

Model Rules Sponsors List

What is the purpose of model rules?

The process of registering a new society or a complete amendment of rules for an existing society using model rules simplifies the registration process.

Once a set of model rules has been formally accepted by us, any society that wishes to use them can have confidence that it covers all matters as required by the Act 2014.

What is a sponsoring body?

A sponsoring body is an organisation that sponsors a set of rules which we accept as a model. Model rules can be used by societies who wish to register as a new society or existing societies who wish to register an amendment to the model.

An organisation becomes a sponsoring body by virtue of sponsoring a set of model rules.

This is a list of those current sponsors of accepted Model Rule Books who wished to be included in this list.

These details have been compiled for the benefit of any society considering using a model as a basis for its own rules.

The inclusion of an organisation in this list of Sponsoring Bodies should not be taken as a recommendation or endorsement by the Financial Conduct Authority of the organisation or its services.

The descriptions of the organisations' activities (if any) are provided by the organisations themselves.

If you are a current sponsor of approved Model Rules and wish to be included in this list, please email us at Mutual.Societies@fca.org.uk, providing brief details of reasons for inclusion.

Application Fees

You may be eligible to pay a lower application fee for the registration of your society if-

- you use model rules accepted by us and produced by one of the organisations listed below and
- you forward the application via that organisation.

Details of fees are available on the FCA website: <http://www.fca.org.uk/mutual>

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Name (of sponsoring body)	ACE Credit Union Services
Website	www.acecus.org

Name (of sponsoring body)	Association of British Credit Unions Ltd (ABCUL)
Address	Holyoake House Hanover Street Manchester M60 0AS
Email address	info@abcul.org
Website	www.abcul.coop

Name (of sponsoring body)	The Association of Conservative Clubs Limited
Address	24 Old Queen Street London SW1H 9HP
Email address	assistance@toryclubs.co.uk
Website	www.toryclubs.co.uk
Description	The Association of Conservative Clubs was formed in 1894 to assist and encourage the formation and management of Conservative, Constitutional and Unionist Clubs throughout the UK. There are 900 Member Clubs of which approximately 400 are Registered Societies.

Name (of sponsoring body)	Baywind Energy Co-operative Limited
Address	Unit 33 Trinity Enterprise Centre Furness Business Park Barrow in Furness Cumbria LA14 2PN Tel: 01229 821 028
Email address	info@baywind.co.uk
Website	www.baywind.co.uk
Description	Baywind Energy Co-op, through its sister company Energy4All Ltd, promotes community owned renewable energy schemes through a co-operative structure.

Name (of sponsoring body)	Building Societies Association
Website	www.bsa.org.uk

Name (of sponsoring body)	Community Housing Cymru
Email address	enquiries@chcymru.org.uk
Website	www.chcymru.org.uk

Name (of sponsoring body)	Co-operatives UK
Address	Holyoake House Hanover Street Manchester M60 0AS
Email address	advice@uk.coop
Website	www.uk.coop
Description	Co-operatives UK is the national body that campaigns for co-operation and works to promote, develop and unite co-operative enterprises. It has a number of model rules for both Co-operatives and Community Benefit Societies.

Name (of sponsoring body)	Country Markets Limited
Address	Dunston House Dunston Road Sheepbridge Chesterfield S41 9QD
Email address	info@country-markets.co.uk
Website	www.country-markets.co.uk
Description	Country Markets Limited is the umbrella body for sixty-five Country Markets societies.

Name (of sponsoring body)	Development Trusts Association Scotland
Email address	info@dtascot.org.uk
Website	www.dtascot.org.uk

Name (of sponsoring body)	Energy Local CIC
Email address	info_at_energylocal.co.uk
Website	www.energylocal.co.uk

Name (of sponsoring body)	Energy4All Limited
Email address	info@energy4all.co.uk
Website	www.energy4all.co.uk

Name (of sponsoring body)	Generation Community
Address	34 Bedford Row London WC1R 4JH
Email address	andy@gen-community.co.uk
Website	www.gen-community.co.uk
Description	<p>Community Energy Model Rules 2015 aims are to deploy low carbon technologies to provide social impacts for benefit of the community; support local authorities, local community and voluntary organisations generate and supply renewable sources of energy and promote energy efficiency; support members of the community suffering from fuel poverty, by ensuring people's needs for affordable warmth are met.</p> <p>Society may support social enterprises and businesses whose activities will benefit the UK low carbon community by providing access to capital; develop new or existing services to the low carbon community that contribute to the low carbon economy; advance education with a community or environmental focus.</p>

Name (of sponsoring body)	Irish League of Credit Unions
Email address	info@creditunion.ie
Website	www.creditunion.ie

Name (of sponsoring body)	National Community Land Trust Network
Address	70 Cowcross St London EC1M 6EL
Email address	info@communitylandtrusts.org.uk
Website	http://www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk/

Name (of sponsoring body)	National Farmers Union
Email address	reception@nfu.org.uk
Website	www.nfuonline.com

