

Annual Return (AR30) form

Society Name: Thistles Market Garden Limited

Society Num: 31461 R

An Annual Return must be completed by all societies registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 ('the Act') (including any societies previously registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965). The Annual Return must include:

- this form;
- a set of the society's accounts; and
- where required, an audit report or report on the accounts.

A society must submit the Annual Return within 7 months of the end of the society's financial year. Failure to submit on time is a prosecutable offence.

Please note that this form, including any details provided on the form, will be made available to the public through the Mutuels Public Register.

For guidance on our registration function for societies, which includes guidance on the requirement to submit an Annual Return, please see [here](#)

2.1 What date did the financial year covered by these accounts end?

30/09/2020

3.1 Please provide the names of the people who were directors of the society during the financial year this return covers.

Some societies use the term 'committee member' or 'trustee' instead of 'director'. For ease of reference, we use 'director' throughout this form.

Name of Director	Month of Birth	Year of Birth
Michael Anthony Clarke	Nov	1948
Sarah Nash	Aug	1965
Bianca Lane	Apr	1966
David Young	Mar	1945
John Derrick Marshall	May	1953
Cheryl Gratton	Nov	1960

Rachel Bowser

Jan

1948

3.2 All directors must be 16 or older. Please confirm this is this case:

All directors are aged 16 or over

3.3 Societies are within the scope of the Company Director Disqualification Act 1986 (CDDA). Please confirm that no director is disqualified under that Act:

No director is disqualified

3.4 Please state any close links which any of the directors has with any society, company or authority.

'Close links' includes any directorships or senior positions held by directors of the society in other organisations.

None

3.5 Please provide the name of the person who was secretary at the end of the financial year this return covers.

Societies must have a secretary

Name of Secretary

Month of Birth

Year of Birth

Sarah Nash

Aug

1965

4.1 Please confirm that:

accounts are being submitted with this form

the accounts comply with relevant statutory and accounting requirements

the accounts are signed by two members and the secretary (3 signatures in total)

4.2 Based on the accounts, please provide the information requested below for the financial year covered by this return.

Number of members

7

Turnover

93381

Assets

172761

Number of Employees

4

Share Capital

0

**Highest rate of interest
paid on shares**

0

4.3 What Standard Industrial Classification code best describes the society's main business?

Where more than one code applies, please select the code that you feel best describes the society's main business activity. You will find a full list of codes [here](#)

SIC Code

Plant propagation (1300)

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Societies are required to appoint an auditor to audited unless they are small or have disapplied this requirement. For further guidance see chapter 7 of our guidance:

<https://www.fca.org.uk/publication/finalised-guidance/fg15-12.pdf>

5.1 Please select the audit option the society has complied with:

- Full Professional Audit
- Auditor's report on the accounts
- Lay Audit
- No audit

5.2 Please confirm the audit option used by the society is compliant with the society's own rules and the Act

We have complied with the audit requirements

5.3 Please confirm any audit report (where required) is being submitted with this Annual Return

- Yes
- Not applicable

5.4 Is this society accepted by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) as a charity for tax purposes?

- Yes
- No

5.5 If the society is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) please provide your OSCR registration number.

- Registered
- Not applicable

5.6 Is the society a housing association?

- No
- Yes

6.1 Is the society a subsidiary of another society?

- Yes
- No

6.2 Does the society have one or more subsidiaries?

(As defined in sections 100 and 101 of the Act)

- Yes
- No

All societies are registered meeting one of two conditions for registration. These are that the society is either:

- a bona fide co-operative society ('co-operative society'); or
- are conducting business for the benefit of the community ('community benefit society').

You must answer the questions set out in in the next section of this form, depending on which condition for registration you meet.

If you are not sure which condition for registration applies to the society please see chapters 4 and 5 of our guidance [here](#).

7.1 Condition for Registration

- Co-operative society

● Community Benefits society

Community benefit societies must answer the following questions in relation to the financial year covered by this return.

7B.1 What is the business of the society?

For example, did you provide social housing, run an amateur sports club etc.

To provide a horticultural day service which includes transport provision in a rural area for adults with a learning disability. To provide a workplace where people of all abilities can co-operate in horticulture which improves their skills, opportunities and quality of life.

7B.2 Please describe the benefits to the community the society delivered?

