

Company Registration No. 0030373R (England and Wales)

**TOTNES RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY LIMITED**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

# TOTNES RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY LIMITED

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# TOTNES RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY LIMITED

## COMPANY INFORMATION

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<b>Directors</b>	Mr Ian Bright Mr Steve Munday Mr Alastair Gets Ms Esther Giangrande Mr Richard Dominic Turner	(Appointed 1 July 2019) (Appointed 14 January 2020)
<b>Secretary</b>	Ms Stephanie Burns	
<b>Company number</b>	0030373R	
<b>Registered office</b>	107 High Street Totnes Devon TQ9 5SN	
<b>Accountants</b>	Darnells Chartered Accountants 30 Fore Street Totnes Devon TQ9 5RP	

# TOTNES RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY LIMITED

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020.

#### Principal activities

The Society is registered with the Financial Conduct Authority under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. The liability of its members is limited under that Act.

The stated objects of the Society are to:

- Develop the profitable supply of energy from renewable energy resources for the benefit of the community centred in Totnes and the surrounding area.
- Ensure the democratic control of the renewable energy resources by the local community through the establishment of a large membership of the Society.
- Ensure that the maximum value from development of these resources shall be retained within the local economy.
- Provide an opportunity for public-spirited people and organisations to contribute financially to the community, with the expectation of a social dividend, rather than personal financial reward.

To this purpose the Society has a portfolio of solar PV assets.

The Society continued work on development of a number of new projects in the year including solar pv and hydropower, and on improvement of output from the largest solar array in it's portfolio at Hatchlands Farm.

The portfolio of energy producing assets remained unchanged over the period.

The Society continued to provide free electricity to South Devon Rural Housing Association tenants through the Shine (Fuel Poverty) Project worth between £13,000 and £27,000 a year.

The Society's Renewable Energy Experiential Learning programme resulted in the delivery of a four day energy module to two local schools.

#### Directors

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

Mr Ian Bright

Mr Steve Munday

Mr Oliver Frankland

(Resigned 30 April 2020)

Mr Trevor Branton

(Resigned 31 July 2019)

Mr Alastair Gets

Ms Gerry Granshaw

(Resigned 30 June 2019)

Ms Esther Giangrande

(Appointed 1 July 2019)

Mr Richard Dominic Turner

(Appointed 14 January 2020)

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

# TOTNES RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY LIMITED

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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By order of the board

Ms Stephanie Burns  
**Secretary**

20 July 2020

# TOTNES RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY LIMITED

## ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF TOTNES RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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In accordance with the engagement letter and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, we have compiled the financial statements of Totnes Renewable Energy Society Limited for the year ended 31 March 2020, set out on pages 4 to 13 from the Society's accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

As a member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at [icaew.com/membershandbook](http://icaew.com/membershandbook).

The financial statements have been compiled on the accounting basis set out in Note 1 to the financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared so as to comply with the provisions of UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles insofar as they are applicable to the Society.

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of Totnes Renewable Energy Society Limited, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Totnes Renewable Energy Society Limited and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Board of Directors of Totnes Renewable Energy Society Limited, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Totnes Renewable Energy Society Limited and its Board of Directors as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Totnes Renewable Energy Society Limited has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and loss of Totnes Renewable Energy Society Limited. You consider that Totnes Renewable Energy Society Limited is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements.

In our opinion under Section 85 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014:

- (i) The revenue account or accounts and the balance sheet are in agreement with the books of account kept by the Society under Section 75 of the Act.
- (ii) On the basis of the information contained in the books of account, the revenue account and balance sheet comply with the requirements of this Act.
- (iii) The financial criteria allowing the production of an Accountants' Report instead of a full audit conferred by Section 84 of the Act have been met.

