



# The Safety Zone Bargeddie, Scotland



## Project Overview

In Summer 2019, The Safety Zone, which provides a much needed, safe community space is in a deprived area outside Glasgow, received a grant from the British Airways Carbon Fund to upgrade the lighting in its building to energy efficient, LED alternatives.

The grant, although small, has greatly improved the safety and usability of the centre for its community.

## Project Summary

### Technologies

Internal and external LED lighting with motion sensors

### Grant Value

£2,500

### Community Benefit

£1,000 per annum

## Project Details

The Safety Zone received a grant to replace its old and inefficient lighting with LED alternatives with sensors across the building. It also completely replaced the external lighting, which had not worked for a number of years.

The Safety Zone is a community centre in a deprived area just outside Glasgow that provides facilities for people from all ages and backgrounds to take part in community and learning activities.

The existing lighting system at the Centre was unsafe and not fit for purpose. The poor lighting levels impinged on user activities. In addition, the lack of outdoor lighting meant that safety was an issue for visitors in winter months. Approximately 650 people use the Centre every week. It is the only staffed community centre in the area therefore provides a vital safe space for a wide range of groups to meet, socialise and learn new skills. It holds after-school sessions for teenagers, providing them with life skills and social networks. It also provides regular activities for older people, such as a knitting group, which helps reduce social isolation in the area. It hosts outreach sessions by advice and guidance agencies such as the Citizens Advice Bureau, as well as surgeries with councilors, MPs and MSPs.



### Project type:

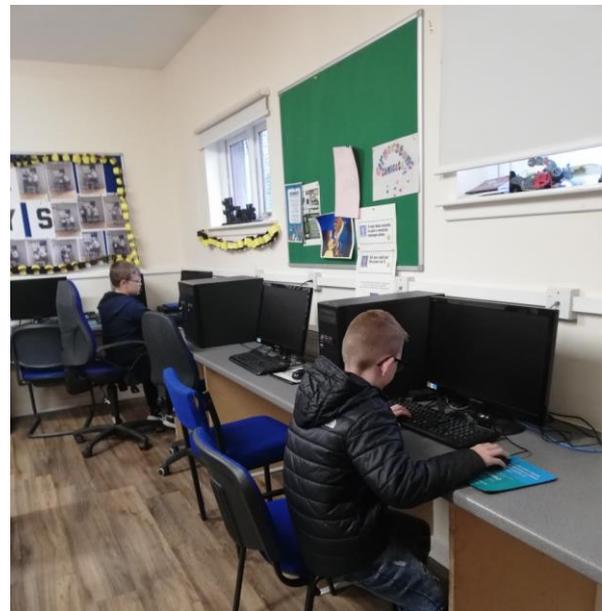
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### Social Impact:

Vastly improved lighting both internally and externally resulting in improved public safety and reduced running costs thereby helping to keep costs low for this deprived community. In addition the Centre no longer has its activities restricted by poor lighting levels and is a more pleasant working and learning environment.



*“Our centre is now much safer and a more pleasant environment in which to work for all staff and participants alike.*

*People have commented on how much more cheerful the rooms look now that they are properly lit. We are looking forward to reduced lighting costs which in turn will take some stress out of budgeting in the coming years.*

*Quite simply, we could not have done this without the BA Carbon Fund and the support from Pure Leapfrog.”*

*Nan Frame, Manager, The Safety Zone*

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