

SUFFOLK CREDIT UNION LTD

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**DIRECTORS REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 SEPTEMBER 2019

SUFFOLK CREDIT UNION LTD

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Directors	Mr Russell Drake Mr Jon Wray Mrs Katherine Watt Ms Claire Tolliday
Secretary	Mrs Katherine Watt
Society Registration Number	IP00510C
Financial Conduct Authority Registration Number	213930
Registered Office	Ground Floor Block 3, Endeavour House 8 Russell Road Ipswich IP1 2BX
Auditors	Lindley Adams Limited Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors 28, Prescott Street Halifax, HX1 2LG
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SUFFOLK CREDIT UNION LTD
DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2019.

Principal activity and Business Review

The principal activities of the credit union are the promotion and encouragement of regular saving and prudent borrowing by its members, as defined in the Credit Unions Act 1979.

Results and Dividends

The deficit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £4,312 (2018 - £5,070 surplus). In addition, there were 491 (2018 - 502) adult members with 135 (2018 - 158) members holding loans with the Credit Union.

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend at the year end. This will be voted upon at the Annual General Meeting.

Directors

The directors who served during the year are as stated below:

Mr Russell Drake
Mr Jon Wray
Mrs Katherine Watt
Ms Claire Tolliday

Financial risk management objectives and policies

The main financial risks arising from the Credit Union's activities are credit risk, liquidity risk and interest-rate risk. The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks and these are summarised below:

- Credit Risk: All loan applications are assessed with reference to the Credit Union's lending policy. Changes to policy are approved by the Board.
- Interest Rate Risk: The main interest rate risk arises from differences between interest rate exposures on assets and on liabilities that form an integral part of the credit union's operations. The Credit Union considers interest rates when deciding on the dividend rates to propose on share accounts.
- Liquidity Risk: The Credit Union's policy is to maintain sufficient funds in a liquid form at all times to ensure that the Credit Union can meet its liabilities as they fall due. The objective of liquidity is to help smooth mismatches between maturing assets and liabilities and to provide a degree of protection against any unexpected developments that may arise.

These areas are outlined in greater detail in section 15 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Credit Union legislation requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland" (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under Credit Union legislation the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the credit union and of the surplus or deficit of the Credit Union for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the credit union will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Credit Union's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Credit Union and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and with the Credit Union Act 1979. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Credit Union and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

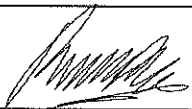
In so far as the directors are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information (information needed by the Credit Union's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the Credit Union's auditors are unaware, and
- The directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Credit Union's auditors are aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Board on 12 August 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

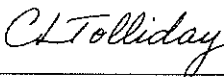
Name of Director 1: Russell Drake

Signature



Name of Director 2: Claire Tolliday

Signature



**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR
TO SUFFOLK CREDIT UNION LTD**

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Suffolk Credit Union Ltd (the 'credit union') for the year ended 30 September 2019 which comprise revenue account, balance sheet, statement of changes to retained earnings, cash flow statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the credit union's affairs as at 30 September 2019 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and the Credit Unions Act 1979.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the credit union in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances as set out in note 20 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Board have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Credit Union's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

OTHER INFORMATION

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Board is responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information; we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- a satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the books of account; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' responsibilities set out on page 2, the Board is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board is responsible for assessing the Credit Union's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intend to liquidate the Credit Union or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

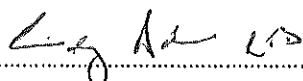
AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the credit union, in accordance with section 87 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the credit union those matters we are required to state to it in a Report of the auditor's and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the credit union, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Lindley Adams Limited
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
28 Prescott Street,
Halifax, HX1 2LG

Date..... 12/August/2020

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Revenue Account for the year ended 30 September 2019

