

Annual Return (AR30) form

Society Name: Thistles Market Garden Limited
Society Num: 31461 R

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

30/09/2021

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

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Name of Director	Month of Birth	Year of Birth
Michael Anthony Clarke	Nov	1948
Sarah Nash	Aug	1965
Bianca Lane	Apr	1966

David	Mar	1945
John Derrick Marshall	May	1953
Cheryl Gratton	Nov	1960
Rachel Bowser	Jan	1948
Nikki Philips	Jul	1987

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

61267

Assets

172499

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

**Growing of vegetables and melons, roots and
tubers (1130)**

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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 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.

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, including Boston College and the John Fielding School. However, due to the Covid Pandemic and social distancing Thistles Market Garden has been unable to partnership work on-site during this year. We have maintained communication with parents/carers and the people we support via zoom meetings over the internet.

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. This year has been particularly difficult, due to lockdowns and individual risk assessments, we suffered closure from November 2020 through to May 2021. This has had a big impact on Thistles income. The generosity of donations and several small grants has enabled Thistles to survive.

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 01/10/2020	to	Period end 30/09/2021	

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 & gift aid	6,992	-	-	6,992	7,921
Fund raising activities - net	121	-	-	121	435
Fees for provision of services	18,475	-	-	18,475	56,630
Local authority grants	11,931	-	-	11,931	13,944
Job retention scheme grants	23,388	-	-	23,388	14,451
FIT rebate	361	-	-	361	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	61,267	-	-	61,267	93,381
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	61,267	-	-	61,267	93,381
A3 Payments					
Salaries, cover staff & pensions	52,995	-	-	52,995	48,201
Vehicle & transport expenses	1,581	-	-	1,581	2,163
Repairs & maintenance	464	-	-	464	2,836
Light & Heat	752	-	-	752	1,143
Water rates	156	-	-	156	150
Premises Insurance	1,978	-	-	1,978	1,967
Telephone & internet	876	-	-	876	1,387
Stationery ,postage and carriage & advertising	229	-	-	229	595
Bookkeeping charges	1,480	-	-	1,480	2,354
Accountancy charges	360	-	-	360	420
Cleaning	124	-	-	124	251
Sundries	488	-	-	488	1,153
Training costs	163	-	-	163	132
		-	-	-	
Sub total	61,646	-	-	61,646	62,753

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	28,454	-	
	Cash in hand	75	-	
	Total cash funds	28,529	-	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtors	8,544	-	

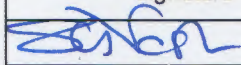
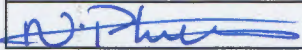
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Property	119729	-	-
	Motor vehicle	14940	-	-
	Equipment	757	-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				
	Creditors	£ 3,321	-	-
	Accumulated fund	169,178	-	

Examined and approved on behalf of
the Society
Chairman

Treasurer

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Sarah Nash	24/2/22
	Nikki Phillips	24/02/22

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Section 1 – About this form

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Section 2 – About this application

Society name	Thistles Market Garden
Register number	31461R
Registered address	Station Road, Sutterton, Boston Lincs
Postcode	PE20 2JX

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

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Section 3 – People

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 and year of birth	
Michael Anthony Clarke	November	1948
Sarah Nash	August	1965
Bianca Lane	April	1966
David Young (retired August 2021)	March	1945
John Derrick Marshall (resigned November 2021)	May	1953
Cheryl Gratton	November	1960
Rachel Bowser (resigned November 2021)	January	1948
Nikki Philips	July	1987

Continue on to a separate sheet if necessary.

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 Directors 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 and year of birth	
Sarah Nash -Acting	August	1965

Section 4 – Financial information

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	61267
Assets	172499
Number of employees (if any)	4
Share capital	0
Highest rate of interest paid on shares (if any)	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: <http://resources.companieshouse.gov.uk/sic/>

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Section 5 – Audit

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 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Auditor's report on the accounts | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lay audit | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No audit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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 ☒

The information below impacts the level of audit required of the society's accounts. Please provide answers to the following questions.

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Yes ☒

No ☐

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

Not applicable ☒

OSCR number:	
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5.6 Is the society a housing association?

No ☒ Go to **section 6**

Yes ☐ Go to question **5.7**

5.7 Please confirm which housing regulator you are registered with, and provide the registration number they have given you:

		Registration number
Homes and Communities Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Scottish Housing Regulator	<input type="checkbox"/>	
The Welsh Ministers	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Department for Communities (Northern Ireland)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Section 6 – Subsidiaries

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 ☐ Continue to question 6.3

No ☒ Continue to Section 7

6.3 If the society has subsidiaries, please provide the names of them below (or attach an additional sheet)

Registration Number	Name

6.4 Please provide below (or on a separate sheet) the names of subsidiaries not dealt with in group accounts (if any) and reasons for exclusions: (the society must have written authority from us to exclude a subsidiary from group accounts)

Registration Number	Name	Reason for exclusion

Section 7– Condition for registration

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Section 7A - Co-operative societies

Co-operative societies must answer the following questions in relation to the financial year covered by this return.

7A.1 What is the business of the society? For example, did you provide housing, manufacture goods, develop IT systems etc.

7A.2 Please describe the members' common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations. In answering this question, please make sure it is clear what needs and aspirations members had in common.

7A.3 How did the society's business meet those needs and aspirations?

You have described the society's business answer to question 7A.1, and in question 7A.2 you have described the common needs and aspirations of members. Please now describe how during the year that business met those common needs and aspirations.

7A.4 How did members democratically control the society? For example, did the members elect a board at an annual general meeting; did all members collectively run the society.

7A.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?

Section 7B - Community benefit societies

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

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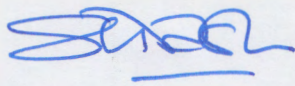
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None

Section 8– Declaration

The secretary of the society must complete this section.

Sarah Nash	Sarah Nash
My signature below confirms that the information in this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge	
Signature	
Position	Secretary acting
Date	22nd February 2022

Section 9 – Submitting this form

Please submit a signed, scanned version of this form along with your accounts and any auditor's report by email to: mutualsannrtns@fca.org.uk.

Or you can post the form to:

Mutual Societies
Financial Conduct Authority
12 Endeavour Square
London
E20 1JN

This form is available on the Mutuals Society Portal:
<https://societyportal.fca.org.uk>

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