

Registration number: 10802764

The Sustainable Soils Alliance Community Interest Company

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2020



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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	1,980	3,121
Current assets			
Debtors	5	-	520
Cash at bank and in hand		173,604	127,534
		<u>173,604</u>	<u>128,054</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>(80,929)</u>	<u>(96,021)</u>
Net current assets		<u>92,675</u>	<u>32,033</u>
Net assets		<u>94,655</u>	<u>35,154</u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account		<u>94,655</u>	<u>35,154</u>
Shareholders' funds		<u>94,655</u>	<u>35,154</u>

For the financial year ending 31 December 2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

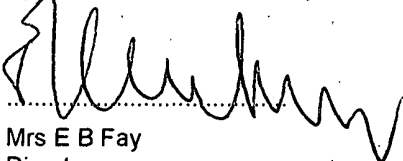
Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

These financial statements have been delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and the option not to file the Profit and Loss Account has been taken.

Approved and authorised by the Board on 2/3/21 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs E B Fay
Director

The notes on pages 2 to 5 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1 General information

The company is a private company limited by share capital, incorporated in England.

The address of its registered office is:

Freshford House
Redcliffe Way
Bristol
BS1 6NL

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A - 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention except that as disclosed in the accounting policies certain items are shown at fair value.

Revenue recognition

Turnover comprises donations received or receivable in the ordinary course of the company's activities.

The company recognises revenue when:

The amount of revenue can be reliably measured;
it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity;
and specific criteria have been met for each of the company's activities.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

The cost of tangible assets includes directly attributable incremental costs incurred in their acquisition and installation.

Depreciation

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of assets, other than land and properties under construction over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Asset class

Office equipment

Depreciation method and rate

33% straight line

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Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Defined contribution pension obligation

A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the company has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

3 Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed (including directors) by the company during the period was 5 (2019 - 5).

4 Tangible assets

	Furniture, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation		
At 1 January 2020	3,915	3,915
Additions	204	204
At 31 December 2020	<u>4,119</u>	<u>4,119</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2020	794	794
Charge for the year	1,345	1,345
At 31 December 2020	<u>2,139</u>	<u>2,139</u>
Carrying amount		
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,980</u>	<u>1,980</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>3,121</u>	<u>3,121</u>

5 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Prepayments	-	520
	<u>-</u>	<u>520</u>

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6 Creditors

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade creditors	5,012	4,896
Taxation and social security	3,451	3,159
Other creditors	571	10,852
Accruals and deferred income	<u>71,895</u>	<u>77,114</u>
	<u>80,929</u>	<u>96,021</u>

7 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingencies

Amounts disclosed in the balance sheet

At the year end contributions to defined contribution pension schemes of £571 (2019 - £607) were outstanding.

8 Related party transactions

During the period the directors paid expenses on behalf of the company which have not yet been reimbursed to these directors.

Directors' remuneration

The directors' remuneration for the year was as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Remuneration	<u>97,545</u>	<u>86,400</u>

Loans from related parties

	Key management	Total
	£	£
2020		
At start of period	<u>(334,995)</u>	<u>(334,995)</u>
At end of period	<u>(334,995)</u>	<u>(334,995)</u>
	Key management	Total
	£	£
2019		
At start of period	(334,995)	(334,995)
Repaid	<u>(9,590)</u>	<u>(9,590)</u>
At end of period	<u>(344,585)</u>	<u>(344,585)</u>

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Terms of loans from related parties

During the period the directors, paid expenses on behalf of the company which have not yet been reimbursed to those directors.

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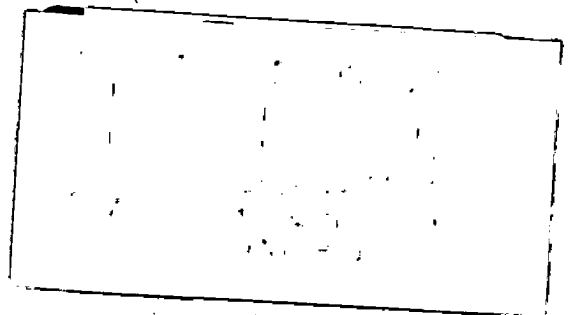
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This template illustrates what the Regulator of Community Interest Companies considers to be best practice for completing a simplified community interest company report. All such reports must be delivered in accordance with section 34 of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004 and contain the information required by Part 7 of the Community Interest Company Regulations 2005. For further guidance see chapter 8 of the Regulator's guidance notes and the alternate example provided for a more complex company with more detailed notes.

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

In the space provided below, please insert a general account of the company's activities in the financial year to which the report relates, including a description of how they have benefited the community.

