

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE 52 WEEKS ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (continued)

Events after the Balance Sheet date

On 19 April 2021, the Company acquired the entire share capital of Johnsons Garden Centre (Boston) Limited for £3.8m. The company operated one garden centre in Boston. The centre has been refurbished post acquisition and the trade transferred to the Company.

In addition to this the Group has signed heads of terms for newly developed leased premises at The Junction Retail and Leisure Park in Antrim for a second store in Northern Ireland. The site is expected to be ready in Spring 2023.

The sale and leaseback of our Reading store has also been completed, subject to planning permission. The financing agreement will facilitate the redevelopment of the site, with the construction of a new, enlarged garden centre and retail development.

Streamlined Energy Carbon Reporting (SECR)

This report was prepared in accordance with the Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR) requirements outlined in Companies Act 2006 for large quoted and unlisted companies, which Requires Dobbies Garden Centres Limited to report on its Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions.

Methodology

For the 52 weeks ended 28 February 2021 we have collected energy usage data for our stores and office buildings. This includes Electricity consumption (kWh) & Natural Gas consumption (kWh). For Heating Oil and LPG, figures are based on litres delivered and for Wood Pellets based on tonnes delivered and converted to kWh using 2020 conversion tables. In our consumption numbers we have included whole site utilities where Dobbies are main site Occupant, and metered electricity usage for sites where Dobbies are a tenant.

Calculation Methodology

We have used Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) methodology to compile this GHG data and have calculated our GHG emissions in accordance with UK Government reporting guidelines for company reporting. For consistency all GHG emissions are reported in Tonnes of CO₂e (tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) and using 2020 GHG Conversion Factors for company reporting published by BEIS. Where incomplete datasets have been used, estimates based on the pro-rated consumption of prior/subsequent months were used to extend data to full year dataset.

GHG Emissions Scopes

The following reporting scopes (as outlines by the GHG protocol) are included within this disclosure:

- Scope 1 emissions: Direct emissions from sources which the Company owns or controls, including Gas Consumption, Heating Oil, LPG, Wood Pellets (N₂O and CH₄ only)
- Scope 2 emissions: indirect emissions relating solely to the generation of purchased electricity that is consumed by the Company
- Outside of Scope: CO₂ emissions from consumption of Biomass (Wood Pellets) is deemed outside of Scope, since the levels of CO₂ released is analogous to the level of CO₂ absorbed during the growth of the wood.

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(continued)****Streamlined Energy Carbon Reporting (SECR) (continued)***Emissions Disclosures*

The tables below display our UK greenhouse gas emissions and energy use data for the 52 weeks ended 28 February 2021. As per SECR reporting requirements this information is presented in kilowatt hours (kWh);

Energy consumption used to calculate emissions (kWh)

Electricity (Scope 2)	32,675,231
Natural Gas (Scope 1)	23,234,984
Kerosene (Scope 1)	913,195
Gas Oil (Scope 1)	1,667,717
Wood Pellets (Scope 1)	917,120
LPG (Scope 1)	2,369,043
Total energy consumption used to calculate emissions (kWh)	61,777,290

Gross emissions in metric tonnes CO₂e

Scope 1 Direct Emissions (from combustion fuels) in Metric Tonnes CO ₂ e	5,448
Scope 2 Indirect Emissions (electricity purchased) in Metric Tonnes CO ₂ e	7,618
Total gross emissions in metric tonnes CO₂e	13,066

Intensity ratio

Revenue (£m)	224
Total Scope 1 and 2 emissions (tonnes CO ₂ e)	13,066
Emissions per £m	58

Outside of scope

Tonnes of CO ₂ from the consumption of Wood Pellets.	321
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Distribution is outsourced to a third-party Logistics partner and is therefore outside of reporting scope for SECR. Transport mileage is solely from business mileage expense claims. The impact of COVID 19 has resulted in most employees working from home throughout the year, resulting in minimal reported mileage during the year.

Energy Consumption and Sourcing

The company is committed to improving energy efficiency and reducing its GHG emissions from operations. We have rolled out various initiatives to achieve that goal, including switching to LED lighting for all Centres, switching to Biofuels for our heating requirements (Currently at 50%), targeting 100% of electricity provided from renewable sources by end of 2022 and aiming for 60% reduction in supplier road miles through our new supply chain solution.

By order of the Board

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