**Darnells Chartered Accountants**  
**30 Fore Street**  
**Totnes**  
**Devon**  
**TQ9 5RP**

# TOTNES RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY LIMITED

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Turnover</b>		50,188	64,640
Cost of sales		(1,916)	(24,388)
		<u>48,272</u>	<u>40,252</u>
<b>Gross profit</b>		48,272	40,252
Administrative expenses		(44,316)	(57,002)
		<u>3,956</u>	<u>(16,750)</u>
<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>		3,956	(16,750)
Interest receivable and similar income		109	70
Interest payable and similar expenses		(8,695)	(8,927)
		<u>(4,630)</u>	<u>(25,607)</u>
<b>Loss before taxation</b>		(4,630)	(25,607)
Tax on loss	2	-	-
		<u>(4,630)</u>	<u>(25,607)</u>
<b>Loss for the financial year</b>		<u>(4,630)</u>	<u>(25,607)</u>

# TOTNES RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

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	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	3		388,739		410,671
Investments	4		17,105		17,105
			<u>405,844</u>		<u>427,776</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	5	10,004		11,535	
Cash at bank and in hand		47,871		34,588	
		<u>57,875</u>		<u>46,123</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	(14,878)		(10,722)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			42,997		35,401
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>448,841</u>		<u>463,177</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	7		(138,916)		(146,737)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>309,925</u>		<u>316,440</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	8		464,618		466,503
Capital redemption reserve			9,471		7,580
Profit and loss reserves			(164,164)		(157,643)
<b>Total equity</b>			<u>309,925</u>		<u>316,440</u>

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# TOTNES RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

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The Directors of the Society acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the Society keeps proper accounting records that comply with the Co-Operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (the Act), Section 76;
- (ii) establishing and maintaining a satisfactory system of control of its books of accounts, its cash holdings and all its receipts and remittances in order to comply with Sections 75 and 76 of the Act; and
- (iii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as at the end of the financial year and of its profit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 80, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the Society.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - small entities.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 20 July 2020 and are signed on its behalf by:

Mr Ian Bright  
**Director**

Ms Stephanie Burns  
**Secretary**

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Mr Richard Dominic Turner  
**Director**

**Company Registration No. 0030373R**

# TOTNES RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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	Notes	Share capital £	Capital redemption reserve £	Profit and loss reserves £	Total £
<b>Balance at 1 April 2018</b>		456,604	5,460	(129,916)	332,148
<b>Year ended 31 March 2019:</b>					
Loss and total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	(25,607)	(25,607)
Issue of share capital	8	12,019	-	-	12,019
Redemption of shares	8	(2,120)	2,120	(2,120)	(2,120)
<b>Balance at 31 March 2019</b>		<u>466,503</u>	<u>7,580</u>	<u>(157,643)</u>	<u>316,440</u>
<b>Year ended 31 March 2020:</b>					
Loss and total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	(4,630)	(4,630)
Issue of share capital	8	6	-	-	6
Redemption of shares	8	(1,891)	1,891	(1,891)	(1,891)
<b>Balance at 31 March 2020</b>		<u><u>464,618</u></u>	<u><u>9,471</u></u>	<u><u>(164,164)</u></u>	<u><u>309,925</u></u>

# TOTNES RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Company information

Totnes Renewable Energy Society Limited is a Society registered in England and Wales under the Co-Operative and Community Benefits Societies Act. The registered office is 107 High Street, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5SN.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The disclosure requirements of section 1A of FRS 102 have been applied other than where additional disclosure is required to show a true and fair view.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Turnover

Turnover represents monies received (excluding value added tax) from feed in tariffs and other services.

#### 1.3 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and machinery	5% straight line basis
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	15% reducing balance basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to profit or loss.

#### 1.4 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

##### Fair value measurement of financial instruments

The Society only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares. Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

# TOTNES RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the best estimate, which is an approximation, of the amount that the company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### 2 Taxation

On the basis of the losses shown in these financial statements no provision has been made for taxation.