The SSA continues to bring together significant stakeholders on the issue of soil sustainability and make this a major and coherently discussed issue. That is the key role that the SSA was established to do and provides a very real community benefit.

Through the work of the SSA, the political and thought landscape around soil and its importance is now markedly different from its perception prior to the establishment of the SSA, when there were a number of disparate interested groups not cooperating with each other.

Community benefit included:

- The inclusion of soil in the Agriculture Bill (since Nov 2020, the Agriculture Act) was a significant endorsement of the SSA's lobbying work and a potential game-changer for the soil-health cause - a commitment to government investment in soil health that is almost unique around the world.
- The SSA highlighted that soil health monitoring receives just 0.4% of the investment given to monitoring air and water, this story was featured in national news and gained audiences of around 100 million worldwide according to media tracking technology.
- The SSA is developing a tool alongside the National Trust and our Science Panel to demonstrate which SQIs will deliver public goods. This has numerous applications – Environment Land Management scheme (ELM), nationwide monitoring and supply chain target-setting.
- The SSA has been commissioned by the Tesco/WWF partnership, which aims to halve the environmental impact of the average shopping basket, to advise them on the role soil degradation plays and how to reduce it across their UK supply chain.
- In November 2020 the SSA hosted a Soil in ELM workshop, aimed to hear the views of a range of organisations (science, farming, policy-making, NGO) about how the government's proposed Environmental Land Management (ELM) scheme, and how broader agri-environment policy might best be designed to deliver healthier soil.
- The SSA now fronts a consortium of soil scientists, business interests and international carbon protocol experts to establish a UK Farm and Soil Carbon Code. The SSA's role is to provide a platform for stakeholder and policy-maker engagement and communications of the project.
- The SSA created a working group entitled the Sustainable Urban Soils Health Initiative (SUSHI), made up of soil scientists, arboriculturists, landscape architects and local government officers. It aims to develop and promote an up-to-date code of practice for the sustainable use of soils on construction sites and raise awareness of the many benefits of appropriate and considered soil management.
- The SSA collaborated with the UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Earthwatch Europe and Scotland's Rural College to launch a public engagement platform that acts as an online repository for all things soil. This community hub for all things soil aims to kickstart a nation-wide appreciation for soil health.
- In 2020, the SSA contributed to 4 government consultations on environmental issues.

(If applicable, please just state "A social audit report covering these points is attached").

(Please continue on separate continuation sheet if necessary.)

PART 2 – CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS – Please indicate who the company's stakeholders are; how the stakeholders have been consulted and what action, if any, has the company taken in response to feedback from its consultations? If there has been no consultation, this should be made clear.

The CIC continues to have a very broad stakeholder base, and part of the public benefit it brings is the conscious engagement with a broad range of stakeholders, rather than confining itself to one particular interest group. The CIC's stakeholders include:

- Scientists and academics practising in the area of soil health
- Farmers and farming organisations (eg NFU, Groundswell, Innovative Farmers, FWAG, Innovation for Agriculture)
- Government departments and agencies (eg DEFRA, Environment Agency, Natural England)
- Land use bodies (e.g. Woodland Trust, National Trust, Rivers Trust)
- Campaigning organisations (e.g. WWF, Sustain, Soil Association, Sustainable Food Trust, W C Link, Greener UK).

The CIC's plans and actions have been built around consultation with its stakeholders. Stakeholder engagement has been built-in to the structure of the CIC with the creation of a Strategic Advisory Board with representation across farming, advisory, agency, industry and NGOs, and a Science Panel that brings together leading scientists from the leading soil science institutions. In addition, further stakeholder groupings have been created, notably a supply chain stakeholder group, working with a number of major food retailers, and helping them to cooperate more widely in a pre competitive spirit.

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PART 3 – DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION – if you have provided full details in your accounts you need not reproduce it here. Please clearly identify the information within the accounts and confirm that, "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" (See example with full notes). If no remuneration was received, you must state that "no remuneration was received" below.

- Directors incurred travel costs of £714 during the period.
- Directors were paid £95,840 for services carried out for the CIC in administration, obtaining funding and PR, at a market rate.
- No other remuneration was paid to Directors.

PART 4 – TRANSFERS OF ASSETS OTHER THAN FOR FULL CONSIDERATION – Please insert full details of any transfers of assets other than for full consideration e.g. Donations to outside bodies. If this does not apply you must state that “no transfer of assets other than for full consideration has been made” below.

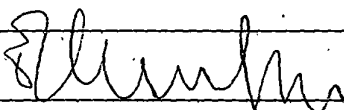
No transfers of assets other than for full consideration has been made.

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

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

Signed



Date

(DD/MM/YY)

02/03/21

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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