

# Annual Return (AR30) form

Society Name:                 Edinburgh Community Solar Limited

Society Num:                 32277 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?

30/09/2021

## 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
James Lee	Dec	1957
Margaret Carrie	Feb	1939
Lesley Hinds	Aug	1956

Andrew Murphy	May	1984
Vicki White	Apr	1981
Jennifer Allan	Jun	1980
Niall Emmerson	Oct	1987
Kirsty Lewin	Oct	1964
Fiona Harvey	Oct	1991
Gavin Corbett	Oct	1965
Lesley Macinnes	Feb	1961
Mark Bitel	Oct	1961
Lezley Cameron	Dec	1964
Crispin Hayes	Dec	1965

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.

James Lee

Allt A Chaitchinn Ltd, Allt An Laghain Ltd, Allt Dearg Ltd, Arrochar Community Hydro Society Ltd, Auchrobert Community Energy Society Ltd, Buchanan Community Hydro Society Ltd, Dundee Renewable Energy Society Ltd, Edinburgh Community Solar Ltd, Feorline Burn Ltd, Glasgow Community Energy Co-op, Highland Energy Community Energy Society Limited, Inverurie Community Energy Society Ltd, Kinlochbervie Community Energy Limited, LEG Power Lochaber Ltd, Littleton Burn Ltd, Lanarkshire Credit Union, Co-operative Education Trust Scotland, Co-op Party Ltd.

Lesley Hinds

North Edinburgh Arts

One City Trust

Volunteering Matters Advisory Board

Capital Carers Ltd

Margeret Carrie

Transition Edinburgh South CIC

Jennifer Allan

CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP

Lesley Macinnes

Transform Scotland

Transport for Edinburgh Ltd

Lezley Cameron

Edinburgh Leisure, Edinburgh Leisure Two Ltd, Royal Scottish National Orchestra Society Ltd, Edinburgh International Conference Centre Ltd, Parc Craigmillar Ltd, EDI Market Street Ltd, Shawfair Land Ltd, Parc Craigmillar Developments Ltd, The EDI Group Ltd, Waterfront Edinburgh (Management) Ltd, EDI Fountainbridge Ltd, Waterfront Edinburgh Ltd, EDI Central Ltd, C.E.C Holdings Ltd.

Crispin Hayes

Fife Communities Climate Action Network CIC, Monimail Tower Project Ltd, East Neuk 50 Cycle Route Community Interest Company, Whole Cycle Ltd, Springfield Community Company Ltd.

Annette Heslop

Arrochar Community Hydro Society Ltd

Energy4All Limited

Highwinds Community Energy Society Ltd

Community Energy Management CO Ltd

The Wind Company UK Ltd

Loch a'Bhraoin Community Energy Society Limited

Radical Renewable Art and Activism Community Energy Society Limited

LEG Power Lochaber Limited

Assel Valley Community Renewables Society Ltd

Auchrobert Community Energy Society Ltd

Mean Moor Community Wind Farm Ltd

Inverurie Community Energy Society Ltd

Buchanan Community Hydro Society Ltd

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**

Annette Heslop

Nov

1956

**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**

684

**Turnover**

260,368

**Assets**

2,208,706

**Number of Employees**

0

**Share Capital**

2,134,515

**Highest rate of interest  
paid on shares**

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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**

**Production of electricity (35110)**

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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.

The business of the Society is for the benefit of the community to reduce climate change emissions and to be involved and support the development, installation, management, operation, generation, transmission and provision of the supply of energy from renewable energy and low carbon sources.

To reduce climate change emissions, alleviate fuel poverty, improve energy security and help to foster sustainable development in and around the City of Edinburgh, by working with like-minded organisations, through supporting projects and educational work and such other activities as the member shall agree by amendment to these Rules from time to time.

### 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 Society reduced climate change emissions in the United Kingdom, increased the use of renewable energy and reduced the use of non-renewable resources; and the Society contributed towards local communities' efforts to reduce climate change emissions from their communities.

### 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 Society's business delivered these benefits by generating 1,517,879 kWh of renewable electricity from solar panels in the financial year all of which was used by its host buildings, thereby additionally reducing transmission losses and carbon emissions.

