent for recycling by chipping.
Collections from Bath Western Riverside have been invaluable in giving a steady flow of timber that can be cleaned up and used to stock their wood yard for the local community to buy, and for products and commissions. Here are just a few of the projects that the materials were used on:

► Several hundred medal cubes were created for anti-bullying charity **The 401 Foundation**, to be presented to participants in the 401 Challenge fundraising races.

▼ Bird and bat boxes to be put up on the Bristol cycle paths by **Sustrans**, the UK walking and cycling charity and custodian of the National Cycle Network.

► Benches were created for local restaurant **The Canteen**, which is at the heart of the resurgence of the inner city Stokes Croft area of the city.
In the words of one of their volunteers:

“BWRP has been a place of safety for me. Suffering from long term social anxiety and depression, it has been a place that I have been able to come to and feel completely supported. At the beginning, being around large groups of people I didn't know used to fill me with dread, I would quite often cancel at the last moment and then feel worse for it. However, volunteering on same day every week meant I got to know a little group of the same volunteers. We became a little team and the days became something I looked forward to. Over the past few years, volunteering at BWRP has increased my confidence tenfold. The comfort I feel here has seeped into other parts of my life and has made me more of an outgoing person. This is something that I never thought would happen.”

Community Wood Recycling is a nationwide network of social enterprises. We provide the very best environmental option for dealing with wood waste and create life changing opportunities for people, especially those from marginalised or disadvantaged backgrounds.

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