

**WIRRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**  
**A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED**

**31ST DECEMBER 2001**

Company No: 120076 (England and Wales)

**ALAN GLAZIER & CO.**

Chartered Accountants

Birkenhead



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**YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2001**

**PRESIDENT**

G.H. Alcock

**VICE-PRESIDENT**

G.J. White

**DIRECTORS**

R.J. Ellershaw (Chairman)  
G.J. White (Vice Chairman)  
S. Caulfield  
K.W. Davies  
L. Embra  
R. Fearon  
A. Glazier  
G. Jenkinson  
T. Mc Ardle  
R.J. Mottram  
J. Reeves  
R. Spearing

**COMPANY SECRETARY**

J. Reeves

**REGISTERED OFFICE**

Lord Leverhulme Chambers  
16 Grange Road West  
Birkenhead  
Wirral  
CH41 4DA

**COMPANY NUMBER**

120076

**BANKERS**

HSBC  
Royal Bank of Scotland Plc.

**AUDITORS**

The Priory Partnership  
1 Abbots Quay  
Birkenhead  
Wirral CH41 5LH

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2001**

The Directors present herewith their report and audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2001.

**Principal Activities**

The principal activity of the Company is that of a Chamber of Commerce.

**Business Review**

**Results**

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Profit after tax for the year	£ 11686 =====	£ 27547 =====

**Fixed Assets**

The movement in fixed assets for the year is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

**Directors**

The Directors who served during the year were as follows:-

R.J. Ellershaw (Chairman)  
G.J. White (Vice Chairman)  
S. Caulfield  
K.W. Davies  
L. Embra  
R. Fearon  
A. Glazier  
G. Jenkinson  
T. Mc Ardle  
R.J. Mottram  
J. Reeves  
R. Spearing

**Close Company Status**

The Company is a close company within the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1998.

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2001 (Cont'd)**

**Directors' Responsibilities**

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:-

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

make judgement and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Auditors**

The Auditors, The Priory Partnership, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

The report of the Directors was approved by the Board on 27th February 2002 and signed on their behalf by



R.J. Ellershaw  
Director

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF**  
**WIRRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

We have audited the financial statements of the Wirral Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the year ended 31st December 2001 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes numbered 1 to 15. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

**Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors.**

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the Company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding Directors' remuneration and transactions with the Company is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatement within it.

**Basis of opinion.**

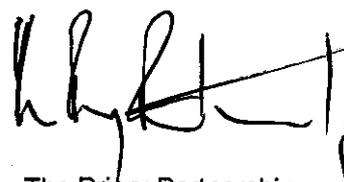
We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

**Opinion.**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31st December 2001 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

1 Abbots Quay  
Birkenhead  
Wirral CH41 5LH

  
The Priory Partnership  
Registered Auditors

28th March 2002

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2001**

	<u>Notes</u>	2001 £	2000 £
<b>TURNOVER</b>			
Continuing operations	2	133237	140836
Net operating expenses	3	<u>120946</u>	<u>110916</u>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>	4	12291	29920
Continuing Operations			
Interest receivable and similar income	7	2430	3026
Interest payable and similar charges	8	<u>(755)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>		13966	32946
Taxation on ordinary activities	9	<u>2280</u>	<u>5399</u>
<b>PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION</b>		11686	27547
<b>RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		£ <u>11686</u>	£ <u>27547</u>

There were no acquisitions or discontinued activities during the current or preceding year.

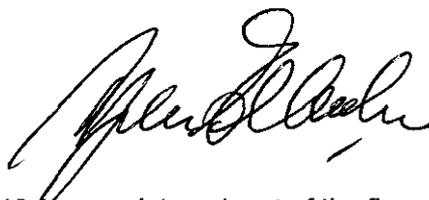
There were no recognised gains and losses in 2001 or 2000 other than those recognised in the profit and loss account.

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form an integral part of the financial statements.

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**as at 31st December 2001**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2001</u>		<u>2000</u>	
		£	£	£	£
<b><u>FIXED ASSETS</u></b>					
Tangible Assets	10		84957		2895
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>					
Debtors	11	3243		4664	
Cash and Bank		<u>56117</u>		<u>68866</u>	
		59360		73530	
<b><u>CREDITORS:</u></b> amounts falling due within one year	12		<u>38076</u>		<u>11958</u>
<b><u>Net Current Assets</u></b>			<u>21284</u>		<u>61572</u>
<b><u>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</u></b>			106241		64467
<b><u>CREDITORS:</u></b> amounts falling due after more than one year	13		30088		-
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>		£	<u>76153</u>	£	<u>64467</u>
<b><u>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</u></b>					
Profit and Loss Account	14		76153		64467
<b><u>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</u></b>	15	£	<u>76153</u>	£	<u>64467</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 27th February 2002 and signed on its behalf by



R.J. Ellershaw - Director

The notes on pages 7 -12 form an integral part of the financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2001**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a. Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and incorporate the results of the principal activity which is described in the Directors' Report and which is continuing.

**b. Tangible Fixed Assets**

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Premises	2% on straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	20% on straight line
Equipment	20% on straight line

**c. Taxation**

Corporation tax payable is provided on taxable profits at the current rate.