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
Loan Interest receivable and similar income	4	35,284	40,431
Interest payable	5	<u>(5,013)</u>	<u>0</u>
Net interest income		30,271	40,431
Fees and commissions receivable	6	91	196
Fees and commissions payable		<u>(641)</u>	<u>(659)</u>
Net fees and commissions payable		(550)	(463)
Other income	7	2,689	323
Administrative expenses	8a	(21,654)	(21,168)
Depreciation and amortisation	11	(960)	(960)
Other operating expenses	8b	(9,831)	(8,092)
Impairment losses on loans to members	12e	(3,699)	(4,293)
Surplus (Deficit) Before Taxation		<u>(3,734)</u>	<u>5,778</u>
Taxation		(578)	(707)
Surplus (Deficit) for the Financial Year		<u>(4,312)</u>	<u>5,071</u>
Other comprehensive income		0	0
Total comprehensive income (expenditure)		<u>(4,312)</u>	<u>5,071</u>

Note: There is no comprehensive income other than those included on the Revenue Account.

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Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2019

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
ASSETS			
Loans and advances to banks	16	<u>578,835</u>	<u>539,999</u>
Loans and advances to members	12	177,885	241,933
Tangible fixed assets	11	0	960
Prepayments and accrued income		1,416	1,511
Total assets		<u>758,136</u>	<u>784,403</u>
LIABILITIES			
Subscribed capital - repayable on demand	13	725,333	746,702
Other payables	14	<u>3,942</u>	<u>4,528</u>
		729,275	751,230
Retained earnings		28,861	33,173
Total liabilities		<u>758,136</u>	<u>784,403</u>

The financial statements were approved, and authorised for issue by the board on 12/August/2020 and signed on its behalf by:



 Director

CL Tollanday

 Director

EMC-Ellis

 Secretary

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Statement of Changes in Retained Earnings for the year ended 30 September 2019

	2019	2018
	£	£
As at 1 October 2018	33,173	28,102
Total comprehensive income (expenditure) for the year	(4,312)	5,071
As at 30 September 2019	28,861	33,173

Movement in reserves	Retained earnings		Total
	General reserve	Revenue reserve	
As at 1 October 2018	27,859	5,314	33,173
Deficit for year	(4,312)	0	(4,312)
Other movements	834	(834)	0
As at 30 September 2019	24,381	4,480	28,861

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Cash flow statement for the year ended 30 September 2019

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
Cash Flows from operating activities			
Surplus (Deficit) Before Taxation		(3,734)	5,778
Adjustments for non-cash items			
Depreciation	11	960	960
Impairment losses	12e	3,699	4,293
		<u>4,659</u>	<u>5,253</u>
 Movements in:			
Prepayments and accrued income		95	234
Other payables		(586)	598
		<u>(491)</u>	<u>832</u>
 Cash flows from changes in operative assets and liabilities			
Cash inflow from subscribed capital	13	312,902	295,103
Cash outflow from repaid capital	13	(334,271)	(257,890)
New loans to members	12a	(106,119)	(146,056)
Repayment of loans by members	12a	166,468	142,608
		<u>38,980</u>	<u>33,765</u>
Taxation paid		(578)	(707)
Net Cash flows from operating activities		<u>38,836</u>	<u>44,921</u>
 Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	11	0	0
Net cash flow from managing liquid deposits	16	(211)	(1,603)
		<u>38,625</u>	<u>43,318</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		<u>38,625</u>	<u>43,318</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		258,396	215,078
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	16	<u><u>297,021</u></u>	<u><u>258,396</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2019

1 Legal and regulatory framework

The Credit Union is a society established under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, whose principal activity is to operate as a credit union, within the meaning of the Credit Unions Act 1979. The Credit Union has registered with the Financial Conduct Authority and is regulated by the Prudential Regulation Authority under the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

In accordance with the regulatory environment for credit unions, deposits from members can be made by subscription for redeemable shares, deferred shares and interest - bearing shares. At present the Credit Union has only issued redeemable shares.

2 Accounting policies**Basis of preparation**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 - the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland.

