**Local Community Centre Achieves Gold Accreditation for its Environmental Progress**

The Coddenham Centre situated in the ancient village of Coddenham in the heart of Suffolk has received a gold award under Suffolk County Council’s Carbon Charter scheme.

The Centre founded as a charitable body at the end of 2019 has gone from a struggling facility to a local exemplar. It has quadrupled its activities, doubled its turnover and reduced its carbon footprint by 91%.

It provides a range of activities to those from a few months old to over ninety, all in pursuit of health and wellbeing for all.

It now boasts Electric Vehicle Charging Points, Air Source Heat Pumps, LED lighting, enhanced insulation and eighty solar panels providing power to both the Centre and the national grid. It's wildflower areas, newly planted hedgerows and part in a community nature trail have all been established with voluntary help and support from local, regional, authorities, charities and donations.

Suffolk’s Carbon Charter Scheme boasts over 500 bronze, silver or gold accreditations and latest details can be found at <https://mailchi.mp/b8691e8654c2/the-carbon-charter-may-2024-newsletter?e=dd0f464ceb>

Coddenham Centre CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) Chair Andrew MacPherson commenting said; ‘We are proud of our contribution, alongside that of others, in helping to create the greenest county in Suffolk. Our team are thankful to our sponsors, volunteers and many supporters who have encouraged and cheered us on. We are particularly looking forward to hosting the Charter Summer Event for Suffolk County Council on the 11th July and continuing to make a difference to the communities we serve’.

Further details can be found at [www.thecoddenhamcentre.co.uk](http://www.thecoddenhamcentre.co.uk)

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