

CIC 34

Community Interest Company Report

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Please complete in typescript, or in bold black capitals.

Company Name in full

Organic Countryside CIC

Company Number

06794848

Year Ending

31/01/21

(The date format is required in full)

Please ensure the company name is consistent with the company name entered on the accounts.

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

The company owns and manages land which it farms sustainably and manages as public access nature reserves. It also encourages public access to, and enjoyment of, the countryside and provides opportunities for children to enjoy and learn about wildlife.

The company restricts its activities to the northern half of Uttlesford in Essex.

In the year ending 31 January 2021 the Company benefited the community in the following ways:

- 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. All three of these blocks of land are open to the general public (on foot and without charge) and are also used for organised events for children.
- The company continues to maintain its small flock of sheep for habitat management purposes. At year end the flock consisted of 7 ewes in lamb and 9 other ewes and 2 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 both runs children's activities itself and allows local qualified group organisers to run children's group events at the main nature reserve. This gives children opportunities to experience and enjoy the open, countryside and to learn about sheep and lambs and to play educational games.

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PART 2 – CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

There are two categories of stakeholder:

Shareholders (45) – these are consulted by emailed documents and during the AGM at which each has a vote.

Donors (“Friends”) (160) who make financial donations and/or do physical or administrative work for the CIC on a voluntary basis. These receive monthly email newsletters and are invited to contact us on any matter which concerns or interests them. They are also invited to the AGM and contribute to discussions although they do not have a vote.

PART 3 – DIRECTORS’ REMUNERATION

No remuneration was received by any director

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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DX Number	DX Exchange

When you have completed and signed the form, please attach it to the accounts and send both forms by post to the Registrar of Companies at:

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