

CIC 34

Community Interest Company Report

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Company Name in full

Organic Countryside CIC

Company Number

6794848

Year Ending

31/01/20

PART 1 - GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT

The company owns and manages land which it farms sustainably and manages as a public access nature reserve.

In the year ending 31 January 2020 the Company benefited the community in the following ways:

- Investors are directly involved in environmentally friendly farming, as small scale investors in Organic Countryside CIC they provide the finance to purchase the land.
- The company has continued the management of three blocks of land, of 9 acres (as owner), 1 acre (as tenant) and 4 acres (as tenant), all in the Saffron Walden area of Essex. The company continues to farm to organic standards but is no longer registered organic as the fees for this are too high for smallholdings.
- The company continues to maintain its small flock of sheep for habitat management purposes. At year end the flock consisted of 6 ewes in lamb and 6 other ewes and two hoggetts. The one acre block of land is an apple orchard with local traditional apple tree varieties.
- The company sells lamb meat and the apple juice it makes to the local community.
- Local residents can continue to gain experience in sheep husbandry and general management of land of conservation value by offering voluntary work experience on the farm.
- Many local residents have become involved in the management of the conservation area by attending working parties organised by volunteers. This has helped the company keep the rides through the scrub land open which has benefited the wild flowers, and the wild animal population and improved access and enjoyment for walkers and wildlife enthusiasts.
- OCCIC continues to allow local qualified youth and home-schooling group organisers to run children's group events at the main nature reserve. This gives children opportunities to experience the open, unspoilt piece of countryside for fun and adventure, to learn about sheep and lambs and to play educational games.
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PART 2 – CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Shareholders, volunteers and donors are invited to all work-party other events and to an annual meeting where updates on the management of the land are provided and discussion is encouraged. Newsletters are sent by email to the entire group. Feedback from the shareholders has been very supportive. Visitors to the farm and the nature reserve are encouraged to discuss the company and its work with the volunteers working there. Following requests from visitors we have provided facilities for overnight camping by beaver scouts.

PART 3 – DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

No remuneration was received

PART 4 – TRANSFERS OF ASSETS OTHER THAN FOR FULL CONSIDERATION

No transfer of assets other than for full consideration has been made

PART 5 – SIGNATORY (Please note this must be a live signature)

(DD/MM/YY)

The original report must be signed by a director or secretary of the company

Signed

Date

Please note that it is a legal requirement for the date format to be provided in full throughout the CIC34 report.

Applications will be rejected if this information is incorrect.

Office held (delete as appropriate) Director/Secretary

You do not have to give any contact information in the box opposite but if you do, it will help the Registrar of Companies to contact you if there is a query on the form. The contact information that you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

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