

Bristol Food Network CIC

Company No. 08838348

Information for Filing with The Registrar

31 January 2021



Bristol Food Network CIC
Directors Report Registrar

The Directors present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 January 2021.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company during the year under review was promoting a sustainable food strategy for Bristol.

Directors

The Directors who served at any time during the year were as follows:

J.K. Carey

S. Davies (Resigned 23 September 2021)

D.S. Rochman


S. Sharma

K. Sponsler

J. Stevenson

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D.J. Finch', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

D.J. Finch

Director

27 October 2021

Bristol Food Network CIC**Balance Sheet Registrar**

at 31 January 2021

Company No. 08838348

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Debtors	5	9,025	1,103
Cash at bank and in hand		97,707	105,633
		<u>106,732</u>	<u>106,736</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	6	<u>(92,516)</u>	<u>(92,870)</u>
Net current assets		14,216	13,866
Total assets less current liabilities		14,216	13,866
Provisions for liabilities			
Deferred taxation	7	-	-
Net assets		<u>14,216</u>	<u>13,866</u>
Reserves			
Income and expenditure account		14,216	13,866
Total equity		<u>14,216</u>	<u>13,866</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime of the Companies Act 2006.

For the year ended 31 January 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

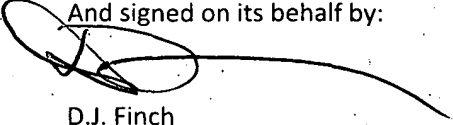
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

As permitted by section 444 (5A) of the Companies Act 2006 the directors have not delivered to the Registrar a copy of the company's income and expenditure account.

Approved by the board on 27 October 2021

And signed on its behalf by:



D.J. Finch

Director

27 October 2021

Bristol Food Network CIC
Notes to the Accounts Registrar

for the year ended 31 January 2021

1 General information

Bristol Food Network CIC is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England and Wales.

Its registered number is: 08838348

Its registered office is:

34 Portland Square

Bristol

BS2 8RG

The functional and presentational currency of the company is Sterling. The accounts are rounded to the nearest pound.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 Section 1A - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (March 2018) and the Companies Act 2006.

2 Accounting policies

Turnover

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Turnover is reduced for estimated customer returns, rebates and other similar allowances.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when all the following conditions are satisfied:

- the Company has transferred to the buyer the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods;
- the Company retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Company; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

Specifically, revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when goods are delivered and legal title is passed.

Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from the surplus as reported in the income and expenditure account because of items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and items that are never taxable or deductible. The Company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax is recognised on timing differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit.

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible timing differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilised. The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realised, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Current or deferred tax for the year is recognised in the income and expenditure account, except when they relate to items that are recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case, the current and deferred tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Grants

Grants are credited to deferred income. Grants towards capital expenditure are released to the profit and loss account over the expected useful life of the assets. Grants towards revenue expenditure are released to the profit and loss account as the related expenditure is incurred.

Provisions

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Company a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to the income and expenditure account in the year that the Company becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at balance sheet date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the balance sheet.

3 Items of income or expenses of exceptional size or incidence

	2021	2020
	£	£
Grant received from R H Southern Trust	-	35,000
Grant received from Bristol City Council	60,000	-
Grants received from the Soil Association	17,000	2,000
Grants received from Innovate UK	4,974	7,878
Grants received from Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research	2,539	3,392

4 Employees

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
The average monthly number of employees (including directors) during the year was:	6	6

5 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	4,000	-
Deferred tax asset (see note 7)	1,021	1,103
VAT recoverable	1,004	-
Prepayments and accrued income	3,000	-
	<u>9,025</u>	<u>1,103</u>

6 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	6,919	-
Other taxes and social security	-	370
Accruals and deferred income	85,597	92,500
	<u>92,516</u>	<u>92,870</u>

Deferred income includes £85,197 (2020: £60,788) in respect of grants received not yet expensed and £Nil (2020: £31,361) of sales paid in advance.

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7 Provisions for liabilities
Deferred taxation

	Accelerated Capital Allowances, Losses and Other Timing Differences	Total
	£	£
At 1 February 2020	(1,103)	(1,103)
Charge to the income and expenditure account for the year	82	82
At 31 January 2021	<u>(1,021)</u>	<u>(1,021)</u>
Deferred tax asset (see note 5)		
	2021	2020
	£	£
Tax losses	<u>(1,021)</u>	<u>(1,103)</u>
	<u>(1,021)</u>	<u>(1,103)</u>

8 Reserves

Income and expenditure account - includes all current and prior period retained surpluses and deficits.

