

Information for the Issuance of Shares

Stockwood CBS is offering its ordinary shares for sale, for the further development of Stockwood Business Park, Rush Farm and the furtherance of the Society's objects.

The minimum investment in this share offer is £100 (100 shares) and the maximum (by law) is £100,000 (100,000 shares).

It is possible to make loans to the Society. For all enquiries relating to making loans please contact the Society.

It is also possible to make gift-aided donation to the Society (as it is an exempt charity). To make a donation please send a cheque to Stockwood Community Benefit Society Ltd, send to Rush Farm, Stockwood, Nr Redditch, Worcs. B96 6SX, and state whether or not you are a tax payer.

The offer is open to individuals over the age of 16, trust funds, Self-Invested Personal Pension Plans, nominee services and corporate entities, groups and associations.

The following sets out the details of becoming a member and investor of Stockwood CBS.

Legal information

Stockwood CBS is Stockwood Community Benefit Society Limited, a community benefit industrial and provident society, registered in England & Wales on 11th December 2012 (number 31920R).

Voting

Membership of the Stockwood CBS is afforded to holders of ordinary shares. Stockwood CBS operates on a one member, one vote principle regardless of the size or value of the member's shareholding.

Interest

Provision is made in our Rules to pay interest on share capital at such rates as may be determined by the Directors from time to time. The interest is payable at the end of the accounting year. The first payment made was in 2015 at 5%, then in 2016, 2017 and 2018 the payment was again made at 5%. The Directors have decided to pay 5% in 2019 also.

Charging & Running costs

There are no charges made on your investment but costs of attracting capital and running the Stockwood CBS will be paid for by Stockwood CBS and will be taken into account when determining the annual interest rate to be paid to members.

Nomination options

In the event of the death of a shareholder, the repaid value of the shares will normally be added to the estate for probate purposes. For investments up to £5,000 you may elect to nominate a recipient for the value of the shares and thus (under current legislation) remove the value of the shares (up to £5,000) from your estate for probate (but not tax) purposes. A nomination form is available from the office by application or can be downloaded at www.stockwoodcbs.org/members-2.

Withdrawal of shares

Stockwood CBS's rules allow for the withdrawal of funds subject to 180 days' notice.

The Directors reserve the right to suspend withdrawals, should there be insufficient funds to make repayments.

Connected Parties

Chris Burdett (Director) works for Rush Farm Limited which leases the farm land from Stockwood CBS.

Terms and Conditions for Applying for Shares

Your application

You cannot withdraw your application for shares once we have received your application form. The Directors do not have to accept your application for shares. They may decide not to issue shares to you or may issue fewer shares than you have asked for. They do not need to give a reason for their decision. If membership is approved, a share certificate will be issued the month following the close of the share offer.

Your payment

We will inform you, once payment has been received. The Directors may cash your cheque as soon as it is received. Cash payments cannot be received. Stockwood CBS will hold your funds in trust until the Board of Directors consider your application. The Directors will return your money to you within 28 days of making their decision if they decide not to accept your application.

Your promises to us

- You are at least 16 years of age.
- Your cheque will be honoured on presentation.
- You have authority to sign the application form.
- You will supply us with proof of your name and address if we ask for it. We may need this to comply with current Money Laundering Regulations.

Demutualisation – protection from “carpet-baggers”

You may not benefit financially from your shares if Stockwood CBS converts, or transfers its business or is wound up. In this case, the only financial benefits you may receive from your shares are:

- The possibility of interest (at a low rate)
- The possibility of the return of the money you paid for your shares

The Directors draw your attention to your obligations under Rule 14 of our Rules regarding the windfall if Stockwood CBS converts, transfers its business, or is wound up. Should any greater financial benefit come into your hands, it will belong to such Charity or Community Benefit Society as we may nominate from time to time. You are to hold the benefit on trust for that Charity or Community Benefit Society. To secure that (and your obligations under Rule 14 of our Rules) you appoint as your attorney the person holding office (from time to time) as our Secretary. That appointment is irrevocable. Your attorney has power to sign – on your behalf – an undertaking for which we may ask in accordance with Rule 14.