# The Midcounties Co-operative working with Big Solar Co-op









## **Our TRUST Pillars**

Thriving Co-operative	We are a values driven, commercially successful Society that champions ethical living every day
Remarkable Colleagues	We help our colleagues grow, do their best work and recognise them for their remarkable service
Uniquely Engaged Members	We are solely owned by our members, who guide everything we do
Sustainable Impact	We collaborate with communities to make a sustainable difference locally and globally
Thought-Leading Pioneers	We step up and tackle difficult challenges to build a fairer future for all and strive to be role models within the co-operative movement



# **Sustainable Impact**

How we are lowering the Society's energy consumption & creating additionality in the renewables space

Investing in energy efficiencies

> Invested over £8 million

Reduced energy usage by **11%** 

#### Self-generation

Rolling out solar PV on selected sites with **Big Solar Co-op** 

Investing in renewables

Younity Community Energy Kickstart – **£1.5 million** loan facility Supporting community energy

Younity supporting **270** community energy producers

Supporting 1/3 of the sector



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The Midcounties Co-operative Aiming to reduce our direct GHG emissions by 50% by January 2027

## **Co-operation Amongst Co-operatives**

- Working with others to support existing co-ops and the development of new co-ops, with a public pledge in place 'to support the creation of 50 new co-ops'
- Ongoing targets in place to reduce our carbon emissions and support renewables
- Global Innovation Co-op colleague competition
- Big Solar Co-op was the winning idea



Please identify a UK Co-op that our Society could start working with and explain how (in 200 words or less) by partnering with them, we'll be able to build a fairer, more sustainable and ethical future.

## **Our Partnership with Big Solar Co-op**

- Partnership in place following a lease approach
- Solar panels installed on our Warwick Head Office roof
- Pipeline of further sites identified with plans to install solar
- Estimated annual carbon savings of around 290 tonnes across these identified sites





## **Sustainability Strategy Framework**



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