



GREEN MARK CASE STUDY

Havering Association of Voluntary and Community Organisations (HAVCO)

Organisation background

HAVCO exists to support, promote and empower the voluntary and community sector in Havering, delivering advice and guidance to the 500+ Voluntary and Community groups that work within the London Borough of Havering

Why Green Mark?

Achieving Green Mark has demonstrated HAVCO's on-going environmental improvement and commitment to our members and other stakeholders. We have also been able to disseminate information about sustainability to our members through our regular newsletter and by offering support to any of our members who wish to work towards implementing the Green Mark.

Significant changes

We now recycle paper and printer cartridges through registered recycling organisations, completing the cycle by buying back recycled paper and printer cartridges. We now purchase fair-trade tea, coffee, etc. All staff at HAVCO have been very enthusiastic in taking on board the implications of working in a more environmentally friendly way by setting PCs to Power-Save and not Screen-Save, using rechargeable batteries, and even common sense things such as switching off lights, PCs and photocopiers at the end of the day.

Advantages of Green Mark

Having a framework to work towards has ensured that HAVCO has been able to implement significant steps to reduce our environment impact. We are also seeing a reduction in the amount of electricity we are using, and also feel confident that we are meeting key environmental legislation.

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