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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1997

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PRESIDENT

The Viscount Leverhulme KG TD JP

VICE-PRESIDENT

G. H. Alcock

DIRECTORS

M. Glasby (Chairman)
C. Lewis (Vice-Chairman)
R. J. Ellershaw (Vice-Chairman)
S. Caulfield
N. Clarke
R. Fearon
R. J. Mottram
J. Spaven
A. Tippler
P. D. Welch
G. White

SECRETARY

C. Lewis

REGISTERED OFFICE

Egerton House
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Wirral

COMPANY NUMBER

120076

BANKERS

Midland Bank plc

AUDITORS

The Priory Partnership
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16	Trading and Profit and Loss Account
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**WIRRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1997**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st December 1997.

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:-

- 1) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- 2) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- 3) 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.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

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

BUSINESS REVIEW

The year has seen significant changes for the Chamber with the completion of new consortium arrangements with Chester, Warrington and North & Mid Cheshire Chambers which will bring an improved range of services to members. The Chamber has been successful in agreeing with CEWTEC the incorporation of their membership scheme into the Chamber's own membership and it is believed that this will provide a better focus for business services to Wirral's business community.

The Chambers finances have continued to improve and the Chamber has resumed a stable financial position.

The achievements over the last year will provide the basis for continued improvements in services to members over the next year.

RESULTS

	1997 £	1996 £
Profit after tax for the year	18,609	1,759

**WIRRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1997**

FIXED ASSETS

Acquisition and disposal of fixed assets during the year are shown in the notes to the accounts.

DIRECTORS

The directors who served during the year are shown below.

S. Caulfield
N. Clarke
R. J. Ellershaw
R. Fearon
M. J. Glasby
G. Lawrence (resigned 18th April 1997)
C. Lewis
R. J. Mottram
D. Page (resigned 15th October 1997)
J. Spaven (appointed 5th September 1997)
A. Tippler
G. Tomkins (resigned 25th February 1998)
M. E. Twemlow (resigned 12th April 1997)
P. D. Welch
G. White
G. E. Withe (resigned 27th May 1997)

CLOSE COMPANY STATUS

The company is a close company within the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

AUDITORS

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

This report was approved by the board on 5th March 1998 and signed on their behalf.

Signed
C. Lewis
5th March 1998

Charles Lewis

**WIRRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WIRRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY LIMITED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1997**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 15 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 9.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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 at 31st December 1997 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



The Priory Partnership
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

1 Abbots Quay
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Birkenhead
Wirral
L41 5LH

5th March 1998

**WIRRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1997**

	Note	1997 £	1996 £
TURNOVER	2		
Continuing operations		84,993	88,658
Net operating expenses	3&4	64,700	87,244
OPERATING PROFIT	4		
Continuing operations		20,293	1,414
Interest receivable and similar income	6	693	471
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(54)	(126)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		20,932	1,759
Tax on ordinary activities	8	2,323	-
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		18,609	1,759
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u>£ 18,609</u>	<u>£ 1,759</u>

The company made no recognised gains and losses other than those reported in the profit and loss account.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these accounts

WIRRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
BALANCE SHEET
AT 31ST DECEMBER 1997

	Notes	£	1997 £	1996 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	9		1,168	1,374
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	10	3,952		6,813
Cash at bank and in hand		16,135		4,515
		20,087		11,328
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	11	11,564		19,740
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			8,523	(8,412)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			9,691	(7,038)
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	12		1,880	3,760
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			£ 7,811	£ (10,798)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Profit and loss account	13		7,811	(10,798)
TOTAL CAPITAL EMPLOYED			£ 7,811	£ (10,798)

Signed on behalf of the board

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M. Glasby
5th March 1998

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these accounts

WIRRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN MEMBERS' FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1997

	1997 £	1996 £
Profit for the financial year	18,609	1,759
Movement in other reserves	-	2,099
Net addition to members' funds	18,609	(340)
Opening members' funds	(10,798)	(10,458)
Closing members' funds	<u>£ 7,811</u>	<u>£ (10,798)</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these accounts

WIRRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1997

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1a. Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1b. Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are shown at historical cost.