Community Interest Company Report

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Company Name in full

Bristol Food Network C I C

Company Number

08838348

Year Ending

31 January 2021

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

Bristol Food Network C.I.C. supports, informs and connects individuals, community projects, organisations and businesses who share a vision to transform Bristol into a sustainable food city. In 2019 Bristol Food Network was involved in the following projects that helped to deliver on these various aims among various stakeholders in the city-wide food community as well as the wider public:

Going for Gold campaign

As for 2019, Bristol Food Network's primary focus for 2020 was on the Going for Gold campaign:

Bristol Going for Gold was an initiative to involve the whole city in an ambition to make Bristol's food system more sustainable, and to be recognised as one of the UK's first Gold Sustainable Food Cities through the Sustainable Food Cities (SFC) awards scheme.

Going for Gold was (and continues to evolve as) a partnership initiative coordinated by Bristol Food Network, Bristol Green Capital Partnership (BGCP), Bristol City Council (BCC) and Resource Futures. It had a steering group which met monthly, hosted by BCC and chaired by Deputy Mayor Asher Craig.

Our original intention was to submit our 'Gold bid' to Sustainable Food Cities in autumn 2020, but the arrival of COVID-19 and the first lockdown forced us to change our plans. Instead we spent 2020 trying to do our bit to help support the emergency response, and then adapting and changing our campaign focus to match the new mood, with a view to submitting our new Gold bid in Spring 2021.

At the start of the first COVID-19 lockdown, a decision was taken by the Bristol Going for Gold communications team to take the focus away from asking members of the public and organisations to commit to taking actions in order to win an award for the city, whereas 'Taking action' had previously been the main message of our campaigning. During the lockdown, communication instead focussed on a trackable hashtag #BristolFoodKind social media campaign, which was seen as more sympathetic and relevant to people's lives during the pandemic. #BristolFoodKind focussed on the issues that seemed to naturally emerge as common concerns during lockdown – urban growing, supporting a sustainable local food economy and reducing food waste. The aim was to continue to build awareness through social media and provide online learning opportunities through blogs, films nights, webinars and public engagement films of our own production.

We created home schooling resources on food for use by families during lockdown.

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

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The massive changes brought by COVID-19 to the hospitality industry forced us into rethinking the 'areas of excellence' which we wanted to present to Sustainable Food Cities as part of our Going for Gold bid. We had previously intended to present evidence on 'Catering and Procurement' and 'Food Waste', but with the pressures now face by hospitality, this no longer felt appropriate. Instead – and because our Going for Gold website was already being held-up by SFC as a national exemplar – we renegotiated with SFC to instead present evidence on 'Building the Good Food Movement' alongside 'Food Waste'.

With the end of the first lockdown this online phase of Bristol Going for Gold evolved into a third phase as the economic recovery progressed and society started to open-up a little bit.

We recruited a Community Participation Lead, with considerable experience in engaging Bristol's diverse communities. Working with individuals in 5 communities, the Lead produced 5 short films calling on viewers to 'Love, Enjoy and Respect' their food, with the call to action translated into the native language of each presenter.

The 'Bristol Bites Back Better' (BBBB) public campaign launched towards the end of 2020 during the second lockdown, with a physical poster campaign, competition postcards, social media content, survey and a heavily updated website, largely re-written and re-shaped to reflect the new public mood.

The primary call to action for BBBB has been for people to 'Join the Conversation', to share their visions and hopes for the future of food in Bristol, and so contribute to the foundations of the *Bristol Good Food 2030* plan.

Bristol Waste, Resource Futures and Bristol City Council collaborated to get BBBB school resources to 171 schools in the Healthy Schools network

Throughout the different phases of the campaign we have continued to publish a lively and varied selection of blog posts on the Going for Gold/Bristol Bites Back Better website. These posts have highlighted the diverse projects, companies, community organisations and individuals who are all working towards making Bristol a sustainable food city.

Thanks to our grants from various sources, we were able to employ various people on a part-time self-employed basis in the following roles.

Most of the following roles were contracted on a 1-day or 2-day a week basis:

Going for Gold coordinator

Catering & Procurement coordinator (up until lockdown review)

Food Businesses recruitment (up until lockdown review)

Food Sector engagement

Food Waste coordinator

Communications coordinator

Communications content

Social media

Public engagement coordinator

Community engagement coordinator (up until June)

Community Participation Lead (from September)

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

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Other activities

Two food business webinars organised jointly with Bristol City Council

Food Waste Action Group (FWAG): FWAG was set up and run by Resource Futures in order to coordinate and document the Food Waste area of excellence for Going for Gold. BFN are a member of the group. In autumn 2020 we helped to organise a session for the group, facilitated by SFC partner Food Matters. The session looked at whether or not the group wanted to carry on beyond Gold and how they might build on their collaboration to-date in order to achieve greater change by 2030.

