



Mutual Societies Annual Return Form (AR30)

For societies registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

Society name:

Co-operative Press Limited

Important information you should read before completing this form

You must use this form if you are a:

- registered society (previously referred to as an 'industrial and provident society')
- co-operative society
- community benefit society

registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

You must submit this form and the society's accounts within 7 months of the end of your financial year. Failure to submit is an offence for which the society may be prosecuted.

Please note:

- we have an information note that may assist you in completing this application
- any personal details you give on the form will be placed on the society's public file.
- it is important you give accurate and complete information and disclose all relevant information. If you do not, it may take us longer to process your annual return.

Please keep a copy of the form and supporting documents for future reference.

Terms in this form

'FCA', 'PRA', 'us' and 'we' refer to the Financial Conduct Authority or Prudential Regulation Authority.

'You' refers to the person signing the form on behalf of the society.

'The 2014 Act' is the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014



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Filling in the form

1 If you are using your computer to complete the form:

- use the TAB key to move from question to question and press SHIFT TAB to move back to the previous question; and
- print the completed form and arrange for it to be signed by all relevant individuals.

2 If you are filling in the form by hand:

- use black ink;
- write clearly; and
- arrange for it to be signed and dated by all relevant individuals.

3 If you make a mistake, cross it out and initial the changes; do not use correction fluid.

4 If you:

- leave a question blank;
- do not get the form signed; or
- do not attach the required supporting information

without telling us why, we will treat the application as incomplete. This will increase the time taken to assess your application.

5 If there is not enough space on the form, you may use separate sheets of paper. Clearly mark each separate sheet of paper with the relevant question number. Any separate sheets should be signed by the signatories to the form.

6 Email a scanned copy of the signed form and supporting documents to

mutualsannrts@fca.org.uk

or send it by post to:

Mutuals Team
Financial Conduct Authority
25 The North Colonnade
Canary Wharf
LONDON
E14 5HS

7. Please make sure you include:

- this form
- a set of printed accounts – signed by two members and the secretary (3 signatures in total)
- an audit report or accountant's report where required; and
- any supporting documents.

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Details of society

1.1 Details of the society

Register number	1585R
Registered office address	Holyoake House, Hanover Street, MANCHESTER
Postcode	M600AS

1.2 Year end date (dd/mm/yyyy)

See Note 1.2

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Committee of management

If you are a club you do not need to give a year of birth in questions 1.3-1.6.

The names of the members of the Committee at the date on which the return is signed should be entered below in BLOCK CAPITALS.

1.3 Details of Chairman

Name	Elaine Dean
Address	9, Bath Road, Mickleover, Derby,
Postcode	DE3 9BW
Year of birth	1951
Business occupation and other directorships	Retired Teacher Director:- Supporters Direct Ltd

1.4 Details of Treasurer

Name	— NONE —
Address	
Postcode	
Year of birth	yyyy
Business occupation and other	

1.5 Details of Secretary

Name	Raymond Henderson
Address	23, The Crescent, Longbenton, Newcastle upon Tyne
Postcode	NE7 7ST
Year of birth	1946
Business occupation and other directorships	Company Secretary Nemco Ltd and North East Music Co-operative. Director of IAC, Director Co-op Group

1.6 Details of Members of the Committee

Name	Address	Year of birth	Business occupation and other directorships
Tim Hartley	Heol Fair, CARDIFF CE5 2EE	y1960yyy	Director of Supporters Trust
David Paterson	61/7 Restalrig Road, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 8BE	1957	Taxi Driver
Jenny Barnes	Jenny Barnes 54 Bromyard Road St Johns Worcester	1963	1963 Civil Servant Director Co-operative Group
Barbara Ann Rainford	Strawberry Fields, Prees Green, Whitchurch, Shropshire	1955	Marketing Consultant
Terry Morton	Green Loaning, Eden Terrace, Durham, DH1 2HJyyyy	1946	Company Secretary

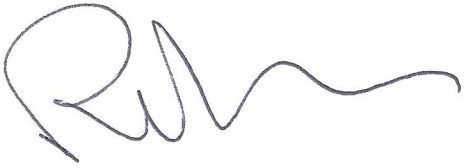

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Please indicate how many separate sheets of paper you have used

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Please continue, answering all questions.

