Community Harvest Whetstone

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Growing

After a year of operation Community Harvest Whetstone, our local Community Supported Agriculture project, is looking to expand from the small field to a 2 acre plot. This new area will need protection from rabbits, and a lot of work to improve the soil from arable standard up to vegetable growing quality. Next year we plan to increase our vegetable production from our present ten ½ shares to an additional 20 full ones and the following year to a total of 40.

To help us get the new ground fit for purpose and to purchase the rabbit fencing we are looking to raise £10,000 from the local community through a share offer. Shares valued at £1.00 each are to be offered in blocks of 100 and as CHW is an Industrial and Provident Society run under co-operative rules, each share holder will have one vote, irrespective of size of holding.

This is an opportunity to invest in a local project, producing local healthy food, giving local employment and helping to revive the community aspect of food production. Community Supported Agriculture encourages the customers (crop-sharers) to be involved in running the company and also the practical side of food growing.

This offer will be for non-transferable shares, that is you may only sell them back to CHW. To help with our financial security the committee propose to suspend withdrawals for the first 3 years, thereafter we will ask for a notice of 6 months and an annual limit of withdrawal of 10% of the total share holding.

We do not anticipate paying dividends on these shares and there is always a chance of the value of your holding may fall. We see this share offer as an opportunity for social investment and should not be intended for personal gain or profit.

If you are interested in supporting this project, please view our business plan (community-harvest-whetstone.org.uk), paper copies available if required.

CHW share issue No.1 – Application Form

Any individual aged 16 or over and any organisation may apply to become a member of Community Harvest Whetstone (CHW) and may invest in CHW by applying to buy shares. Applications under this offer must be for a minimum of 100 shares [£100].

Applications for shares must be made on this form and must be accompanied by a cheque in payment.

Acceptance of your application will be notified by issue of a Share Statement, which will be posted as soon as possible.

The Committee reserve the right to reject any applicant in whole or in part, in which case the application monies will be returned by cheque through the post at the applicant's risk.

name of applicant	
contact name (where applican	nt is not an individual)
address	
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I agree to be bound by the F share offer) I have read, accepted and offer and I am aware of the holding information in according	Chip of Community Harvest Whetstone. Rules of the Society (Free membership is included in this understand the Terms and Conditions set out in this erisks involved in investing in CHW. I consent to you redance with the Data Protection Act.
	(payable to Community Harvest Whetstone) for the
	(minimum 100) at a value of £1 each .
signed	date
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position in organisation (if a	pplicable)
Please return this form to C	HW, 123 Station Road, Wigston, LE18 2DN
	l: <u>info@community-harvest-whetstone.org.uk;</u> phone: t our website: http://www.community-harvest-
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Applicants and members should be aware that share capital in an Industrial and Provident Society is risk capital and there is a possibility of loss. Community Harvest Whetstone Limited currently pays no interest on share capital invested in it. This investment is not suitable for those who require income or ready access to their capital. Investors are not covered by any depositor protection scheme.

Terms and Conditions

The Society

Community Harvest Whetstone Limited (CHW) is an Industrial and Provident Society registered under the number ****** as a Co-operative. The registered office is 56 Beech Drive, Leicester, LE3 3DA. A copy of the society's rules is available on request.

Membership

The Society is owned by and accountable to its members. All members have an equal say based on the principle of one member one vote. Membership is open to all persons and organisations that agree with the aims and objectives of the society. Individuals must be at least 16 years of age to be a member. Members participate in decision making at general meetings. Members elect the committee to manage the business and oversee the work of staff and/or volunteers. Members will be kept informed of the work of the society at the annual general meeting and via the annual report and accounts, the newsletter and website.

Shareholding

All shares have a nominal value of £1. The minimum shareholding is £100. You can buy additional shares up to the legal maximum, currently £20,000.

The shares are not transferable. The notice period for withdrawals is six months. The committee have the right to reduce the amount payable on each share when withdrawn if the auditors of the society certify that there are more liabilities than assets. The committee also have the right to suspend withdrawal for such periods as they think fit and are likely to suspend withdrawals for at least the first three years.

Interest /dividends

Interest/dividends payable on share capital is determined by the committee and communicated to members. There is currently no interest payable on share capital.

Financial regulation

CHW is not an authorized institution under the Banking Act 1987 and does not accept deposits. This means there is no share deposit protection scheme for investors. CHW is an exempt person from the regulated activity of deposit taking by its issue of shares pursuant to Paragraph 24 of the Schedule to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA") Exemption (Order 2001). The shares are not a specified investment for the purposes of Section 22 of FSMA (What is a Regulated Activity) pursuant to Paragraph 76 of FSMA (Regulated Activities) Order 2001. The

issue of withdrawable shares which are not transferable exempts this document from the requirements of an approved prospectus required by Section 85(1) of FSMA. An investment in the withdrawable and nontransferable shares of an Industrial and Provident Society is not treated as a controlled investment for the purposes of Section 21 of FSMA (The Financial Promotion Prohibition) pursuant to Paragraph 14(3) of Schedule 1 of the FSMA (Financial Promotion) Order 2005. CHW has taken all reasonable care to ensure that every statement of fact or opinion included in this information document is true and not misleading.

Risk

Membership of the society and the purchase of shares should be seen as a social investment to support the aims of CHW and not an investment for personal gain or profit. Membership is not suitable for anyone who needs income from investments or immediate access to their capital

Although the committee will implement prudent management policies, there is always the risk that you could lose some or all of your share capital.

Data Protection

By completing the application for membership you consent to the society holding personal data about you in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. We do not sell or exchange mailing lists.

Money Laundering

It is a term of this offer that, to ensure compliance with the Money Laundering Regulations 2003, and the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and such similar legislation, CHW will require verification of identity from any applicant. We will contact you about this following receipt of your application.

If shares are bought on behalf of any third party (i.e. not the named member) verification of this person may also be required. If satisfactory evidence of identity is not provided this may result in delays and may even result in your application being rejected, in which event the money payable on application will be returned without interest to the account at the drawee bank to which such money was originally debited.

You should ideally make payment for your shares from your own account. If this is not practicable and you use a building society cheque, third party cheque or banker's draft you must ask the building society or bank to write on the cheque the name and account number of the person from whose account payment is being made.