

'Making a Mark'

Mark Holder Social Impact Declaration

Abram Ward Community Cooperative

Abram Ward Community Cooperative (AWCC) supports social enterprises across Wigan Borough to work in partnership to empower communities.

AWCC was established in 2013 to support the development of a Community Hub (Platt Bridge Community Zone) and Community Assets network within Abram Ward.



There are currently six members of AWCC. Each of these is an existing business tenant within Platt Bridge Community Zone and are the owners of the cooperative.

The Social Enterprise Mark criteria includes a requirement for all applicants and renewing Mark Holders to provide 'social impact statements', which illustrate how they are striving to meet their social/environmental objectives.

Below are examples of how **AWCC** is Making a Mark, striving to make a difference to local communities.

Social inputs – projects supporting social enterprises

AWCC provides 'backroom support' and Business advice for social enterprises and community groups across Wigan Borough.

Our projects include:

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- **ABRAM WARD COMMUNITY TOGETHER (ACT)** – project to establish a Neighbourhood Forum to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan for Abram Ward
- **PLATT BRIDGE COMMUNITY ZONE (PBCZ)** – provision of business unit accommodation and meeting/ training space to social enterprises and community groups

Other services/projects include a food bank, dementia café, Social Enterprise Network, and Digital Infrastructure, e.g. 3D Printing/Coding Clubs.

Social outputs – supporting local communities

- **ABRAM WARD COMMUNITY TOGETHER (ACT)**
In Nov/Dec 2015, ACT developed a survey and spoke to 149 local residents of all ages.
In December 2015, AWCC worked with 50 Year 10 students at Platt Bridge Community School to get local children involved in Neighbourhood Planning via the software Minecraft
- **PLATT BRIDGE COMMUNITY ZONE (PBCZ)**
Since 1999, PBCZ has supported community groups offering activities such as Yoga, Bingo, Painting, Sewing and Youth Clubs. Platt Bridge Community Zone has also housed 22 Social Enterprises in Business Units



Social outcomes – putting people at heart of service

- **ABRAM WARD COMMUNITY TOGETHER (ACT)** – Developed a Neighbourhood Plan in the last year to support Village Residents Associations and Community Forums across Abram Ward
- **PLATT BRIDGE COMMUNITY ZONE (PBCZ)** – PBCZ supports the growth of local people in Health, Social Care and Training, via the provision of Business Units, Nursery, Community Cafe and Conference/Training facilities and other services

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