David Pownell	2 Manor Lane Penwortham Preston Lancashire PR1 0SY	1957	Plastering Contractor Director of Co- operative Group Ltd.
Richard Bickle	19, Prestwood Road, Birmingham, B29 5EB	1978	Freelance Co-operative Researcher
Erskine Holmes	12 Rosetta Park Belfast , Northern Ireland	1940	Retired Director Glenall Housing Ltd



 RAYMOND NEWERSON

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 Please indicate how many separate sheets of paper you have used.



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1.7 Are any members of the society's committee disqualified as directors under the Company Director Disqualification Act 1986?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes

1.8 Does the society carry out any activity which is regulated under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000? (e.g. accepting deposits in a form other than withdrawable shares; offering insurance products; undertaking residential mortgage business). If 'yes' please state the society's Financial Services Register firm reference number

- ☒ No
☐ Yes

Financial Services Register firm reference number

1.9 Is the society a subsidiary of another society?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes

1.10 Does the society have one or more subsidiaries?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes

1.11 Is the society currently accepted by the HM Revenue and Customs as a charity for tax purposes?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes

Please confirm you have attached a copy of the letter from HM Revenue and Customs confirming charitable tax status:

- ☐ Yes

1.12 Is this society a charity registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes ▶ provide your Scottish Charity number below

1.13 Is the society registered with one of the following (please tick)?

- ☐ Homes and Communities Agency
☐ The Welsh Ministers
☐ Scottish Housing Regulator

If so, please provide your register number

All societies must answer the following questions:

- if a **bona fide co-operative society** go to question 1.14
- if **existing for the benefit of the community** go to question 1.19

Bona fide co-operative society**1.14 How did members benefit from the business, industry or trade of the society during the year?**

We provide a News Service for members

1.15 Is membership of the society required to obtain the benefits offered by it?

☐ Yes

☒ No

1.16 In what way did members participate in an ongoing basis in the society's primary business during the year?

They can stand for election to the Board and attend an Annual General Meeting each year

1.17 How did members democratically control the society?

They can stand for election as Board Members

1.18 How did the society use any surplus/profit?

If the society distributed the surplus/profit to members please explain how this was done.

The society is lossmaking at present but any surplus would be distributed as a dividend on capital

Please use separate sheets of paper if you need more space (see section 5 above)

Please indicate how many separate sheets of paper you have used.

Continue to 2.1

Community benefit society**1.19 Who are the community the society benefited?**

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1.20 How did the society benefit that community during the year?

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1.21 How did the society use any surplus/profit?

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Please use separate sheets of paper if you need more space (see section 5 above).
Please indicate how many separate sheets of paper you have used.

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2 Statistics

Account details

2.1 You must enter the figures below

See notes for help on items E-T. Enter NIL where applicable

A	Members at beginning of year	319
B	Members ceased during year	0
C	Members admitted during year	2
D	Members at end of year	321
E	Turnover for year	304,519
F	Total of income and expenditure (receipts and payments added together)	(22,609)
G	Net surplus/(deficit) for year	(12,789)
H	Fixed assets	253,362
I	Current assets	172,277
J	Total assets (equal to amount in row O, below)	425,639
K	Current liabilities	31,541
L	Share capital	61,805
M	Long-term liabilities	NIL
N	Reserves	332,293
O	Total liabilities, share capital & reserves (K+L+M+N) (equal to amount in J above)	425,639

All societies (excluding clubs) must complete boxes P-T

P	Investments in other registered societies	249,052
Q	Loans from members	Nil
R	Loans from Employees' Superannuation Schemes	Nil
S	Dividends on sales	Nil
T	Share interest	Nil

2.2 Names of subsidiaries as defined in sections 100 and 101 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

2.3 Names of subsidiaries not dealt with in group accounts (if any) and reasons for exclusions (as approved by the FCA)

The society must have written authority from us to exclude a subsidiary from group accounts

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The audit

3.1 Type of audit used for the attached accounts.

If the society has used a full professional audit or an accountant's report then the report must be prepared by a registered auditor.

