

Wycombe Wanderers are proud to become the first club in the country to achieve a gold level Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) accreditation from CSR-A, a leading UK-based company delivering a global standard for social responsibility.

The club attained an 82% marking following an in-depth assessment of its wide-ranging operations in relation to the integration of social, environmental, ethical, human rights and consumer concerns into its overarching strategy.

CSR-A measured the club against its four Social Responsibility Pillars of environment, workplace, community and philanthropy, taking into account evidence relating to its men's, women's and academy teams, Foundation, Official Supporters Association, Supporters Trust, Disabled Supporters Association, volunteer workforce and other key stakeholders.

Wanderers' gold-level accreditation is valid for three years and sees them join high-profile local businesses such as BP Collins, Buckinghamshire Business First and Buckinghamshire New University in achieving the highest mark.

The gold award was presented at CSR-A's Sustainability Simplified event held at Wanderers' Adams Park home on Thursday, attended by a wide range of local business representatives with the aim of cutting through the complexity of CSR and helping businesses unlock the full potential of environmental and social responsibility.

Tim Davies, Managing Director of Wycombe Wanderers, commented: "We're thrilled to achieved the gold level accreditation for CSR – particularly becoming the first football club to do so - and it's testament to the work of everyone involved with the club, from the staff to the supporters, volunteers, and all organisations affiliated to Wycombe Wanderers.

"A lot of hard work has gone in to report on our energy performance, recycling, staff engagement, health and wellbeing, community engagement and support for charities, and it's brilliant to be rewarded in this way.

"CSR is an important part of our football club as we strive to achieve a positive impact on society as a whole, as well as maximising the creation of shared value for our employees, supporters and stakeholders."

Included in the club's application for the accreditation were the giant strides made in its sustainability efforts, including the B-rating in its carbon report and silver status in the EFL Green Clubs scheme – both achieved earlier this year – as well as staff training and development programmes, wide-ranging Equality, Diversity & Inclusion initiatives, community and town centre engagement events, regular fundraising and awareness-raising schemes for local and national charities, and the positive impact on the local economy through the hosting of fixtures and events which attract more than 120,000 visitors to the area each year.

Find out more about CSR-A via their website at csr-accreditation.co.uk.