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

Going concern

The directors of the Credit Union believe that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis. In accordance with PRA Rulebook Guidelines outlined in Section 8.5 (1), the credit union must maintain a minimum Capital-To-Total assets ratio of 3%.

	2019	2018
The relevant ratios are:-	3.81%	4.23%

Income

Loan interest receivable and similar income: Interest on both loans to members and loans to banks (i.e. cash and cash equivalents held on deposit with other financial institutions) is recognised using the effective interest method, and is calculated and accrued on a daily basis. Exempt interest on members loans is not recognised.

Fees and commissions receivable: Fees and charges either arise in connection with a specific transaction, or accrue evenly over the year. Income relating to individual transactions is recognised when the transaction is completed.

Other income: Other income is recognised either evenly over the period to which it relates or when the transaction is complete.

Taxation

The tax charge for the year reflects current tax payable. Current tax is the expected corporation tax payable for the year, using tax rates in force for the year. The Credit Union is not liable to corporation tax payable on its activities of making loans to members, and investing surplus funds, as these are not classified as a trade. However, corporation tax is payable on investment income.

As a result of the limited activities of the Credit Union from which profits are chargeable to corporation tax, it is unlikely that deferred tax will arise.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2019 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (cont.)**Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets comprises items of property, plant and equipment, which are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of each item of property, plant and equipment, less its estimated residual value, on a straight line basis over its estimated useful life. The categories of property, plant and equipment are depreciated as follows:

Software & Office Equipment	3 Years
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Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and with the Bank of England and loans and advances to banks (i.e. cash deposited with banks) with maturity of less than or equal to three months.

Financial assets – loans and advances to members

Loans to members are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments. Loans are made to members for provident or productive purposes on such security (or without security) and terms as the rules of the Credit Union provide. Loans are recognised when cash is advanced to members and measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Loans are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the asset have expired, usually when all amounts outstanding have been repaid by the member.

Impairment of financial assets

The Credit Union assesses, at each balance sheet date, if there is objective evidence that any of its loans to members are impaired. The loans are assessed collectively in groups that share similar credit risk characteristics, because no loans are individually significant. In addition, if, during the course of the year, there is objective evidence that any individual loan is impaired, a specific loss will be recognised.

Any impairment losses are recognised in the revenue account, as the difference between the carrying value of the loan and the net present value of the expected cash flows.

Financial liabilities – subscribed capital

Members' shareholdings in the Credit Union are redeemable and therefore are classified as financial liabilities, and described as subscribed capital. They are initially recognised at the amount of cash deposited and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Employee benefits

Defined contribution plans: The amounts charged as expenditure for the defined contribution plan are the contributions payable by the Credit Union for the relevant period.

Other employee benefits: Other short and long term employee benefits, including holiday pay, are recognised as an expense over the period they are earned.

Reserves

Retained earnings are the accumulated surpluses to date that have not been declared as dividends returnable to members.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2019 (continued)

3 Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain accounting estimates. It also requires the Directors to exercise judgement in applying the Credit Union's accounting policies. The areas requiring a higher degree of judgement, or complexity, and areas where assumptions or estimates are most significant to the financial statements, are disclosed below:

Impairment losses on loans to members

Impaired losses are stated after specifically reviewing all loans in arrears. The criteria used is whether the loan will be repaid within the term of the loan based upon the current regular pattern of repayments.

4	Loan interest receivable and similar income		2019	2018
			£	£
	Loan interest receivable from members		32,242	36,711
	Bank interest receivable from cash and liquid deposits		3,042	3,720
	Total loan interest receivable and similar income		35,284	40,431
5	Interest expense			
	Interest expense is the dividend paid to members for the prior year. The dividend is formally proposed by the Directors after the year end and is confirmed at the following AGM. As a result it does not represent a liability at the balance sheet date.			
			2019	2018
			£	£
	Interest paid during the year		5,013	0
	Dividend rate		0.75%	0.00%
	Interest proposed, but not recognised		0	5,314
	Dividend rate		0.00%	0.75%
6	Fees and commissions receivable		2019	2018
			£	£
	Entrance fees		91	196
	Total fees and commissions receivable		91	196
7	Other Income		2019	2018
			£	£
	Miscellaneous income		2,689	323
			2,689	323
8	Expenses	Note	2019	2018
			£	£
	Administrative expenses	8a	21,654	21,168
	Depreciation and amortisation	11	960	960
	Other operating expenses	8b	9,831	8,092
			32,445	30,220