- ☒ Full professional audit ▶ Continue to section 4
- ☐ Accountant's report ▶ Complete questions 3.2 and 3.3
- ☐ Lay audit ▶ Complete questions 3.2 and 3.3
- ☐ Unaudited ▶ Complete questions 3.2 and 3.3

3.2 Do the society's registered rules allow the society not to undertake a full professional audit?

- ☒ No
- ☐ Yes

3.3 Has the membership passed at a general meeting a resolution allowing the society not to undertake a full professional audit for the year of account in question? (In accordance with section 84 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014)

- ☒ No
- ☐ Yes

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Accounts and signature

Accounts

4.1 Date on which the accounts and balance sheet will be/were laid before the AGM (dd/mm/yyyy)

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4.2 Has your society produced accounts to the minimum standard required?

☒ Yes ▶ you must confirm that you have attached the accounts and the audit/accountant's report bearing the original signatures of the auditor (if required by law), the secretary and the two committee members.


☐ Attached

☐ No ▶ you must produce accounts to the minimum standard required, see notes for details.

Signature – all societies to complete

4.3 The Secretary of the society must sign and date below

I certify that the information in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name	Raymond Henderson
Signature	
Phone number	0191 2710165
Email	ray@coopuk.com
Date	09/09/2015 Resubmitted 23/05/2016

Registered number: 1585R

Co-operative Press Limited

Financial Statements

for the year ended 28 February 2015



Co-operative Press Limited
Legal and administrative details
as at 28 February 2015

Status

Co-operative Press is a registered society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

Registered number: 1585R

Registered Office

Holyoake House
Hanover Street
Manchester
M60 0AS

Directors

Elaine Dean	Chair	Elected as a Corporate member from Central England Co-operative
Jenny Barnes	Vice-Chair	Appointed by the Co-operative Group Board
Richard Bickle		Co-opted to the Board from the individual members
Tim Hartley		Co-opted to the Board from the individual members (from December 2014)
Erskine Holmes		Elected by the individual members of the Co-operative Press
Terry Morton		Appointed by the Co-operative Group (regional representative)
David Paterson		Co-opted to the Board from corporate members (Scotmid Co-operative)
David Pownall		Appointed by the Co-operative Group Board
Barbara Rainford		Co-opted to the board from corporate members (Midcountines Co-operative)

Secretary

Ray Henderson

Auditors

Chittenden Horley
456 Chester Road
Manchester
M16 9DH

Bankers

The Co-operative Bank Plc
1 Balloon Street
Manchester
M60 4EP

Co-operative Press Limited
Directors' report
for the year ended 28 February 2015

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2015.

Principal activities

The vision statement of the society is: To connect, champion, challenge the global movement for a stronger co-operative economy. The society strives to achieve this vision through the publication of Co-operative News (a fortnightly magazine) and the provision of online content and comment.

Directors

The directors who served during the year are stated below:

Elaine Dean	Chair	Elected as a Corporate member from Central England Co-operative
Sam Tudor	Vice-Chair	(until June 2014) Appointed by the Co-operative Group (regional representative)
Jenny Barnes	Vice-Chair	(from June 2014) Appointed by the Co-operative Group Board
Richard Bickle		Co-opted to the Board from the individual members
Tim Hartley		Co-opted to the Board from the individual members (from December 2014)
Erskine Holmes		Elected by the individual members of the Co-operative Press
Terry Morton		Appointed by the Co-operative Group (regional representative)
Dave Pownall		Appointed by the Co-operative Group Board
David Paterson		Co-opted to the Board from corporate members (Scotmid Co-operative)
Barbara Rainford		Co-opted to the board from corporate members (Midcountines Co-operative)
Margaret Tranter		Elected as a corporate member from Lincolnshire Co-operative (until June 2014)

Message from the Chair

As an avid reader of Co-operative News for nigh on fifty years, never have I read issues so closely than during the past year following all of the challenges facing the sector.

While the movement has been receiving some unfortunate media attention during a year of governance issues at the Co-operative Group and falling retail sales, Co-operative News has been providing an impartial view on the state of the sector.

The co-operative movement is at a turning point and is becoming an increasingly important and popular business model. Readers will be aware that around the world governments and non-governmental organisations are paying attention to the sector, while co-operatives are being highlighted as a genuinely viable business alternative. Just a quick look at the increase in digital visitors over the past year helps highlight this interest.

