



'Making a Mark'

Mark Holder Social Impact Declaration

Cambridgeshire Community Reuse and Recycling Network (CCORRN)

CCORRN was founded in 2003 as a social enterprise to be an impartial and independent organisation incepted to support community reuse and recycling. We create opportunities for people, places and resources to be repurposed.



As a social enterprise, CCORRN exists for a social or environmental purpose, any income is used to cover the costs of providing services and any surplus is reinvested in the core social and environmental objects of the organisation. Everyone is welcome to become a member and all income is used to support our team and local community.

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

Providing pathways into work

We provide pathways into work and products to aid wellbeing. We do this by offering volunteers work experience, training, and a place to belong. Our merry band of staff and volunteers work tirelessly to ensure that things are not wasted, be that resources or opportunities

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to make life better for people and planet. We provide a supportive, inclusive environment with positive role models and a pathway for people wishing to make a difference for themselves or for others. Volunteers help us rescue resources like paint, workwear, business surplus, food, arts & crafts materials for our community members.

Benefiting individuals and the local community

Everything we do is community driven. They ask and we make it happen. We provide purpose, a place to engage in meaningful activity that benefits the individual and their community. Below are a few examples:

- **Community RePaint** - paint partnership that ensures surplus household paint is available at low cost to local residents. In 2019 we collected 89,544 litres of paint.
- **Food4Good** - reduces supermarket food waste by making it available for free to local residents from the March based centre. During the Covid-19 lockdown CCORRN volunteers delivered over 500 free food parcels across the Fenland area.
- **Box of Rainbows** - a scheme offering free boxes of craft resources to children living with chronic illness or bereavement. During the Covid-19 outbreak, CCORRN drew together over 20 organisations who contributed funding, contents, activities or helped with the packing and distribution of 1500 large craft boxes.

Example of service user experience

A family unit broke down, with the sole breadwinner abandoning their partner and children. The mum signed up for universal credit and was told that there would be a five week wait whilst her claim was processed. She reached out to us for support and we discussed the family's specific dietary needs and prioritised dropping food and toiletries round to her home.

Whilst the food and toiletries provide a lifeline, sometimes it's the simple act of kindness. The fact that someone cares which really makes the difference and enables people to keep going.

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