Riverside Bakers' Co-operative · Quarterly Report

Section 1

The Riverside Bakers' Co-operative closed the quarter with eleven member bakeries, two more than in spring. Shared purchasing of flour and butter remained the largest saving, cutting ingredient costs for small members by roughly a tenth compared with buying alone.

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Measure	Spring	Summer
Member bakeries	9	11
Apprentices trained	15	24
Delivery days per week	5	3

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Member feedback asked for clearer minutes. From October, decisions will be listed at the top of each meeting record with the name of the member responsible and the date by which the action is due.