Readers of both the print and online editions will now be used to the new format and different style of reporting, which aims to help inform those who are involved in the running of a co-operative business - from grassroots member through to boardroom directors.

The Co-operative Press directors have been working closely with the staff team to ensure our key aims and policies are affecting every decision. Over the last year, the main focus has been to make sure the main Co-operative News products - both the magazine and website - are viable and suitable for the co-operative sector.

As one of the main national organisations serving the sector, the board and staff-team have also been keen to collaborate on a much closer scale with other co-op bodies. So far, informal discussions and planning sessions have been held with Co-operatives UK and the Co-operative College to explore areas where we can complement each other.

During 2015, the board and team will progress these discussions, as well as our own strategy days that will focus on income generation to help us offer a much wider-reaching news and informational service for the sector.

Last year, two of our directors stepped down. Our vice-chair Sam Tudor, who was a Co-operative Group appointee, provided a youthful, fresh and insightful look at the business, while our Lincolnshire Co-operative representative Margaret Tranter strengthened the co-operative connections and ethos of the organisation. I thank them both for their years of dedication to the Press.

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I must also pay tribute to business manager Giles Simon, who left during the year after 18 months of hard work in helping to turn around the business with Executive Editor Anthony Murray and his deputy Rebecca Harvey. We also welcome his replacement Mary McGuigan, who some may remember from her time working with the Co-operative Group's internal communications team. The rest of the staff team have been the ultimate advocates for the co-operative sector, and helped to carry forward our key vision of connecting, championing and challenging the movement.

Our members and readers have also been a key backbone in the production of Co-operative News. Through advice, tips and many pages of contributions, the publication has been able to share the latest insights from across the sector. We want to explore in 2015 how we can integrate our stakeholders much closer into the business.

Our focus has been, and always will be, on sharing the best and most challenging aspects of running a co-operative business. It is by working with our members, readers and co-operatives that we can help to collectively realise the strength of the co-operative sector.

Elaine Dean
Chair

Message from the Executive Editor

As one of the oldest democratically-owned media organisations, it is imperative that Co-operative News evolves with the co-operative sector – and with technology.

During year two of our three-year turnaround plan, this is exactly what we have been doing. These accounts still show a business evolving, with a loss at a similar level of the previous period.

A fall in sales was due to a significant decline in advertising throughout the year. Though, turnover for the previous year was significantly increased due to a number of one-off projects. Group M, the media buying agency, said print media advertising during the year was expected to fall 9%, with the outlook for 2015 looking the same.

As a result, there has been less focus on the need for display advertisements while the team works on more attractive sponsorship opportunities that help generate content or support research. We have already seen an increase in content quality with the support from Midcounties Co-operative for the Community Impact Index. Other successful content-based sponsorship deals have been completed with Domains.coop, Ecology and Southern Co-operative throughout the year.

As a co-operative, we have to continue to innovate to be of adequate service to the sector and this will be achieved through a greater emphasis on digital over the coming years. Already our reporting style and presentation has changed to be more in-line with what our readership expects.

The past year been a time to ensure our systems and processes are up to scratch and can help to sustain future growth. Better systems will allow us to offer memberships and subscriptions on a much wider scale, with less physical handling costs. Over the past few months of the year there has seen some significant planning behind a new membership offer, which we are on track to launch in 2015.

We wanted to take our time to do this. Being a member of Co-operative Press should not just be a bolt on to a subscription, but it should give members a key say in not just running the business, but also the editorial direction and our overall service for co-operatives. It's an exciting development that draws on the co-operative principles of transparency and inclusiveness.

We are also excited to be working towards collaboration on a much greater scale than ever before with other organisations that serve the co-operative sector. The first two obvious ones in this grouping are Co-operatives UK and the Co-operative College/Co-operative Heritage Trust, both conveniently based in the same building as the News in Manchester.

Here we recognise that we have largely the same stakeholders and focus, and there are also overlaps between some of the services we offer. By looking at the respective strengths of those organisations – which is not going to be exclusively limited to those named – we can ensure a much stronger service is offered to the whole of the co-operative sector.