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's generation activities are conducted in Edinburgh, presently from 31 specific sites, so having a particular benefit to those communities but the prime benefit of its work is to the community at large. The Community Benefit Fund is being relaunched during 2021/22 focusing on the following areas:

- Environment/sustainability education
- Environmental improvements to buildings used by communities
- Health, well-being and inclusion
- Small-scale renewables/activities that reduce carbon
- Initiatives that address fuel poverty

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?

A surplus profit made in year and is to be distributed via the Community Benefit Fund.

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



Company Registration No. 32277R (England and Wales)

**EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SOLAR LIMITED**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

# EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SOLAR LIMITED

## COMPANY INFORMATION

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<b>Directors</b>	Mrs L Hinds Mr J Lee Mr A Murphy Cllr L Macinnes Ms J Allan Mrs F Harvey Mr N Emmerson Ms K Lewin Mr M Bitel Ms L M Cameron Mrs V White	(Appointed 24 March 2021)
<b>Secretary</b>	Mrs A Heslop MBE	
<b>Company number</b>	32277R	
<b>Registered office</b>	Friends of the Earth Thorn House 5 Rose Street EDINBURGH EH2 2PR	
<b>Accountants</b>	Melville & Co Unit 17-18 Trinity Enterprise Centre Furness Business Park Ironworks Road Barrow-in-Furness LA14 2PN	

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# EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SOLAR LIMITED

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

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The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2021.

#### Principal activities

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of the supply of electricity from solar energy.

#### Directors

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

Mrs L Hinds

Mr J Lee

Mr A Murphy

Cllr L Macinnes

Ms J Allan

Mrs F Harvey

Dr M Carrie

(Resigned 24 March 2021)

Mr G Corbett

(Resigned 7 November 2021)

Mr N Emmerson

Ms K Lewin

Mr M Bitel

Ms L M Cameron

Dr C W Hayes

(Resigned 24 March 2021)

Mrs V White

(Appointed 24 March 2021)

In accordance with the rules of the society a proportion of the directors retire at the AGM by rotation and, being eligible may seek re-election.

#### Small companies exemption

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

By order of the board



.....  
Mrs A Heslop MBE

**Secretary**

Date: **Dec 21, 2021**  
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# EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SOLAR LIMITED

## CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SOLAR LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

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In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of Edinburgh Community Solar Limited for the year ended 30 September 2021 set out on pages 3 to 9 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.icaew.com/en/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance>.

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of Edinburgh Community Solar Limited, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 2 March 2016. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Edinburgh Community Solar Limited and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Board of Directors of Edinburgh Community Solar Limited, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Edinburgh Community Solar Limited and its Board of Directors as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Edinburgh Community Solar Limited has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of Edinburgh Community Solar Limited. You consider that Edinburgh Community Solar Limited is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of Edinburgh Community Solar Limited. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

**Melville & Co**

**Chartered Accountants**

  
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Unit 17-18 Trinity Enterprise Centre  
Furness Business Park  
Ironworks Road  
Barrow-in-Furness  
LA14 2PN

# EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SOLAR LIMITED

## REVENUE ACCOUNT

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021*

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	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Turnover		260,368	192,980
Cost of sales		(132,951)	(91,866)
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<b>Gross surplus</b>		127,417	101,114
Administrative expenses		(32,731)	(31,999)
Other operating income		-	2,000
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<b>Surplus before taxation</b>		94,686	71,115
Taxation		-	-
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<b>Surplus after taxation</b>		94,686	71,115
Members share interest		(92,248)	(82,408)
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<b>Surplus for the financial year</b>		<u>2,438</u>	<u>(11,293)</u>

# EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SOLAR LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	3	1,788,852		1,428,238	
Investments	4		1		1
		<u>1,788,853</u>		<u>1,428,239</u>	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Work in progress		-		15,280	
Debtors	5	103,915		82,502	
Cash at bank and in hand		315,938		92,886	
		<u>419,853</u>		<u>190,668</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	<u>(106,745)</u>		<u>(156,119)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			313,108		34,549
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>2,101,961</u>		<u>1,462,788</u>	
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	7	2,134,515		1,476,837	
Other reserves		(49,008)		(28,065)	
General reserve		16,454		14,016	
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>2,101,961</u>		<u>1,462,788</u>	

For the financial year ended 30 September 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit. No member of the Co-operative has deposited a notice requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Co-operative as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Co-operative.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on ..... Dec 20, 2021 and are signed on its behalf by:



Mr A Murphy  
Director

  
Niall Emmerson (Dec 20, 2021 22:09 GMT)

Mr N Emmerson  
Director

Company Registration No. 32277R

# EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SOLAR LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Notes	Share capital £	Community fund reserve £	Share offer costs £	Profit and loss reserves £	Total £
<b>Balance at 1 October 2019</b>		1,476,837	18,464	(52,531)	28,221	1,470,991
<b>Year ended 30 September 2020:</b>						
Surplus and total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	71,115	71,115
Members share interest		-	-	-	(82,408)	(82,408)
Transfers into community reserve	7	-	6,400	-	(6,400)	-
Transfers from profit and loss (community payments made)		-	(3,488)	-	3,488	-
Share offer costs - released in year		-	-	3,090	-	3,090
<b>Balance at 30 September 2020</b>		1,476,837	21,376	(49,441)	14,016	1,462,788
<b>Year ended 30 September 2021:</b>						
Surplus and total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	94,686	94,686
Issue of share capital	7	660,428	-	-	-	660,428
Members share interest		-	-	-	(92,248)	(92,248)
Share offer costs		-	-	(24,967)	-	(24,967)
Redemption of shares	7	(2,750)	-	-	-	(2,750)
Share offer costs - released in year		-	-	4,024	-	4,024
<b>Balance at 30 September 2021</b>		2,134,515	21,376	(70,384)	16,454	2,101,961



# EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SOLAR LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Company information**

Edinburgh Community Solar Limited is a society registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. The registered office is Friends of the Earth, Thorn House, 5 Rose Street, EDINBURGH, EH2 2PR.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"). The disclosure requirements of section 1A of FRS 102 applicable to smaller companies have been applied other than where additional disclosure is required to show a true and fair view.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **1.2 Turnover**

Turnover is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for electricity generated by solar panels from the Feed in Tariff and from selling excess electricity generated provided in the normal course of business, and is shown net of VAT and other sales related taxes. The fair value of consideration takes into account trade discounts, settlement discounts and volume rebates.

#### **1.3 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and machinery	5% on cost
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to profit or loss.

No depreciation is charged in the year of acquisition of the asset.

#### **1.4 Stocks**

At each reporting date, an assessment is made for impairment. Any excess of the carrying amount of stocks over its estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell is recognised as an impairment loss in profit or loss. Reversals of impairment losses are also recognised in profit or loss.

Work in progress comprises preparatory costs incurred at new sites. These costs will be transferred to fixed assets when the related solar panels are acquired.

# EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SOLAR LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.6 Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of transaction costs. Dividends payable on equity instruments are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the company.

#### 1.7 Share offer costs

Share offer costs are capitalised as a negative reserve and are released to profit on the same basis as the underlying assets that the share offer financed, being 5% on cost from the year when all the plant became operational.

#### 1.8 Members share interest

Share interest has been calculated by applying the target share interest rate in the share offer document for each share offer.

### 2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

# EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SOLAR LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

### 3 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery etc £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 October 2020	1,731,659
Additions	459,053
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At 30 September 2021	2,190,712
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<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 October 2020	303,421
Depreciation charged in the year	98,439
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At 30 September 2021	401,860
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<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 30 September 2021	1,788,852
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At 30 September 2020	1,428,238
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### 4 Fixed asset investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Investments	1	1
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The investment is a minority interest of one share in Energy4All Limited

#### Movements in fixed asset investments

	Investments other than loans £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 October 2020 & 30 September 2021	1
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<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 30 September 2021	1
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At 30 September 2020	1
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# EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SOLAR LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

### 5 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	50,542	19,798
Other debtors	53,373	62,704
	<u>103,915</u>	<u>82,502</u>

### 6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	9,942	84,132
Taxation and social security	6,642	-
Other creditors	90,161	71,987
	<u>106,745</u>	<u>156,119</u>

### 7 Members share capital

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Members share capital</b>		
<b>Issued and fully paid</b>		
2,134,515 Members shares of £1 each	2,134,515	1,476,837
	<u>2,134,515</u>	<u>1,476,837</u>

### 8 Related party transactions

The management services of the Co-operative is carried out by Energy4All Limited, a company which specialises in the setting up, development and management of renewable energy co-operatives. Energy4All Limited charged an administration fee of £22,965 for the year (2020 - £17,375 ).