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2019 (continued)

8a Administrative Expenses	Note	2019 £	2018 £
Employment costs	9b	13,320	14,838
Training and Conference		551	220
Advertising and Publicity		3,300	2,418
Directors & Volunteers expenses		129	118
Auditors remuneration	8c	2,100	1,230
Telephone		0	0
Computer maintenance		1,476	1,400
General expenses		0	55
Printing, Postage and Stationery		204	656
Other insurances		574	0
Total Administrative Expenses		<u>21,654</u>	<u>21,168</u>
8b Other Operating Expenses		2019	2018
Regulatory and financial management costs			
Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority Fees		180	221
National Body Dues		612	640
Financial Services Compensation Scheme Levy		0	30
Fidelity Insurance		1,661	1,661
Loan Protection and life savings insurance		4,372	5,256
Debt recovery fees & Credit Checks		3,006	284
Total Other operating Expenses		<u>9,831</u>	<u>8,092</u>
8c Auditors remuneration			
The Credit Union voluntarily presents an analysis of its auditors' remuneration in accordance with Companies (Disclosure of Auditor Remuneration and Liability Limitation Agreements) Regulations 2008.			
		2019 £	2018 £
Fees payable for the audit of the Credit Union's annual accounts		2,010	1,140
Fees payable to the Credit Union's Auditor for other services:			
Services relating to taxation		90	90
Total Auditors remuneration		<u>2,100</u>	<u>1,230</u>

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9 Employees and employment costs

9a Number of employees	2019	2018
The average monthly number of employees during the year were:	Number	Number
Office staff	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
9b Employment costs	2019	2018
	£	£
Wages and salaries	10,287	11,094
Social security costs	984	1,827
Payments to defined contribution pension schemes	<u>2,049</u>	<u>1,917</u>
Total employment costs	<u>13,320</u>	<u>14,838</u>

The Directors of the Credit Union are all unpaid volunteers. The key management team for the Credit Union includes the credit union manager.

	2019	2018
	£	£
Short term employee benefits	438	438
Payments to defined contribution pension schemes	<u>2,049</u>	<u>1,917</u>
Total key management personnel compensation	<u>2,487</u>	<u>2,355</u>

Short-term employee benefits include wages, salaries, social security contributions and paid annual leave.

10 Taxation**10a Recognised in the Revenue Account**

The taxation charge for the year, based on the small profits rate of Corporation Tax of 19% (2018 19%) comprised:

	Note	2019	2018
		£	£
Current tax		£	£
UK Corporation tax	10b	578	707
Total current tax and total taxation expense recognised in the Revenue Account		<u>578</u>	<u>707</u>

10b Reconciliation of taxation expense

The Credit Union is not liable to corporation tax payable on its activities of making loans to members, and investing surplus funds, as these are not classified as a trade. However, corporation tax is payable on investment income. As a result, tax charge for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax. The differences are explained below:

	2019	2018
	£	£
Surplus (Deficit) Before Taxation	<u>(3,734)</u>	<u>5,778</u>
Surplus (Deficit) before taxation multiplied by small profits rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2018 19%)	(709)	1,127
Effects of:		
Non-taxable adjustment re holiday pay	83	83
Non-taxable surplus/(deficit) on transactions with members	<u>1,204</u>	<u>(503)</u>
Total tax charge for the year	<u>578</u>	<u>707</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2019 (continued)

11 Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets comprise the following property, plant and equipment:

	Software & Office Equipment	£	Total
Cost			
As at 1 October 2018		5,695	5,695
Additions			0
Disposals			0
As at 30 September 2019		<u>5,695</u>	<u>5,695</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 October 2018		4,735	4,735
Charge for the year		960	960
Charge on disposal			0
As at 30 September 2019		<u>5,695</u>	<u>5,695</u>
Net Book Value			
As at 30 September 2019		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
As at 30 September 2018		<u>960</u>	<u>960</u>

12 Loans and advances to members

12a Loans and advances to members	Note	2019 £	2018 £
As at 1 October 2018		312,081	308,633
Advanced during the year		106,119	146,056
Interest receivable		32,242	36,711
Repaid during the year		(198,710)	(179,319)
Gross loans and advances to members	12b	<u>251,732</u>	<u>312,081</u>
Impairment losses:			
Individual financial assets	12b, 12e	(5,580)	0
Groups of financial assets	12d	(68,267)	(70,148)
	12c	<u>(73,847)</u>	<u>(70,148)</u>
As at 30 September 2019		<u>177,885</u>	<u>241,933</u>
12b Memorandum - Total loan assets regulatory purposes	Note	2019 £	2018 £
Gross loans and advances to members		251,732	312,081
Impairment of individual financial assets		(5,580)	0
Total loan assets for regulatory purposes	15b	<u>246,152</u>	<u>312,081</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2019 (continued)

12c Credit risk disclosures

The credit union does not offer mortgages and as a result all loans to members are unsecured, except where there are restrictions on the extent to which borrowers may withdraw their savings whilst loans are outstanding.

The carrying amount of the loans to members represents the credit union's maximum exposure to credit risk. The following table provides information on the credit quality of loan repayments. Where loans are not impaired it is expected that the amounts repayable will be received in full.

	2019		2018	
	Amount	Proportion	Amount	Proportion
Not impaired:				
Neither past due nor impaired	148,946	59.18%	198,861	63.72%
Up to 3 months past due	22,124	8.79%	29,008	9.30%
Between 3 and 6 months past due	2,541	1.01%	2,760	0.88%
Between 6 and 9 months past due	3,194	1.27%	6,179	1.98%
Between 9 months and 1 year past due	239	0.09%	294	0.09%
Over 1 year past due	840	0.33%	4,830	1.55%
Sub-total: loans not impaired	177,884	70.67%	241,932	77.52%
Individually impaired:				
Not yet past due, but impaired	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Up to 3 months past due	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Between 3 and 6 months past due	1,081	0.43%	1,165	0.37%
Between 6 and 9 months past due	2,022	0.80%	6,214	1.99%
Between 9 months and 1 year past due	857	0.34%	1,176	0.38%
Over 1 year past due	69,888	27.76%	61,594	19.74%
Total loans	251,732	29.33%	312,081	22.48%
Impairment allowance	(73,847)		(70,148)	
Total carrying value	177,885		241,933	

Factors that are considered in determining whether loans are impaired are discussed in note 3.

12d Allowance account for impairment losses	Note	2019	2018
		£	£
As at 1 October 2018		70,148	65,855
Allowance for losses made (reversed) during the year		(1,881)	4,293
Increase (decrease) in allowance during the year	12e	(1,881)	4,293
As at 30 September 2019		68,267	70,148
12e Impairment losses recognised for the year		2019	2018
		£	£
Impairment of individual financial assets		5,580	0
Increase (decrease) in impairment allowances during the year		(1,881)	4,293
		3,699	4,293
Reversal of impairment where debts recovered		0	0
Total impairment losses recognised for the year		3,699	4,293

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13 Subscribed capital - financial liabilities	2019	2018
	£	£
As at 1 October 2018	746,702	709,489
Received during the year	307,889	295,103
Dividends paid during the year	5,013	0
Repaid during the year	<u>(334,271)</u>	<u>(257,890)</u>
As at 30 September 2019	<u>725,333</u>	<u>746,702</u>

Deposits from members are made by way of subscription for shares. The balance includes deposits made by juvenile members - £5,505 (2018 - £2,607).

