

Annual Return (AR30) form

Section 1 – About this form

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) or the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 ('the Act') (including any societies previously registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1969). 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 <https://mutuals.fca.org.uk>.

For guidance on our registration function for societies under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, which includes guidance on the requirement to submit an Annual Return, please see here: <https://www.fca.org.uk/publication/finalised-guidance/fg15-12.pdf>

Section 2 – About this application

Society name	East Budleigh Community Shop Limited
Register number	30475 R
Registered address	Raleigh House, Middletown Lane, East Budleigh
Postcode	EX9 7EQ

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	
Paul Smith BA, ACA	October	1952
Alfred David Conner	July	1949
John Andrew Tresidder	September	1948
Charles Abram	June	1945
Andrew Canning	December	1957
Lesley Wensley	November	1946

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.

Nil

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	
John Andrew Tresidder	September	1948

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	108
Turnover	4
Assets	£60,187
Number of employees (if any)	3
Share capital	£1,815
Highest rate of interest paid on shares (if any)	Nil

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Lay audit | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No audit | <input 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.

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.

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

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').

A society must answer the questions set out in either Section 7A or Section 7B of this form, depending on which condition of registration it meets.

If you are not sure which condition for registration applies to the society please see chapters 4 and 5 of our guidance:

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

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.

7B.1 What is the business of the society? For example, did you provide social housing, run an amateur sports club etc.

Provision of the Community Shop services, seven days a week, selling a wide range of provisions and groceries and supplies, as well as local arts and crafts and locally grown plants and produce. Promotion, ticket sales and support for local events and charities. Provision of tea and coffee and snack facilities. Servicing of the Village Information Point and Book Exchange at the Village Hall adjacent to the shop.

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.

Providing an easily accessible shop, specialising in local produce. Minimising food miles while supporting local businesses and crafts. Providing a thriving centre for social interactions and mutual support for members of the community. Providing free home deliveries and collection services and support to the community. Volunteering for the many shop activities provides a great opportunity to give back to the community and to have regular social interaction.

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 shop succeeded in offering support to the whole community, and provided an opportunity to have daily social interactions in a safe environment. The whole shop premises are wheelchair accessible, personal shopping is provided, and the shop supported people who were unable to visit the shop from their homes. As a hub for information and sales for village events, it helped to promote a real sense of community. The Village Information Point provided a forum for the community to promote and encourage events and activities, and the Book Exchange has been the well-used free local library. There are facilities for personal advertising and local sales and services.

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 shop's main users were East Budleigh with Bicton Parish residents, as well as residents from other neighbouring villages. The shop also served tourists and visitors, as well as commuters, walkers, and cyclists using local routes and footpaths. The shop was of real benefit to users of the Village Hall and Village Green including event organisers and regular clubs and users. There are several holiday lets which the shop provides goods for.

7B.5 What did the society do with any surplus or profit? For instance, did you donate the money; did money get reinvested in the business; put into reserves; used for some other purpose?

As approved by members at the AGM, the surplus in past years has been used to upgrade facilities, as well as giving scope for basic price reductions and local loyalty card promotions to balance profit margins. At the AGM on 8th March 2025 members voted to keep the surplus in the current financial year to maintain and replace equipment as necessary, particularly ageing chillers and freezers. In addition a reserve of six months' operating costs was agreed as prudent, and still gave scope for building costs when the Village Hall project to join the two buildings and improve facilities takes place.

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.

Nil

Section 8– Declaration

The secretary of the society must complete this section.

Name	John Tresidder
My signature below confirms that the information in this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge	
Signature	John Tresidder
Position	Company Secretary
Date	24/02/26

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: mutualsanrtns@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 Mutuels Society Portal:

<https://societyportal.fca.org.uk>

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