

# News

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## **Morgan Sindall supports Salford Quays cleanup**

The Manchester office of Morgan Sindall, based in Salford Quays, has sponsored a litter picking boat to help stem the flow of litter blighting the area's waterfront.

The boat has been in operation for the last three years, but public funding for it has become more constrained and the boat's operator APEM – a leading independent environmental consultancy – has not been able to operate it as frequently as is needed to tackle the some 36,000 litres of litter collected each year.

Morgan Sindall has worked in partnership with Downstream – a social enterprise aiming to bring businesses, local communities and charities together to effect positive change on the country's waterways – to raise both money to keep the boat operational, and awareness of problem with neighbouring businesses on the Quays.

Morgan Sindall area director in the North West, Barry Roberts, said: "Sustainability is at the core of Morgan Sindall's ethos. We're mindful that alongside developing the built environment, we have a responsibility to safeguard its natural counterpart.

"Salford Quays is a rapidly developing part of Manchester. We're proud to not only be heavily involved in this – with our work on the Bupa UK project as well as our regional base at Anchorage Quay – but also to be playing our part in preserving the waterfront's wildlife and natural habitat."

Ant Parsons, chief operating officer at Downstreams, added: "We're committed to bringing businesses, local communities and charities together to improve the UK's waterways, and have developed an innovative crowdfunding-style platform to facilitate fundraising.

"It's great that a contractor is so keenly aware of the social value that can be realised by supporting an organisation like Downstream, and we hope to work with Morgan Sindall in other areas of the country, on similar projects."

Morgan Sindall is currently involved in a design and build project for Bupa UK, which will see the creation of a 148,000 sq ft state-of-the-art flagship office overlooking the city's waterways.

More information about Downstreams is available on the company's website:  
[www.downstreams.net](http://www.downstreams.net).