Name (of sponsoring body)	National Housing Federation
Address	Lion Court 25 Procter Street London WC1V 6NY
Email address	rules@housing.org.uk
Website	www.housing.org.uk
Description	Trade body for not for profit Housing Associations

Name (of sponsoring body)	Plunkett Foundation
Address	The Quadrangle Banbury Road Woodstock Oxfordshire OX20 1LH
Email address	info@plunkett.co.uk
Website	www.plunkett.co.uk
Description	<p>The Plunkett Foundation helps communities to take control of their challenges and overcome them together. We support people, predominantly in rural areas, to set up and run life-changing community enterprises that are owned and run democratically by large numbers of people in their community. They help people to tackle a range of issues, from isolation and loneliness to poverty, and come in many forms including shops, cafes, pubs and land-based initiatives, and everything in between.</p> <p>Our core values are the values of the great Irish co-operative pioneer, Sir Horace Plunkett, who founded the Plunkett Foundation in 1919.</p>

Name (of sponsoring body)	Radical Routes
Address	Berry Farm Clarks Lane Ilkeshall St Andrew Beccles NR34 8HR
Email address	info@catalystcollective.org
Website	http://www.catalystcollective.org/
Description	<p>Radical Routes is a network of Radical co-ops http://www.radicalroutes.org.uk/. In 2014 it updated its fully mutual rule book for housing co-operatives to offer appropriate rules for those using consensus decision making and probationary membership, as well as tightening up protection for co-operative assets. These rules are available to both members and non members via Catalyst Collective.</p>

Name (of sponsoring body)	The Royal British Legion
Address	Mr Peter Lund 199 Borough High Street London SE1 1AA Tel: 020 3207 2330
Email address	plund@britishlegion.org.uk
Website	www.britishlegion.org.uk
Description	Legion Clubs in England and Wales are registered as co-operative and community benefit societies. The objects of the clubs are to advance the charitable aims of the RBL and promote comradeship amongst the serving and ex-service community of the Armed Forces and their dependants

Name (of sponsoring body)	Rugby Football Union
Address	Rugby House, Twickenham Stadium 200 Whitton Road Twickenham TW2 7BA
Email address	angusbujalski@rfu.com
Website	www.englandrugby.com
Description	<p>The Rugby Football Union is the national governing body for grassroots and elite rugby in England, with 2,000 autonomous rugby clubs in its membership.</p> <p>The clubs are grouped within 35 Constituent Bodies (CBs), comprised of counties – some individual, some combined – the three armed forces, Oxford and Cambridge Universities, England Schools Rugby Football Union and England Students.</p> <p>All of this is supported by the RFU's 50 Rugby Development Officers, six Area Managers and 120 Community Rugby Coaches across the country, who provide some 30,000 coaching sessions a year for young people. The RFU employs approximately 500 paid staff and helps to train and support more than 60,000 volunteers whose roles include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organising rugby activity, including the playing, coaching and refereeing of matches and recreational rugby at all levels • Supporting the volunteer workforce • Working with clubs to secure grants and loans for facilities • Fundraising, handling money and insurance • Offering medical advice and support • Committee member/trustee • Secretarial, administration and clerical help <p>The RFU endeavours to operate to PLC standards but it is neither a company nor a charity. It is a society established under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and is, in layman's terms, a "Friendly Society". This means that the RFU is owned by its member clubs and aims to make a profit to reinvest in rugby union in England.</p> <p>Its income is made up of funding from sponsorship, government, ticket sales from international matches at Twickenham, merchandise and licensing, hospitality and catering, a travel company, and television rights.</p>

Name (of sponsoring body)	Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society Ltd (SAOS)
Address	The Rural Centre West Mains Ingliston EH28 8NZ
Email address	saos@saos.coop
Website	www.saos.coop
Description	Membership organisation of agricultural and rural co-ops in Scotland. Co-op advice, assistance and training available. Model Rules updated with Cooperative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

Name (of sponsoring body)	Scottish Federation of Housing Associations
Address	Third Floor Sutherland House 149 St Vincent Street Glasgow G2 5NW
Email address	sfha@sfha.co.uk
Website	www.sfha.co.uk
Description	The SFHA is a membership organisation that exists to represent and support the interests of Scotland's housing associations and co-operatives. As the membership body, our members' interests are at the heart of everything we do. We negotiate and influence Government and decision-makers on members' behalf. The SFHA Charitable Model Rules (Scotland) 2013 have been produced in conjunction with our membership, and approved by the Scottish Housing Regulator, the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator and the Financial Conduct Authority. We can provide copies of these rules, along with other registration documents, and provide an amendments service.

