The Greenway Centre is a local community and business hub in Southmead, Bristol run by Southmead Development Trust. It hosts a wide range of activities for various community groups, from employment and training courses for adults to exercise classes for ex-offenders and those who have had heart attacks or lung problems.

**Project Summary**

The Greenway Centre

**Key Project Information**

- **Technology**: 50 kWp solar photovoltaic (PV) panels
- **Lifetime Energy Generation**: 971,960kWh
- **Total Community Revenue**: £170,931
- **Carbon Reductions**: 193 tonnes
The Greenway Centre
Southmead, Bristol

Loan Details

Project type – U.K. Community energy
Social impact – Community engagement, health and wellness fuel poverty reduction, energy saving
Installation cost – £103,000
Pure Leapfrog loan – £50,000
No. of people impacted – 30,000

Project Details

In early 1995, an initiative to improve the management of the Greenway Centre and to maximise local use and involvement was put forward. An interim steering committee of local residents and city councillors was established on 1st April 1995 with a remit to manage the centre and establish a locally elected Development Trust.

The Greenway centre now provides the following services:
- Facilities for community groups including exercise classes, a choir and a community church
- Community gym and fitness classes, including GP referral scheme and exercise for those on release from the local prison
- Courses for jobseekers with few qualifications
- Affordable business pods for start-up businesses

The charity also works alongside statutory and voluntary organisations to improve the quality of life of residents in Southmead. The charity also promotes community cohesion by organising events such as the Southmead Festival.

“Installing solar panels has enabled us to reduce our operating costs and generate some much needed income so that our services remain affordable for the local community. We were only able to proceed with the installation with Pure Leapfrog’s match funding. The loan is at an affordable interest rate and spread over a time period to suit to our needs which ensures we can meet repayments and benefit immediately from FIT savings.”

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