## Hemlington Lake Recreation Centre

Tees Valley Community Asset Preservation Trust is a registered charity (CIO) which was established in 2015 in response to local government spending cuts. In 2017 the charity secured Hemlington Lake Recreation Centre from Middlesbrough Council on a 25-year lease agreement after a successful community asset transfer.

CHALLENGE

As energy costs started rising at an unsustainable rate, the organisation recognised that they needed to act quickly to mitigate the financial impact.

SOLUTION

The team explored social investment with a view to purchasing solar panels for the building to generate their own energy and therefore reduce costs going forward.

**REVENUE** 

Hemlington Lake Recreation Centre generates revenue by hiring rooms to community groups and charging on an hourly basis.

**IMPACT** 

A significant reduction in energy costs has allowed the centre to continue to operate and provide much needed spaces for their community, having a longer term positive outcome in terms of health, wellbeing and social benefits.



**7 years**Duration



**6.5%**Cost of Capital



**£126,000**Turnover



£35,600 Amount invested



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