Name (of sponsoring body)	Scottish League of Credit Unions
Address	PO Box 2305 Glasgow G33 9BN
Email address	info@scottishcu.org
Website	www.SLCU.coop
Description	The strength of the Scottish League of Credit Unions is in supporting community-focused Credit Unions, at whatever stage of development is deemed appropriate by the members of each Credit Union. We recognise and respect the different needs and aspirations of individual Credit Unions and we do not seek to impose any particular model or developmental path. Our core purpose is to ensure that our member Credit Unions become and remain: Compliant à Sustainable à Ethical

Name (of sponsoring body)	Share Energy
Address	The Pump House Coton Hill Shrewsbury SY1 2DP Tel: 01743 277119
Email address	info@shareenergy.coop
Website	www.shareenergy.coop
Description	Shareenergy is a co-op which helps renewable energy coops to find, own and operate renewable energy projects across the UK. Our Model Rules are in use by solar, hydropower, wood fuel and medium-scale wind co-operatives and are specifically designed for this purpose.

Name (of sponsoring body)	Social Entrepreneurs Network Scotland
Email address	info@se-legal.net
Website	www.socialenterprisescotland.org.uk

Name (of sponsoring body)	Somerset Co-operative Services CIC
Address	10 East Reach Taunton TA1 3EW
Email address	services@somerset.coop
Website	www.somerset.coop
Description	<p>The Somerset Rules for multistakeholder co-operatives have distinctive benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - co-operative enterprises can be controlled by multiple stakeholders in fixed proportions - they enable many options for financing your co-op by issuing shares to members, and to outside investors - they scale from small, collective co-ops, up to large co-ops with professional directors and a members council - they closely follow international co-op principles - they have built in social accounting <p>In 2014 we fully revised and overhauled the rules, and developed a version for use as a Community Interest Company limited by guarantee, and another for Community Benefit Societies.</p>

Name (of sponsoring body)	Supporters Direct
Address	1st Floor CAN Mezzanine 49 - 51 East Road London N1 6AH
Email address	enquiries@supporters-direct.coop
Website	www.Supporters-Direct.coop
Description	<p>Supporters Direct provides advice to sports supporters who want to own and run their sports club and also supporters who wish to play a responsible and structured relationship within their club as a one member one vote, fully democratic, community benefit society..</p> <p>They promote greater accountability and democratic representation within sports clubs and the game's governing structures.</p> <p>Supporters Direct deliver advice, guidance and training on governance and financial accountability to their members: helping them play a valued and responsible role in running clubs, improving communications and building better relationships within their communities. They lobby politically and with the games governing bodies to improve sustainability and good governance within sport.</p>

Name (of sponsoring body)	The National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardens Limited
Email address	natsoc@nsalg.org.uk
Website	www.nsalg.org.uk

Name (of sponsoring body)	The Royal Naval Association
Address	Room 209 Semaphore Tower HMS Naval Base Portsmouth Hampshire PO74SN
Email address	admin@royalnavalassoc.co.uk
Website	www.royal-naval-association.co.uk
Description	<p>The Royal Naval Association is the largest Association for the Naval Service, governed by a Royal Charter granted in 1954. We have about 16,000 members in 350 branches worldwide, with 30 clubs in the UK. The RNA is governed by a National Council of elected and appointed persons. We have a national Clubs and CORCA advisor.</p> <p>Our overall aim is comradeship for those who serve or have served in the Naval Service; and our clubs pay a vital role in helping that become a reality.</p>

Name (of sponsoring body)	UKCreditUnions Ltd
Address	Credit Union House 15 Greenfield Street Haslingden Rossendale Lancashire BB4 5TG
Email address	dawnvear@ukcu.coop
Website	www.ukcu.coop
Description	Model Rules for use by UKCU member credit unions in England, Scotland and Wales 2012 (A4 size, white cover with colour logo on the front)

Name (of sponsoring body)	Welsh Rugby Football Union
Email address	info@wru.co.uk

Name (of sponsoring body)	Wessex Reinvestment Society Limited Wessex Community Assets Limited
Address	Heatherton Park Studios Bradford on Tone Taunton Somerset TA4 1EU
Email address	info@wessexca.co.uk
Website	www.wessexca.co.uk
Description	Model Rules suitable for Mutual Societies that have a lending function. Model Rules suitable for Community Land Trusts. Model Rules suitable for Social Enterprises that may seek to register under the Enterprise Investment Tax Relief

Name (of sponsoring body)	Working Men's Club & Institute Union Limited
Address	253-254 Upper Street London N1 1RY
Email address	info@wmciu.org
Website	www.wmciu.org.uk
Description	Sponsoring body, Club and Institute.

Name (of sponsoring body)	Wrigleys Solicitors LLP
Address	19-21 Cookridge Street Leeds LS2 3AG
Email address	Laura.moss@wrigleys.co.uk
Website	www.wrigleys.co.uk
Description	The Wrigleys Community Interest Society Model is intended to be the democratic community benefit society equivalent of the community interest company. For this reason it has an asset lock. It permits more than one share to be issued to members. It will be suitable for use by community energy and other community enterprises which do not require charitable status. The model is backed by Wrigleys Charity and Social Economy Team who are able to provide support advice on the model and community share issues.