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CIC 36

Declarations on Formation of a Community Interest Company¹

Please complete in typescript, or in bold black capitals.

Company Name in full

COURT PLACE FARM ALLOTMENTS

COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

SECTION A: COMMUNITY INTEREST STATEMENT – beneficiaries

1. We, the undersigned, declare that the company will carry on its activities for the benefit of the community, or a section of the community². [Insert a short description of the community, or section of the community, which it is intended that the company will benefit below]³

The company's activities will provide benefit to ...

1. Plot holders of the allotments, who pay an annual low rent for a piece of land on which to grow vegetables, fruit and flowers. These rents vary according to the size of the plot and can also be pegged to a plot holder's income.
2. Visitors to the 16-acre allotment site. Unusually, this is an open site, accessed by a network of public footpaths. As well as allotment plots, there are small areas of woodland, wild flower patches, and a community orchard.
3. Those who wish to join in shared gardening on the Marston Community Gardening plots. Surplus produce is available and distributed locally to some low-income households.
4. Service users of the Thames Valley Community rehabilitation Company (becoming the Probation Service in 2021), are also hosted on the site, who are able to work on the site on a range of tasks which promote their rehabilitation.

COMPANY NAME

COURT PLACE FARM ALLOTMENTS COMMUNITY
INTEREST COMPANY

SECTION B: Community Interest Statement – Activities & Related Benefit

Please indicate how it is proposed that the company's activities will benefit the community, or a section of the community. Please provide as much detail as possible to enable the CIC Regulator to make an informed decision about whether your proposed company is eligible to become a community interest company. It would be useful if you were to explain how you think your company will be different from a commercial company providing similar services or products for individual or personal gain.

Activities (Tell us here what the company is being set up to do)	How will the activity benefit the community? (The community will benefit by...)
To function as a local allotment provider	The community will benefit through the provision of affordable space to rent, ranging from a small raised bed, to a full allotment plot (approximately 250 m2), for those lacking any or sufficient garden or land to grow their own vegetables, fruit and flowers. Water is provided as part of the rent. The mental and physical rewards of growing food in the open air with a diverse group of people are considerable and there are nutritional benefits to eating very fresh vegetables and fruit, as well as cost savings. Commercial allotments are extremely uncommon and, given the price of land in Oxford, would be far more expensive for the plot renter and so prohibitive
To enable community activities – such as those currently hosted: Marston Community Gardening (sharing gardening on free plots and distributing surplus produce to low-income households); Coop Co-op (keeping a flock of 20 chickens and again distributing some surplus eggs to low-income households); Marston Community Forest Garden; Community Orchard	The community will benefit through : 1. The promotion of community cohesion and mental well-being via physical exercise, social activities, altruism and understanding of the environment. 2. Distribution of surplus to the less well-off in the neighbourhood. 3. Marston Community Forest Garden is practising and demonstrating principles of planting edibles within a woodland area, as part of the aim of purposefully increasing tree cover in the UK to maximise carbon capture. 4. Local people benefit from being able to freely visit the 16-acre site via footpaths. 5. A 'Sharing Table' offers free surplus fruit and vegetables. The community orchard will provide free fruit. 6. Talks & classes open to the community on food growing

If the company makes any surplus it will be used for...

Reinvesting into sustainability and maintenance of the whole allotment site and plots; subsidising gardening materials (e.g. composts, seeds) to gardeners; environmental projects on site e.g. water capture and storage; ditch & tree management; talks & classes open to the community on food growing; improving equipment storage facilities to enable tool sharing; building a composting toilet; other projects as appropriate.

(Please continue on separate sheet if necessary.)