Deferred taxation (which arises from difference in the timing of the recognition of items, principally depreciation, in the accounts and by the tax authorities) has been calculated on the liability method. Deferred tax is provided on timing differences, which will probably reverse at the rates of tax likely to be in force at the time of reversal. Deferred tax is not provided on timing differences which, in the opinion of the Directors, will probably not reverse.

**d. Government Grants**

Grants on capital expenditure are treated as a deferred credit and are released to the Profit and Loss Account in equal instalments over the estimated useful life of the related assets. Grants of a revenue nature are credited to income in the period to which they relate.

**e. Turnover**

Turnover comprises the value of subscriptions and other income (excluding V.A.T. and similar taxes) arising in the normal course of business.

**f. Leased Assets**

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and depreciated over their expected useful lives. The interest element of leasing payments represents a constant proportion of the capital balance outstanding and is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease.

All other leases are regarded as operating leases and the payments made under them are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**g. Cash Flow Statement**

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No.1 from producing a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

**2. TURNOVER**

Turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation are attributable to the principal activity.

**3. COST OF SALES AND NET OPERATING EXPENSES**

	<u>2001</u> £	<u>2000</u> £
Net operating expenses, Premises and Administrative expenses	117625	110029
Depreciation	3321	887
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	£ 120946	£ 110916
	=====	=====

**4. OPERATING PROFIT**

	<u>2001</u> £	<u>2000</u> £
Profit on ordinary activities is stated after charging:		
Auditor's remuneration	700	700
Depreciation of Tangible assets: owned	3321	887
Staff costs (Note 5)	49997	50707
	=====	=====

**5. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES**

Particulars of employees (including Directors) are shown below:

Directors and Employee costs during the year amounts to:

	<u>2001</u> £	<u>2000</u> £
Staff Salaries	46397	46957
Social Security Costs	3600	3750
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	£ 49997	£ 50707
	=====	=====

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**5. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES (Cont'd)**

The average monthly numbers of employees during the year were as follows:-

	<u>2001</u> No.	<u>2000</u> No.
Management and Administration	4	4

Details of Directors' emoluments are:

	<u>2001</u> £	<u>2000</u> £
Remuneration as Executives	£ 30320 =====	£ 30320 =====

**6. INCOME FROM FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	<u>2001</u> £	<u>2000</u> £
Information services/seminars	£ 9717 =====	£ 2985 =====

**7. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME**

	<u>2001</u> £	<u>2000</u> £
Bank interest receivable	£ 2430 =====	£ 3026 =====

**8. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES**

	<u>2001</u> £	<u>2000</u> £
Interest on loans repayable within five years	755	-
Interest on overdue tax	-	35
	£ 755 =====	£ 35 =====

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**9. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES**

	<u>2001</u> £	<u>2000</u> £
Corporation Tax at 13.55% (2000 17.56%)	1892	5399
Under provision Prior Years	388	-
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	£ 2280	£ 5399
	=====	=====

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<u>Freehold</u> <u>Premises</u> £	<u>Fixtures &amp;</u> <u>Fittings</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
<u>Cost</u>			
At 1st January 2001	-	26412	26412
Additions	81510	3873	85383
Disposals	-	(19113)	(19113)
	-----	-----	-----
At 31st December 2001	81510	11172	92682
	=====	=====	=====
<u>Depreciation</u>			
At 1st January 2001	-	23517	23517
Charge for the year	1630	1691	3321
Released on Disposals	-	(19113)	(19113)
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At 31st December 2001	1630	6095	7725
	=====	=====	=====
<u>Net Book Value</u>			
At 31st December 2001	£ 79880	5077	84957
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At 31st December 2000	£ -	2895	2895
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**11. DEBTORS**

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	£	£
Trade Debtors	2323	3919
Other Debtors	-	-
Prepayments	920	745
	-----	-----
	£ 3243	£ 4664
	=====	=====

**12. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year.**

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	£	£
Bank Loan (Secured)	7495	-
Trade Creditors	18092	2887
Social Security and Other Taxes	3852	904
Corporation Tax	1475	4842
Accruals	7162	3325
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	£ 38076	£ 11958
	=====	=====

The Bank Loan is secured on the Freehold premises. The Company has granted a floating charge on all its assets to secure bank overdrafts of £5,000 (2000 - £5,000).

**13. CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	£	£
Payable between one and five years		
Bank Loan (Secured)	30088	-
	-----	-----
	£ 30088	£ -
	=====	=====

The Bank Loan is secured on the Freehold premises.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**14. RESERVES**

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

	<u>2001</u> £	<u>2000</u> £
At 1st January 2001	64467	36920
Profit for the year	11686	27547
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At 31st December 2001	£ 76153	£ 64467
	=====	=====

**15. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS**  
**IN MEMBERS' FUNDS**

	<u>2001</u> £	<u>2000</u> £
Profit for the financial year		
Net addition to Members' Fund	11686	27547
Opening Members' Funds	64467	36920
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Closing Members' Funds	£ 76153	£ 64467
	=====	=====