

# Society's environment programme recognised

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**Barnsley Building Society was**

**named by Business in the Community's Environment Index assessors as a 'Significant Improver' with respect to their recent submission under the Yorkshire and Humberside section.**

As a 'Significant Improver' the Society has had to demonstrate that it has been able to develop the areas it has previously identified as Environmental Opportunities and is now able to offer tangible results following the actions taken within those areas.

The Society is acutely aware of the impact an environmental footprint can have on an area and as an organisation which sets out to assist in the development of its local area and communities, it takes its responsibilities towards reducing the impact it has on the environment seriously. The recognition offered by the Environment Index assessors has been of great encouragement, with an eye to continued successful improvement in the future.

Over the last couple of years it has introduced a number of initiatives aimed towards the key points of any environment programme. The

principles of recycling, reusing and reducing are the key points to internal projects within the Society which sees staff identifying areas of key concern and approaching them with solutions.

The Society currently

- Recycles its paper with a local supplier, which in turn is able to offer employment opportunities. It also recycles and reuses printer cartridges and redundant computer equipment.
- Reduces water usage throughout its properties.

and allows

- Reuse of old staff uniforms, which are sent to other parts of the world for distribution through third parties.

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