#### 3 Tangible fixed assets

	<b>Plant and machinery etc £</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2019	507,785
Additions	3,668
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At 31 March 2020	511,453
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<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 April 2019	97,114
Depreciation charged in the year	25,600
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At 31 March 2020	122,714
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<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 March 2020	388,739
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At 31 March 2019	410,671
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#### 4 Fixed asset investments

	<b>2020 £</b>	<b>2019 £</b>
Investments	17,105	17,105
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# TOTNES RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

### 4 Fixed asset investments (Continued)

#### Movements in fixed asset investments

	Investments other than loans £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 April 2019 & 31 March 2020	17,105
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 March 2020	17,105
At 31 March 2019	17,105

### 5 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	2,442	6,725
Other debtors	7,562	4,810
	<u>10,004</u>	<u>11,535</u>

### 6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	7,822	7,364
Trade creditors	1,978	114
Taxation and social security	1,092	30
Other creditors	3,986	3,214
	<u>14,878</u>	<u>10,722</u>

### 7 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	<u>138,916</u>	<u>146,737</u>

# TOTNES RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

### 7 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year (Continued)

The bank loan is secured by a charge over all the Society's assets and is repayable by instalments over a period of sixteen years commencing 12 April 2017, and has a rate of interest of 5% above the Bank of England base rate.

Included in creditors falling due after more than one year is an amount of £102,749 (2019 £112,587) in respect of liabilities which fall due for payment after more than five years from the balance sheet date.

### 8 Called up share capital

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Ordinary share capital Issued and fully paid</b>		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	493,405	495,290
<b>Cost of issuing equity</b>		
Publicity and prospectus costs	(28,787)	(28,787)
	<u>464,618</u>	<u>466,503</u>

6 Ordinary shares of £1 each were issued at par in the period and 1,891 were redeemed at par.

The shares cannot be sold or traded. They may on 180 days notice at the discretion of the Directors and after three years of subscription be withdrawn. The full price paid for the shares is not withdrawable if the Society does not have sufficient funds available at the time. In some circumstances the Directors may write down the value of the shares and in these circumstances only the written down value will be received.

### 9 Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2020, the Society was committed to making the following payments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	2020 £	2019 £
In over five years	26,163	26,982
	<u>26,163</u>	<u>26,982</u>

# TOTNES RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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### 10 Related party transactions

Although there is no payroll scheme in place for this Society, there are in total five (2019: six) directors.

During the year Mr Ian Bright, Mr Alastair Gets, Mr Oliver Stone and Ms Gerry Granshaw, all Directors, were paid £1,450 (2019: £3,400), £850 (2019: £2,050), £- (2019: £600) and £- (2019: £2,400) respectively for their services as Directors.

Additionally during the year Mr Ian Bright and Mr Alistair Gets were paid £140 (2019: £2,700) and £- (2019: £2,760) respectively for services in respect of consultancy work.

**TOTNES RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY LIMITED**  
**MANAGEMENT INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

**The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts**



# TOTNES RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY LIMITED

## DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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		2020		2019
	£	£	£	£
<b>Turnover</b>				
Electricity sales		47,035		44,672
Consultancy services		-		2,500
Grant income		-		15,858
Other income		3,153		1,610
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		50,188		64,640
<b>Cost of sales</b>				
Meter and monitoring costs	1,336		1,460	
Consultancy fees	580		22,928	
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		(1,916)		(24,388)
<b>Gross profit</b>	96.18%	48,272	62.27%	40,252
<b>Administrative expenses</b>		(44,316)		(57,002)
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<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>		3,956		(16,750)
<b>Investment revenues</b>				
Bank interest received	99		58	
Dividends from investments measured at cost	10		12	
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		109		70
<b>Interest payable and similar expenses</b>				
Bank interest on loans and overdrafts		(8,695)		(8,927)
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<b>Loss before taxation</b>		(4,630)	39.61%	(25,607)
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# TOTNES RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY LIMITED

## SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>Administrative expenses</b>		
Administrative fees	2,785	5,813
Directors' fees	2,300	8,450
Rent	1,844	1,775
Cleaning	500	-
Repairs and maintenance	1,424	3,817
Insurance	3,606	3,460
Computer running costs	555	881
Professional subscriptions	371	295
Legal and professional fees	10	2,283
Accountancy	1,153	1,842
Bank charges	630	670
Bad and doubtful debts	1,050	-
Printing, postage and stationery	209	237
Education, conference costs and publicity	2,099	1,027
Telecommunications	120	130
Sundry expenses	60	891
Depreciation	25,600	25,431
	<u>44,316</u>	<u>57,002</u>

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