14 Other payables	2019	2018
	£	£
UK Corporation tax	578	707
Accruals and deferred income	3,364	3,821
	<u>3,942</u>	<u>4,528</u>

15 Additional financial instruments disclosures

15a Financial risk management

The Credit Union manages its subscribed capital and loans to members so that it earns income from the margin between interest receivable and interest payable.

The main financial risks arising from the Credit Union's activities are credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. The board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks, which are summarised below.

Credit risk: Credit risk is the risk that a borrower will default on their contractual obligations relating to repayments to the Credit Union, resulting in financial loss to the Credit Union. In order to manage the risk the Board approves the Credit Union's lending policy, and all changes to it. All loan applications are assessed with reference to the lending policy in force at the time. Subsequently loans are regularly reviewed for any factors that may indicate that the likelihood of payment has changed. The Credit Union also monitors its banking arrangements closely in light of the current banking situation.

Liquidity risk: The Credit Union's policy is to maintain sufficient funds in liquid form at all times to ensure that it meets its liabilities as they fall due. The objective of the Credit Union's liquidity policy is to smooth the mismatches between maturing assets and liabilities and to provide a degree of protection against any unexpected developments that may arise. Note 2 provides further details about the impact of the maturity mismatch on the going concern status of the Credit Union.

Market risk: Market risk is generally comprised of interest rate risk, currency risk and other price risk. The Credit Union conducts all its transactions in sterling and does not deal in derivatives or commodity markets. Therefore the Credit Union is not exposed to any form of *currency risk* or *other price risk*.

Interest rate risk: The Credit Union's main interest rate risk arises from differences between the interest rate exposures on the receivables and payables that form an integral part of a credit union's operations. The Credit Union considers rates of interest receivable when deciding on the dividend rate payable on subscribed capital. The Credit Union does not use interest rate options to hedge its own positions.

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15b Interest rate risk disclosures

The following table shows the average interest rates applicable to relevant financial assets and financial liabilities.

	2019		2018	
	Amount	Average Interest Rate	Amount	Average Interest Rate
Financial assets	£	%	£	%
Loans to members	246,152	11.55%	312,081	11.83%

The interest rates applicable to loans to members are fixed and range from 6% to 18%.

15c Liquidity risk disclosures

Excluding short-term other payables, as noted on the balance sheet, the Credit Union's financial liabilities, the subscribed capital, are repayable on demand.

15d Fair value of financial instruments

The Credit Union does not hold any financial instruments at fair value.

16 Cash and cash equivalents

	2019	2018
	£	£
Loans and advances to banks	578,835	539,999
Less: amounts maturing after three months	(281,814)	(281,603)
Total cash and cash equivalents	297,021	258,396

17 Post balance sheet events

There are no material events after the balance sheet date to disclose.

18 Contingent liabilities

The Credit Union participates in the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) and therefore has a contingent liability, which cannot be quantified, in respect of contributions to the FSCS, as required by the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) has provided details of how the calculation of next year's contribution towards the FSCS will be calculated and full provision has been included for this liability. However this is subject to future changes in interest rates and levels of deposits held by UK deposit takers. Therefore there is inherent uncertainty regarding the totality of the levy that the Credit Union will have to pay.

19 Related Party Transactions

During the year, 5 members of the board, staff, volunteers and their close family members, had or were issued with loans with the Credit Union (2018 - 4 Members). These loans were approved on the same basis as loans to other members of the Credit Union. None of the directors, staff, volunteers and close family members have any preferential terms on their loans.

All members of the board and employees are employees of Suffolk County Council. Suffolk County Council provides the Credit Union with an office free of rent and rates.

Karen Walker, an employee of the Credit Union is a director of ABCUL. The credit union is affiliated with ABCUL and have paid £612 (2018 - £825) in annual subscriptions and conference fees.

20 Non Audit Services

In common with many other credit unions of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.