

# 'Making a Mark'

## Mark Holder Social Impact Declaration

### Millfields Trust

The Millfields Trust was established in 1999 to help regenerate the Stonehouse neighbourhood in Plymouth. Our mission is to create life-changing employment opportunities for the residents in the heart of Stonehouse and to rejuvenate Union Street as a civic spine, restoring the historic link between the City and Devonport.



We do this by providing a platform to enable SME'S to grow and develop, through offering high quality affordable business space for rental on flexible terms. We have developed a reputation as Plymouth's leading and pro-active Social Enterprise landlord. We have increased our asset base whilst supporting businesses to start, develop and grow.

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

Below are examples of how **Millfields Trust** is Making a Mark, striving to create a positive impact on people and planet.

### Support the regeneration of our local community

Our aim is to support the regeneration of the local community. We have done this via a range of activities, including:

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- The Widening Horizons programme of support to all year 5 children attending 7 Stonehouse primary schools, which included three events that engaged and involved parents
- The development of four patches of land into small gardens that has engaged local residents and improved the local environment
- The formation of a small grants provision (£2,000 per annum) in order to assist small community groups in Stonehouse
- Providing workshops to support fledgling community businesses and to enable them to access support
- Providing free meeting rooms for charities/ social enterprises and other community groups (estimated value £1,500 in the last year)
- Business support programme available for free to all tenants of and a co-working space available to those in the early stages of business development

## Outcomes of activities for key stakeholders

Young people have benefited from a programme of support that has linked the world of work to that of education, and provided inspiration regarding future career options. This has given children motivation to achieve in school and encouraged their parents to become more engaged in their education.



The new gardens have not only improved four areas of poorly maintained land, but have connected local residents and improved their well-being via the process of building and maintaining the gardens

To date, our small grants scheme has funded two community groups, and there are currently four others pending consideration.

## Example measures of support provided

Approximately **180** children take part in the Widening Horizons programme. In addition, approximately **100** parents have received a direct benefit by attending one of our events.

Via our support to other community groups, more than **200** people have been supported.

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