Our remit is to serve the co-operative sector, and during 2015 our focus will be on ensuring that everything we do is for the benefit of co-operatives.

Anthony Murray
Executive Editor

Co-operative Press Limited
Directors' report
for the year ended 28 February 2015

Statement of responsibilities of the society's directors

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report, the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law governing Registered Societies requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the society as at the balance sheet date and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

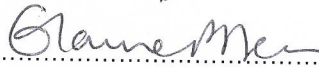
- * select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- * make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- * prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the society will continue in business.


The society is responsible for keeping proper books of account such as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the society's state of affairs and to explain its financial transactions. The society must also establish and maintain a satisfactory system of control of its books of account, its cash holdings and all its receipts and remittances, and hence is responsible for safeguarding the assets and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

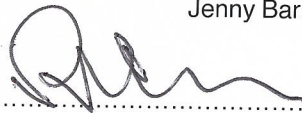
The directors of the society certify that:

- * so far as they are aware, there is no relevant information of which the auditors are unaware;
- * as directors of the society they have taken all necessary steps to be aware of information which would be relevant for audit purposes and have communicated them to the auditors.

This report was approved by the Directors on and signed on their behalf by:


..... Director
Elaine Dean (Chair)


..... Director
Jenny Barnes (Vice-Chair)


..... Secretary
Ray Henderson

19/5/2015 Date

Independent Auditor's Report to the members of the Co-operative Press Limited

We have audited the financial statements of the Co-operative Press Limited for the year ended February 28 2015 which comprise the Income and Expenditure account, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

This report is made solely to the society's members, as a body, in accordance with section 87 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the society's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the society and the society's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out in the Directors' report, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to society's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Committee of Management; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Directors' Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

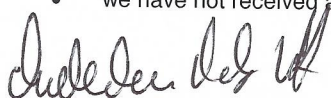
In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of society's affairs as at February 28 2015, and of its income and expenditure, for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper books of account have not been kept by the society in accordance with the requirements of the legislation;
- a satisfactory system of control over transaction has not been maintained by the society in accordance with the requirements of the legislation;
- the revenue account or other accounts (if any) to which our report relates, and the balance sheet are not in
- we have not received all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.



Chittenden Horley Limited
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors

456 Chester Road
Old Trafford
Manchester
M16 9HD

Date: 26/5/15

Co-operative Press Limited
Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 28 February 2015

	Note	2015 £	2014 £
Turnover	2	304,519	392,248
Cost of sales		(266,870)	(323,975)
Gross profit		37,649	68,273
Administrative expenses		(60,258)	(89,326)
Operating (deficit)/surplus	3	(22,609)	(21,053)
Interest receivable and similar income		9,840	9,379
(Deficit)/Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation		(12,769)	(11,674)
Tax on surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities		-	-
(Deficit)/Surplus for the financial year		(12,769)	(11,674)

All of the society's operations are classed as continuing.

The society had no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus/(deficit) for the year.

Co-operative Press Limited

**Balance Sheet
as at 28 February 2015**

	Note	£	2015	£	2014	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	7		4,059		5,781	
Investments	8		249,303		249,052	
			253,362		254,833	
Current assets						
Debtors	9	103,957		81,419		
Investments	10	15,821		30,180		
Cash at bank and in hand		52,499		83,782		
			172,277	195,381		
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	11	(31,541)		(43,367)		
Net current assets			140,736		152,014	
Total assets less current liabilities			394,098		406,847	
Total net assets			394,098		406,847	
Capital and reserves						
Share capital	12		61,805		61,785	
Reserves	13		332,293		345,062	
			394,098		406,847	

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on their behalf by:

<u>ELAINE DEAN</u>	Director	<u>RAY HEWDERSON</u>	Secretary
<u>Glanville</u>	Signature	<u>RH</u>	Signature
<u>J.C. BARNES</u>	Director		
<u>[Signature]</u>	Signature	<u>19/5/2015</u>	Date

Co-operative Press Limited
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 28 February 2015

1 Accounting policies

a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

b Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation has been provided so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives, at the following rates:

Fixtures & office equipment	20-25% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line

c Leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

d Turnover

Turnover in respect of sales of the Co-op News is accounted for on an accruals basis. Turnover in respect of advertising and sponsorship represents the amounts invoiced for spaces reserved in the Co-op News during the year and is recognised as income when the advert is featured in publication. All income is shown exclusive of value added tax.

e Cash flow statement

The co-operative has taken advantage of the exemption under Financial Reporting Standard 1 from preparing a Cash Flow Statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

f Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for permanent diminution of value. Current asset investments are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Investment income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

g Pensions

The society operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the society in the year.

h Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing difference can be deducted.

i Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the society after deducting all of its liabilities.