Here we are looking to see what the benefits to the community were. Community can be said to be the community at large. For example, did you relieve poverty or homelessness through the provision of social housing.

The charitable objects of Thistles Market Garden are to promote social inclusion for public benefit, by preventing people with disabilities in South Lincolnshire becoming socially excluded; meeting the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society, by the provision of training and purposeful work related experience in horticulture and gardening, to raise their confidence and self-esteem.

7B.3 Please describe how the society's business delivered these benefits?

The business of the society must be conducted for the benefit of the community. Please describe how the society's business (as described in answer to question 7B.1) provided benefit to the community.

The people we support all have individual needs, through person centred planning each person is encouraged to develop their skills and opportunities by experiencing practical hands on work. By working in this safe environment, each individual is empowered to develop their self-confidence and social skills. Due to Covid 19, we suspended our on-site service in March 2020, we re-opened for a short period at the beginning of September

7B.4 Did the society work with a specific community, and if so, please describe it here?

For instance, were the society's activities confined to a specific location; or to a specific group of people? Please note that in serving the needs of any defined community, the society should not inhibit the benefit to the community at large.

The Society has actively forged links with the local community. Thistles Market Garden works in partnership with Boston College and The John Fielding Special School. We have continued to provide work experience to students from the Foundation section at Boston College through to March 2020. We have also worked with teachers and pupils of the John Fielding Special School and provided weekly integration and socialization between the

7B.5 What did the society do with any surplus or profit?

For instance, did you pay a dividend to members (and if so, on what basis); did money get reinvested in the business; put into reserves; used for some other purpose?

The society is not for profit, any surplus is reinvested and used for the benefit of the organisation. We have improved our previously dilapidated premises and grounds, We improve participation opportunities by providing a daily bus service for users not in the immediate vicinity. Due to COVID 19 we have had a reduced income but we have financially managed to sustain the service ready to reopen as and when we are allowed.

7B.6 Please state any significant commercial arrangements that the society has, or had, with any other organisation that could create, or be perceived as creating, a conflict of interest.

Please tell us how you ensured that any such conflict of interest did not prevent the society from acting for the benefit of the community.

None.

THISTLES MARKET GARDEN LIMITED 31461R

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start 01/10/2019	to	Period end 30/09/2020
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	7,921	-	-	7,921	35,687
Fund raising activities	435	-	-	435	1,574
Fees for provision of services	56,630	-	-	56,630	98,921
Local authority grants	13,944	-	-	13,944	-
Job retention scheme grants	14,451	-	-	14,451	-
Other	-	-	-	-	13
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	93,381	-	-	93,381	136,195
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	93,381	-	-	93,381	136,195
A3 Payments					
Salaries & national insurance	48,201	-	-	48,201	74,745
Vehicle & transport expenses	2,163	-	-	2,163	3,940
Repairs & maintenance	2,836	-	-	2,836	391
Light & Heat	1,143	-	-	1,143	739
Water rates	150	-	-	150	96
Premises Insurance	1,967	-	-	1,967	1,409
Telephone & internet	1,387	-	-	1,387	770
Stationery ,postage and carriage & advertising	595	-	-	595	362
Bookkeeping charges	2,354	-	-	2,354	1,870
Accountancy charges	420	-	-	420	372
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	10,804
Cleaning	251	-	-	251	146
Sundries	1,153	-	-	1,153	1,992
Training costs	132	-	-	132	36
<i>Sub total</i>	62,753	-	-	62,753	97,672
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Property	-	-	-	-	59,560
Equipment	-	-	-	-	279
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	60,169	59,839
Total payments	62,753	-	-	122,922	157,511
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	30,629	-	-	30,629	-
A5 Transfers between funds					21,316
A6 Cash funds last year end					
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	30,629	-	-	30,629	21,316

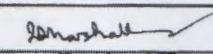
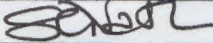
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	29,171	-	-
	Cash in hand	11	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	29,182	-	-

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtors	8,153	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Property	119729	-	-
	Motor vehicle	14940	-	-
	Equipment	757	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				
	Creditors	£ 3,203	-	-
	Accumulated fund	169,558	-	-

Examined and approved on behalf of the Society	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Chairman		John Derrick Marshall	26/2/2021
Treasurer		Sarah Nash	26/2/2021