



THE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE MARK
TRADING FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET

'Making a Mark' Mark Holder Social Impact Declaration

Eco-Friendships CIC

Eco-Friendships was set up by individuals who wanted to give something back to the local community, by providing direct financial help to community projects and providing local employment.

We place textile banks at sites such as community centres, schools, sports clubs, and donate 20% of the actual sale value directly to their community projects. This not only encourages recycling, it also provides local causes with a regular donated income and employment for local people.

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 **Eco-Friendships** is Making a Mark, striving to create a positive impact on people and planet.

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Providing clothing recycling facilities

We provide clothing banks for recycling that create a sustainable income for each stakeholder through the sale of donated clothes and shoes to a wholesaler.

How it works in a nutshell:

1. Clothing / Shoe Bank sited at no cost to the site holder
2. Textile collected on a regular basis
3. Eco-Friendships record the weight and sell the textiles
4. Every 6 months 20% of the revenue from the sold textiles will be donated to the partnered local projects

Encouraging communities to recycle

Through our placing of clothing banks, we encourage local communities to recycle clothing and shoes to benefit themselves directly.

20% of the income from the clothing banks is given back to community organisations to fund local projects.



Creating sustainable income for community projects

Via a network of clothing banks, we have created sustainable income for local projects, including independent church-run cafes, and community centres helping the young and disabled.

We support these projects by reinvesting a proportion of profits back into these projects. Over £60,000 has been donated to these projects since 2010.

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