Depreciation is provided, after taking account of any grants receivable, at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

		1997	1996
Motor vehicles	- % on cost	20	20
Fixtures and fittings	- % on cost	20	20
Equipment	- % on cost	20	20

1c. Taxation

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

Advance corporation tax payable on dividends paid or provided for in the year is written off.

Deferred taxation (which arises from differences 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. However, the amount of all deferred tax, including that which will probably not reverse, is shown in note .

1d. Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the Profit & Loss Account.

**WIRRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1997**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

1e. 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.

1f. Turnover

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

1g. 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.

1h. 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.

WIRRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1997

3. COST OF SALES AND NET OPERATING EXPENSES

	£	1996 £
Net operating expenses:		
Administrative expenses	63,880	85,101
Depreciation	820	2,143
	<u>£ 64,700</u>	<u>£ 87,244</u>

4. OPERATING PROFIT

	1997 £	1996 £
Profit on ordinary activities is stated after charging:		
Auditors' remuneration		
Audit services	663	500
Depreciation and amortisation		
Tangible assets: owned	820	2,143
Staff costs (note 5)	<u>31,826</u>	<u>38,625</u>

WIRRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1997

5. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Particulars of employees (including directors) are shown below:

Employee costs during the year amounted to:	1997 £	1996 £
Wages and salaries	29,794	34,807
Social security costs	1,966	3,146
Other pension costs	66	672
	<u>£ 31,826</u>	<u>£ 38,625</u>

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

	1997 No.	1996 No.
Management and administration	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

Details of directors' emoluments are:

	1997	1996
Highest paid director's emoluments	<u>£ 3,750</u>	<u>£ -</u>

The only director's emoluments are those of the Executive Director.

6. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

	1997 £	1996 £
Bank interest receivable	693	471
	<u>£ 693</u>	<u>£ 471</u>

7. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

	1997 £	1996 £
Interest on loans repayable within five years, by instalments	53	106
Interest on loans repayable within five years, not by instalments	1	20
	<u>£ 54</u>	<u>£ 126</u>

**WIRRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1997**

8. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	1997 £	1996 £
Corporation tax at 25%	2,109	-
	<u>2,109</u>	<u>-</u>
Adjustment of current taxation in respect of prior years	214	-
	<u>£ 2,323</u>	<u>£ -</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures & Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1st January 1997	21,979	21,979
Additions	614	614
	<u>22,593</u>	<u>22,593</u>
At 31st December 1997		
Depreciation		
At 1st January 1997	20,605	20,605
For the year	820	820
	<u>21,425</u>	<u>21,425</u>
At 31st December 1997		
Net Book Amounts		
At 31st December 1997	£ 1,168	£ 1,168
At 31st December 1996	<u>£ 1,374</u>	<u>£ 1,374</u>

10. DEBTORS

	1997 £	1996 £
Trade Debtors	3,716	6,361
Other debtors	-	399
Prepayments	236	-
Deferred finance lease charges	-	53
	<u>£ 3,952</u>	<u>£ 6,813</u>

WIRRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
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11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	1997	1996
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,127	1,891
Social security and other taxes	3,710	4,782
Loans	1,880	1,880
Finance leases	-	225
UK corporation tax	2,223	-
Other creditors	49	4,293
Accruals	776	2,819
Deferred income	-	3,850
Charity Fund	1,799	-
	<u>£ 11,564</u>	<u>£ 19,740</u>

The company has granted a floating charge on all its assets to secure bank overdrafts of £5,000 (1996 -£5,000).

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR

	1997	1996
	£	£
Other loans	1,880	3,760
	<u>£ 1,880</u>	<u>£ 3,760</u>

13. RESERVES

	Profit & loss account £
At 1st January 1997	(10,798)
Profit for the year	18,609
At 31st December 1997	<u>£ 7,811</u>

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14. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The company has entered into finance leases the payments for which extend over a period of up to 1 year.

	1997 £	1996 £
- within 1 year	-	(225)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>