Bristol's Get Growing Garden Trail 2020: The Get Growing Garden Trail is a shared open day (or days) for community growing projects in Bristol. It allows visitors to explore allotments, community orchards and smallholdings which are not normally open to the public, and for participating groups to attract new volunteers. Bristol Food Network have helped to run the event since 2011. We started work on the Trail this year, but had to cancel in March due to the uncertainty around COVID-19 restrictions, and the difficulties in publicising the event when so many community venues were shut.

Bristol's Local Food Update newsletter and website: We continued sending out our MailChimp newsletter which we redesigned to try and drive as much traffic as possible to the Going for Gold and Bristol Food Network websites. The number of subscribers has held steady at around 1500.

Working with partners: Bristol Food Network extends its reach by being represented on several city-wide organisations such as Bristol Green Capital Partnership board, West of England Procurement Group and has instigated the Bristol Good Food Alliance.

BFN has contributed to the Bristol One City Plan and participates in the biannual Bristol One City Gatherings. The January 2020 City Gathering, attended by c200 Bristol organisations, voted the Going for Gold initiative as one of three city priorities for 2020.

The Bristol Green Capital Partnership is made up of 800 member organisations across the city and holds Monthly Green Mingle meetups. BFN is a member and attends these events.

BFN is also a member of VOSCUR, Bristol's third sector network.

In 2020 BFN collaborated with national and international academic partners and other businesses and organisations on action learning projects. 2020 collaborations with UK academics included the Universities of Bristol, West of England, Bath, Gloucester and Coventry. BFN worked on a specific peer to peer learning initiative with Norwegian partners and in early Feb 2020 attended a project partner working meeting in Bergen, Norway.

PART 2 – CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

In January–March 2020 we conducted a preliminary consultation with a representative sample of the types/sizes of community food organisations working in the city, so see how they might want to get involved in the Going for Gold campaign, and how we might best support them to get involved. The arrival of COVID and the first lockdown put a stop to the programme of work that we had intended, as many community centres and organisations closed their doors, and physical networking became impossible. During this period, we tried to ascertain what would be helpful to the emergency support organisations who were carrying on working. In response to that we set up a section on our website containing resources for community organisations, and ran a 'community switchboard' asks and offers exchange service between community organisations. We initiated a strategic 'Bristol Good Food Response' group at the start of lockdown to ensure a connection between the emergency food response and wider work. This group had strong support from Bristol City Council. It met weekly for 5 months and led to various collaborative tasks, including plans for a new Food Equality strategy (for which group partners conducted extensive community consultation).

Our Going for Gold food sector engagement lead talked to a wide range of food sector stakeholders about ongoing support needs; established a food business mailing list; coordinated a public survey of buying habits and attitudes to local supply (205 respondents), working closely with local food businesses. In addition to this we organised 2 focus groups (10 participants) to explore buying attitudes with new and existing customers of The Community Farm.

The revamped Bristol Bites Back Better makes a feature of displaying the logos of organisations who are working contributing to Bristol's Good Food Movement, and who want to show their support for the Going for Gold bid. (50+ organisations)

In 2020 Bristol Food Network communicated with over 1500 monthly newsletter subscribers via our normal Bristol's Local Food Update email list. We also started a second newsletter for the Bristol Bites Back Better campaign.

Our usual networking and informal consultation processes were largely curtailed by COVID restrictions during 2020. However, we have maintained regular zoom meetings for the Going for Gold steering group, and BFN have been represented at Bristol Green Capital Partnership board meetings, and at their 'Green Mingles'. We have retained our strong partnership working on Going for Gold with Bristol City Council, Bristol Green Capital Partnership and Resource Futures.

PART 3 – DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

The aggregate amount paid to directors during the period was £40,381

There were no other transactions or arrangements in connection with the remuneration of directors, or compensation for director's loss of office, which require to be disclosed.

PART 4 – TRANSFERS OF ASSETS OTHER THAN FOR FULL CONSIDERATION

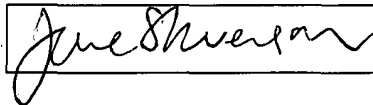
No transfer of assets other than for full consideration has been made

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PART 5 – SIGNATORY

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

Signed



Date

21/10/21

Office held (delete as appropriate) Director/~~Secretary~~

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