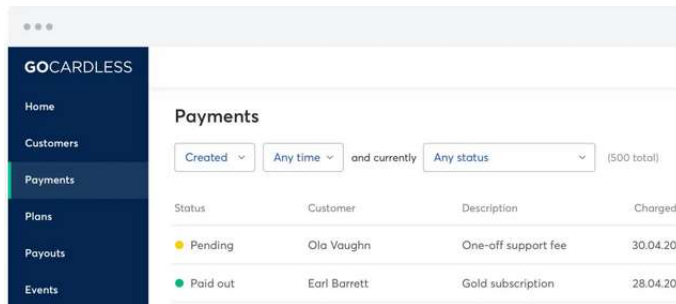# GETTING MORE FROM . .XERO/QUICKBOOKS – USING GOCARDLESS

What does 'GOCardless' do ?

The **GoCardless platform a**llows small businesses to easily accept payments from their Customers automatically using Direct Debit. It works for regular and **'one off'** payments, as well as obtaining payment of invoices in instalments.
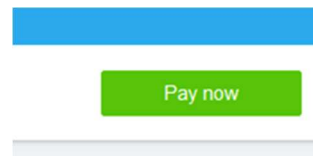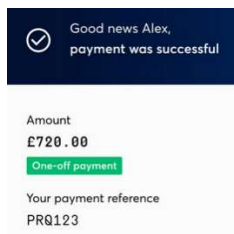

1. Enable annual fees to be paid across an agreed period (**Subscriptions)**
2. Add a **'Pay Now'** button to all of your 'one off' invoices to Customers to encourage **'faster'** payment (**Instant Bank Pay)**
3. Enable regular invoices for Customers to be paid on an agreed **'Due date'** – **Automatically ! (Recurring Payments)**

GOCardless allows you to agree and set the Direct debit payment date with your Customers – **and hence enables better control of your monthly cashflow** !

How do I use it within Xero or Quickbooks ?

Both Xero and Quickbooks are '**Partner Integrations'** with GoCardless which means that that where there are agreements (mandates) in place with Customers, the platform **'links'** directly with the accountancy software allowing for –
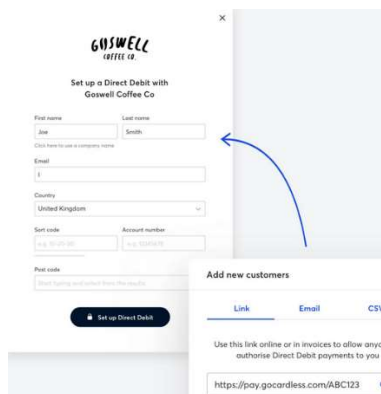
- Invoices raised in Xero or Quickbooks on a recurring basis to be '**automatically' paid** using GOCardless on a **'due date'**

- **Buttons or 'links'** to be added to ad hoc or other invoices for Customers to pay immediately

- GOcardless payment information, fees and charges for Customers to be '**automatically' updated** in the accountancy software

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Why should I use it in my business ?

- **Save time** – reduce your 'credit control' efforts by ensuring invoices are paid on time or on an agreed instalment basis ! Additionally reduce your 'day to day' bookkeeping time by 'linking' Xero or Quickbooks with GOCardless to 'auto reconcile' paid invoices - **freeing up your time to focus on more important things.**

- **Improve Cashflow** – dramatically improve your monthly cashflow by enabling invoices to be paid **ON the 'due date'**, **'speeding up' payment of 'one off' invoices** with **'Pay Now'** buttons and reducing your own time and effort around managing cashflow !!

- **Additional costs** – The costs of using GOCardless are lower than Stripe, Paypal or other similar payment providers !

Do I need to set it up in Xero or Quickbooks ?

YES – there are specific settings and other processes that need to be setup and configured to enable the benefits of the **'automation'** to work effectively in the accountancy software – **depending on the product being used with Customers !**

Is there any additional cost or is it included in my current software subscription ?

NO – there are no additional costs of using GOCardless with Xero or Quickbooks, and just a 'per transaction' cost in respect of the payments taken – similar to Stripe, Paypal etc

Can the Sakura Team assist with this ?

Yes - If you are on our annual **Support service**, then just arrange a call with the team, and we can explain how GOCardless may work with your business **– and deal with the setup and configuration requirements where necessary !**

Alternatively we can provide some additional information and/or **How To Guides.**