Hackett shops smartened

VOLUNTEERS spent Sunday cleaning the Hackett Shops in an attempt to attract new businesses to the centre.

The workers removed dirt and dust, cobwebs and paint from the exterior of four vacant shops, and refreshed planter boxes.

Organiser Jolanta Gallagher said the "smartening up day" affirmed the community's interest in the future of the Hackett shopping centre.

Maintenance of the shops as a community resource was the main topic of concern at a recent meeting to form a Hackett residents' association.

Ms Gallagher said a shops action group would plan further initiatives for the centre.

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