Carbon Co-op’s unique Community Green Deal programme is working with 14 homeowners occupiers around Greater Manchester to create a network of eco show houses, retrofitted to achieve emission reductions of 80%. Once a month, Carbon Co-op put member household energy efficiency questions to specialists, architects and engineers. The sessions are streamed live and videos archived for later viewing.

Key Project Information

- **Project Type**: Energy efficiency
- **Pro Bono hours**: 560 hours
- **Social Impact**: Education and awareness
- **Carbon Reductions**: 17kg CO₂/m² per annum
Carbon Co-op
Manchester

Professional Expertise Summary
Carbon reduction target – Houses to meet 2050 reduction target of 17kg CO₂/m² per annum
No. of members – 85
No. of people impacted – 14 households
Value of donated time – £164,051
Corporate partners – Linklaters, BDO, HSBC, Slaughter & May, Lloyds Banking Group
Expertise provided by Pure Leapfrog partners –
• Linklaters – Third party commercial contracts and leases
• BDO – Financial advice and business planning
• HSBC – VAT advice
• Slaughter & May – Consumer credit advice
• Lloyds Banking Group – Consumer protection advice

“Pure Leapfrog have been vital in assisting Carbon Co-op to access the equivalent of thousands of pounds worth of pro-bono legal and financial advice.”
Jonathan Atkinson, Carbon Co-op

“Supporting Carbon Co-op has been extremely rewarding.”
Erich Scherer, Assistant Director, BDO

“It was great to work with people that have a different attitude and approach - they were passionate which made the experience more rewarding.”
Lucy Clayton, VAT Manager, HSBC

Project Details
Carbon Co-op is officially known as the ‘Society for the Reduction of Carbon’ trading as Carbon Co-op. A year after opening up membership, Carbon Co-op has 85 members – almost double the initial target. 14 households are involved in their retrofit programme to deliver 2050 standard homes.

So far, Carbon Co-op saved jobs in the supply chain and 9 out of 14 houses have been completed. 80% of emissions have been reduced due to the retrofit programme.

Pure Leapfrog supported Carbon Co-op by providing it with access to legal, business mentoring and financial advice.

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