Co-operative Press Limited
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 28 February 2015 (continued)

2 Turnover

The total turnover of the society for the year has been derived from its principal activity wholly undertaken in the UK.

3 Operating surplus/(deficit)

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2015 £	2014 £
Depreciation of owned assets	2,903	3,981
Loss on disposal	-	21
Operating lease rentals - land and buildings	9,110	8,878
Auditors' remuneration (note 4)	2,900	2,900
Pension costs (note 6)	3,477	4,724
	<u>2,900</u>	<u>2,900</u>

4 Auditors' remuneration

	2015 £	2014 £
Auditors' remuneration - audit of the financial statements	2,900	2,900
Auditors' remuneration - other fees; taxation services	-	-
	<u>2,900</u>	<u>2,900</u>

5 Directors' remuneration

	2015 £	2014 £
Directors' fees	300	3,100
Meetings expenses	5,398	7,953
	<u>5,698</u>	<u>11,053</u>

6 Pension costs

The society operates a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of 1 (2014 - 2) members of staff. The scheme and its assets are held and administered separately by C.I.S. The pension charge represents contributions due from the society and amounted to £3,705 (2014 £4,724). Included in this amount is an amount of £228 (2014 £228) representing continuing payments granted by the Board of Directors.

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7 Fixed assets

	Fixtures & office £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 March 2014	26,223	-	26,223
Additions	1,182	-	1,182
Disposals	(4,296)	-	(4,296)
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At 28 February 2015	23,109	-	23,109
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Depreciation			
At 1 March 2014	20,442	-	20,442
Charge for the year	2,904	-	2,904
Disposals	(4,296)	-	(4,296)
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At 28 February 2015	19,050	-	19,050
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Net book value			
At 28 February 2015	4,059	-	4,059
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At 28 February 2014	5,781	-	5,781
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8 Fixed asset investments (all unlisted)

	Co-op Group shares £	Gilsland Spa Limited loan £	Chelmsford Star Co-op Society Ltd £	Central England Co- operative £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 March 2014	12,905	200,000	25,000	11,147	249,052
Additions	-	-	-	251	251
Transfer (to)/from current assets	-	-	-	-	-
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At 28 February 2015	12,905	200,000	25,000	11,398	249,303
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Net book value					
At 28 February 2015	12,905	200,000	25,000	11,398	249,303
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At 28 February 2014	12,905	200,000	25,000	11,147	249,052
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9 Debtors

	2015 £	2014 £
Trade debtors	80,260	58,464
Corporation tax repayable	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	23,697	22,955
	<u>103,957</u>	<u>81,419</u>

10 Current asset investments

	2015 £	2014 £
Co-operative Group Limited - Corporate Investor Shares (at call)	15,821	30,180
	<u>15,821</u>	<u>30,180</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year

	2015 £	2014 £
V.A.T.	14	1,975
Other taxes and social security costs	3,917	4,341
Trade creditors	5,716	1,118
Accruals and deferred income	21,894	35,933
	<u>31,541</u>	<u>43,367</u>

12 Share capital

	2015 £	2014 £
At 1 March 2014	61,785	61,749
Shares issued	20	36
	<u>61,805</u>	<u>61,785</u>
At 28 February 2015	61,805	61,785

All of the above shares represent equity shares. Shares are transferable but not withdrawable. From the date of the society's incorporation until 29 July 2004 the society's members were corporate members only. The nominal value of the shares until that date was £0.10 per share with a minimum shareholding of five shares and a maximum shareholding as permitted by law. After 29 July 2004 membership was also offered to individuals. The nominal value of the shares after this date was £10.00 per share with a minimum shareholding of one share and a maximum shareholding as permitted by law.

