

## Welcome From Your Co-op Member Pioneer

Hello, my name is Katherine and I am the Co-op Member Pioneer for Tottington and Holcombe Brook (including Greenmount and Ramsbottom). I have been supporting community groups in this area since August 2020 by bringing people together in my local forum and raising awareness of Co-op community funding.

My background is in digital communication and I also work as an Engagement Officer for Healthwatch Bury. During my time as your Member Pioneer, In the past year, I have been impressed by the ways our community has come together to overcome the challenges of the pandemic.

I am looking forward to supporting our community further in 2022. Please contact me if you would like further information about Co-op funding or if you would like to join my local forum.

## Our Food Share Partner

Co-op food stores in our area have been supporting Ramsbottom Pantry with regular donations. Ramsbottom Pantry is a voluntary food pantry based in Ramsbottom that was established in October 2020.

They have supported our community by delivering over 2,000 food parcels in the past year. Find out more about how to support Ramsbottom Pantry on their website [www.ramsbottompantry.com](http://www.ramsbottompantry.com)



A Co-op food donation to Ramsbottom Pantry

## Co-op Local Community Fund 2020-21

From October 2020 to October 2021, Co-op members supported our three local causes: Greenmount Primary School, RammyMen and Proffitts (CIC).

Greenmount Primary School were raising funds for their forest school and received a final total of £3,355. RammyMen were raising funds for their mental health lecture series and received a final total of £3,659. Proffitts (CIC) were raising funds to improve the facilities at Whitehead Gardens in Tottington. They received a final fund of £3,041. Many thanks to Co-op members who chose one of our local causes to support in the past year!

# Local Cause Spotlight- Proffitts (CIC)

Proffitts – Investing in Communities (CIC) is a venture with a fresh and lively approach to community-based regeneration, neighbourhood management and green space solutions. Proffitts is committed to connecting people with local investment and allowing them to improve their communities through involvement and understanding.

Tottington and Bury West Rotary Club alongside Bury Council, local residents, Tottington Primary School, the Whitehead Gardens Steering Group and Proffitts (CIC) are working together on a project to improve Whitehead Gardens in Tottington. Following a long consultation period made even longer due to COVID, proposals arising from the community consultations are now ready to be viewed by the general public.

The plans include making improvements to access and pathways, installing new seating areas, considered tree works, wildflower planting, interpretation, wall repairs and improving drainage on the site. A big part of the project involves bringing the staged area of the site back into community use. In addition, local school children will be engaged in a research project to inform visitors of the gardens, and it is envisaged that this will be a focal point for a village heritage trail in the future.

John Wood – President of Tottington Bury West Rotary Club said *"The site is extremely important to the people of Tottington. We look forward to working in partnership with Bury Council, Proffitts and the local community to restore and update the site so that it can once again become a wonderful facility for the local community as a place of remembrance, reflection, and leisure."*

If you would like more information, please contact Martin Proffitt at Proffitts (CIC) on 07989928038 or [martin.proffitt@proffittscic.com](mailto:martin.proffitt@proffittscic.com)



## Our New Local Causes 2021-22

This year we had double the amount of applications for the Co-op Local Community Fund. Our new local causes are Greenmount Village Community Group, Ramsbottom Pantry and Tottington St John's Cricket Club. To select your new local cause, log in to the Co-op app and select 'membership' to view the local cause options. You can also select your cause online through your member account or via phone on 0800 0686 727. We look forward to getting to know our new local causes in the coming months!

## Contact Your Co-op Member Pioneer

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