



**Join us
today!**

The **co-operative** membership
Central England Co-operative

Become a member of Central England Co-operative the successful co-operative business at the heart of the community

As a member of Central England Co-operative you will:

- Be a co-owner of a multi-million pound business that is part of the community in which it trades.
An active membership is vital to our continued success.
- Have the democratic right to have your say in how the business runs.
As a member you can get involved by attending members' meetings which are held twice a year, vote in the election of members' representatives – you may even consider becoming actively involved yourself by standing for election.
- Share in the Society's success and contribute to it.
As a member you will be rewarded with a share of our profits twice a year. The dividend distributed to each member will be in proportion to the amount spent with us – the more you spend the bigger your share! In addition to a share of the profits you will also receive exclusive member offers.
- Be able to support the ethical and co-operative values that underpin our trading.

Applying to become a member

You can apply to become a member of Central England Co-operative in three ways:

- By completing this application form and returning in-store
- Online at www.members.coop
- Over the phone by calling 0800 050 1601

You can start to collect points as soon as you receive your membership card.

Becoming a full member

A full member must have held a £1 minimum initial share contribution in their share account for at least 6 months. Your £1 share is taken out of the dividend you earn as a result of collecting points on your purchases with us. Once the £1 is paid into your share account and has remained in your account for six months you will become a full member of the Society. As a member you will then have all the membership benefits and rights which includes participation in members' elections and the option to apply for a share account book.

Membership is at the discretion of the Society's Board of Directors.

Legislation requires the Society to advise you that withdrawable shares are classified as risk capital, however it abides by a code of practice, details of which are available on request.

As a member you can earn points at all Central England Co-operative outlets

1 point for every £1 spent

1 point for every £10 spent on fuel*

The **co-operative** food
Here for you for life

1 point for every £1 spent

The **co-operative** funeralcare

1 point for every £2 spent

The **co-operative** travel
Here for you for life

1 point for every £1 spent

The **co-operative** florist
Here for you for life

1 point for every £1 spent

Other participating businesses:

Opticians
Westgate

Points information correct at time of print. Members can earn points from other Societies displaying the Co-operative Membership sticker. The number of points members can earn may vary. *Points are only awarded on fuel purchases made at co-operative branded fuel stations.



The Co-operative Difference

Central England Co-operative is one of the largest independent retailers in the UK. We are part of the wider co-operative movement and work together so that, as part of a larger unit, we have the buying power of much bigger organisations through economies of scale.

Values: Co-operatives are based on the values of self-help, self responsibility, democracy, equity, equality and solidarity. The ethical values of co-operatives are honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others.

Principles: There are seven co-operative principles:

1. Voluntary and Open Membership

Co-operatives are voluntary organisations, open to all those who are able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibility of membership, without discrimination.

2. Democratic Member Control

Co-operatives are democratically controlled by their members, who set their policies. Members have equal voting rights - one member, one vote.

3. Members' Economic Participation

Members contribute equitably to the capital of their co-operative. Members usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital. Members allocate surpluses for developing and safeguarding their co-operative and for dividend for members.

4. Autonomy and Independence

Co-operatives are autonomous self-help organisations, controlled by their members.

5. Education, Training and Information

Co-operatives provide education and training for their members and often information for others, so that they can understand the nature and benefits of co-operation.

6. Co-operation amongst Co-operatives

Co-operatives strengthen the co-operative movement by working and trading together through local, regional, national and international structures.

7. Concern for the Community

Co-operatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies approved by their members.

For more information please
visit **www.members.coop**



Central England Co-operative application for membership

FOR OFFICIAL USE

Membership Number

(if you already have a membership card)

Please fill in this form in BLOCK CAPITALS

Mr Mrs Miss Ms

Other

First Name

Surname

Date of birth (for example 10/04/1975)

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House number

House name

Street

Town/City

County

Postcode

Daytime phone number (inc area code)

Mobile number

email address

Data protection: I hereby consent that the above data, freely given by me, be held by Central England Co-operative in a secure and organised system. I further consent to data being used by Central England Co-operative, or by its group of companies, for any purpose that promotes the furtherance of its business. I understand that the data will not be sold or made available to any third party and that the data will not be used for any purpose that contravenes the Data Protection Act as in force at this time.

Full Membership To comply with the FSA Code of Conduct, the Society needs to see **two** official forms as proof of i) identity and ii) address; from the list below and should be produced when the form is submitted.

FOR BRANCH USE

Stores to tick below to signify forms produced by the applicant, complete share capital details and issue a receipt.

Identity

- Driving Licence
- Passport
- Pension Book/Card
- NHS Medical Card
- National Insurance Card

Address

- Utility Bill
- Council Tax Bill

Initial share capital contribution

 £

Receipt No issued

Store No

I, the undersigned, being over 16 years of age, hereby apply for membership and agree to hold a minimum of £1 in the Society. I agree to comply with the registered rules of the Society and confirm I support the co-operative values and principles outlined in this leaflet and the Society's commitment to maintaining its mutual status.

Signature

Date



Central England Co-operative

Registered Office:

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Lichfield,
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