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12 Share capital cont.

Each member is entitled to one vote by virtue of membership, one vote for every £50 or part thereof of share capital and one vote for every £100 or part thereof of purchases made from the society for the previous year calculated in line with regulations laid down by the directors from time to time.

If in the event of a solvent winding up of the society there remain, after all liabilities have been settled and the repayment of paid-up share capital, any assets whatsoever, such assets will be transferred to one or more societies in membership with Co-operatives UK Limited having the same or similar rule provisions as regards surplus distribution as the rules of the society as may be determined by the members at any ordinary or special meeting. If not so transferred, the assets will be transferred to Co-operatives UK Limited.

13 Reserves

	2015 £
Revenue account:	
At 1 March 2014	345,062
Profit for the year	(12,769)
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At 28 February 2015	332,293
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14 Financial commitments

The society had the following annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases:

	Land and buildings	
	2015 £	2014 £
Leases expiring in:		
One year	-	4,600
within 2 to 5 years	4,600	-
Service charge currently	3,801	4,372
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15 Related party transactions

The society's members include consumer co-operative societies and trade unions who, in aggregate, own the majority of shares with rights attaching as described in note 12. Due to the nature of the society's operations, transactions take place with these organisations at arms length on normal trading terms.

Co-operative Group

The society's members include Co-operative Group Limited.

The total sales to Co-operative Group Limited during the year was £125,893 (2014 £262,514).

At the balance sheet date amounts of £3,370 (2014 £19,410) remained recoverable and is included within debtors.

Members

The society also trades with its other members.

The total sales to other members during the year was £72,903 (2014 £80,574).

At the balance sheet date an amount of £7,885 (2014 £24,510) remained recoverable and is included within debtors.

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15 Related party transactions cont.

Co-operatives UK Limited

Co-operatives UK Limited provides premises and other services to the society.

Fees for the year totalled £nil (2014 £9,600) and sales of £2,316 (2014 £1,335). There were further charges of £11,326 (2014 £9,435) in respect of rent and other costs.

The balance owed by and to Co-operatives UK Limited at the balance sheet date were £1,774 and £279 respectively (2014 £nil and £119) and are included within debtors and creditors respectively.

Financial Reporting Standards relevant to the society require disclosure of any entity which exercises significant control over the society. For this purpose, significant control represents 20% or more of the voting rights. Co-operative Group Limited has voting rights of 46.8% (2014 61.9%) although votes are cast by Co-operative Group Regions on an individual basis the largest of which is 11% (2013 11%).

Co-operative Press Limited
Detailed profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 28 February 2015
for the information of the management committee only

	2015	2014
	£	£
Turnover		
Co-operative News sales	174,569	148,932
Advertising & sponsorship	69,690	173,518
Content services	59,250	67,579
Other income	1,010	2,219
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	304,519	392,248
Cost of sales		
Printing costs	81,987	94,022
Marketing costs	2,243	794
Other direct costs	39,253	26,875
Wages & salaries	137,624	139,775
Retirement package	503	58,013
Staff pension scheme costs	3,477	4,496
Other personnel expenses	1,783	-
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	(266,870)	(323,975)
Gross profit	<hr/>	<hr/>
	37,649	68,273
Administrative expenses		
Pensioner retirement allowance	228	228
Directors' fees	300	1,500
Rent & Rates	9,110	9,435
Insurance	2,123	3,558
Internet costs	6,061	31,269
Repairs & renewals	499	424
Telephone, stationery & postage	3,371	2,851
Legal and professional fees	5,000	19,833
Auditors' remuneration	2,917	2,900
Accountancy	7,736	-
Bank charges	780	482
Meeting expenses	5,398	7,953
Annual General Meeting expenses	-	480
Staff expenses	7,218	7,814
General expenses	36	99
Bad debts	4,534	-
Subscriptions	2,044	143
Depreciation of fixed assets & loss/(profit) on disposal	2,903	357
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	(60,258)	(89,326)
Operating (deficit)/surplus	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(22,609)	(21,053)
Other income and expenses		
Bank and other interest receivable	9,840	9,379
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Retained (deficit)/surplus/ for the year	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(12,769)	(11,674)