

WIRRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER 2003



Company No: 120076 (England and Wales)

ALAN GLAZIER & CO.

Chartered Accountants

Birkenhead

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PRESIDENT

G.H. Alcock

VICE-PRESIDENT

G.J. White

DIRECTORS

G.J. White - Chairman
G.W. Jenkinson - Vice-Chairman
S.B. Caulfield
K.W. Davies
R.J. Ellershaw
L.D. Embra
A. Glazier
A.P. Mc Ardle
R.J. Mottram
H.J. Reeves
R. Fearon - Resigned 22/05/03

COMPANY SECRETARY

R.J. Ellershaw

REGISTERED OFFICE

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

COMPANY NUMBER

120076

BANKERS

HSBC
Royal Bank of Scotland Plc.

AUDITORS

Priory Practice Limited
1 Abbots Quay
Birkenhead
Wirral CH41 5LH

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2003

The Directors present herewith their report and audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2003.

Principal Activities

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

Business Review

Results

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Profit after tax for the year	£ 19274 =====	£ 8513 =====

In the year to 31st December 2003 the Wirral Chamber of Commerce and Industry commenced the management of a Wirral Crime Alert project being for a period of three years. The Chamber has overall responsibility for the administration of the scheme for which it receives a management fee. The income and expenditure of the scheme is included as part of the Profit and Loss Account of the Chamber for the year. Monies received during the year in respect of future financial periods is shown as Deferred Income in the Balance Sheet.

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:-

G.J. White - Chairman
G.W. Jenkinson - Vice-Chairman
S.B. Caulfield
K.W. Davies
R.J. Ellershaw
L.D. Embra
A. Glazier
A.P. Mc Ardle
R.J. Mottram
H.J. Reeves
R. Fearon - Resigned 22/05/03

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2003 (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;

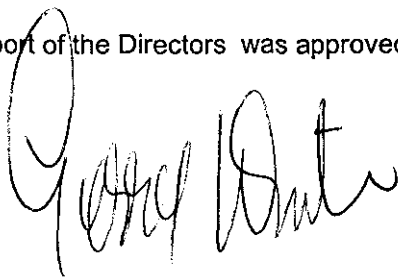
prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

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, Priory Practice Limited, 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 8th March 2004 and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G.J. White', is written over the text of the signature line.

G.J. White
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 2003 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.

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by the law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, or for the opinions we have formed.

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.

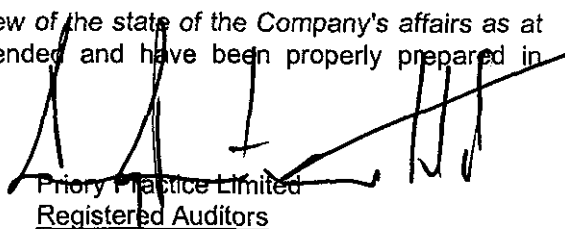
We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity 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 2003 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

8th March 2004


Priority Practice Limited
Registered Auditors

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2003

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2003</u> £	<u>2002</u> £
TURNOVER			
Continuing operations	2	232611	183538
Net operating expenses	3	<u>209084</u>	<u>173566</u>
OPERATING PROFIT	4	23527	9972
Continuing Operations			
Interest receivable and similar income	6	1093	1202
Interest payable and similar charges	7	<u>(1524)</u>	<u>(2069)</u>
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		23096	9105
Taxation on ordinary activities	8	<u>3822</u>	<u>592</u>
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		19274	8513
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		£ <u>19274</u>	£ <u>8513</u>

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

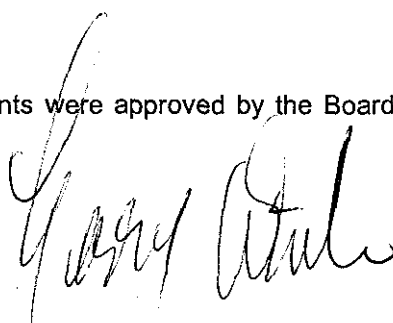
There were no recognised gains and losses in 2003 or 2002 other than those recognised in the profit and loss account.

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

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31st December 2003

		<u>2003</u>		<u>2002</u>	
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>					
Tangible Assets	9		78669		81789
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
Debtors	10	7398		10518	
Cash and Bank		120892		99096	
		128290		109614	
<u>CREDITORS:</u> amounts falling					
due within one year	11	86727		71674	
<u>Net Current Assets</u>			41563		37940
<u>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</u>			120232		119729
<u>CREDITORS:</u> amounts falling					
due after more than one year	12		16292		35063
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		£	103940	£	84666
<u>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</u>					
Profit and Loss Account	13		103940		84666
<u>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</u>	14	£	103940	£	84666

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 8th March 2004 and signed on its behalf by



G.J. White - Director

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2003

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

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 not been provided in these Accounts because it is not material.

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>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Net operating expenses, Premises and Administrative expenses	205964	170398
Depreciation	3120	3168
	-----	-----
	£ 209084	£ 173566
	=====	=====

4. OPERATING PROFIT

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Profit on ordinary activities is stated after charging:		
Auditor's remuneration	1000	750
Depreciation of		
Tangible assets: owned	3120	3168
Staff costs (Note 5)	99673	79860
	=====	=====

5. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Particulars of employees (including Directors) are shown below:

Directors and Employee costs during the year amounts to:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Staff Salaries	91130	73571
Social Security Costs	8543	6289
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	£ 99673	£ 79860
	=====	=====

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2003 (Cont'd)

5. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES (Cont'd)

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

	<u>2003</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>2002</u> <u>No.</u>
Management and Administration	7	4

Details of Directors' emoluments are:

	<u>2003</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2002</u> <u>£</u>
Remuneration as Executives	£ 30620 =====	£ 30120 =====

6. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

	<u>2003</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2002</u> <u>£</u>
Bank interest receivable	£ 1093 =====	£ 1202 =====

7. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

	<u>2003</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2002</u> <u>£</u>
Interest on loans repayable within five years	£ 1524 =====	£ 2069 =====

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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8. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	<u>2003</u> £	<u>2002</u> £
Corporation Tax at 16.50% (2002 6.50%)	£ 3822 =====	£ 592 =====

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Freehold</u> <u>Premises</u> £	<u>Fixtures &</u> <u>Fittings</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
<u>Cost</u>			
At 1st January 2003	81510	8221	89731
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st December 2003	<u>81510</u>	<u>8221</u>	<u>89731</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>			
At 1st January 2003	3260	4682	7942
Charge for the year	1630	1490	3120
Released on Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st December 2003	<u>4890</u>	<u>6172</u>	<u>11062</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>			
At 31st December 2003	£ <u>76620</u>	<u>2049</u>	<u>78669</u>
At 31st December 2002	£ <u>78250</u>	<u>3539</u>	<u>81789</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2003 (Cont'd)

10. DEBTORS

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Trade Debtor	6448	4843
Other Debtors	-	5000
Prepayments	950	675
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	£ 7398	£ 10518
	=====	=====

11. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year.

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Bank Loan (Secured)	8395	7595
Trade Creditors	5510	18757
Social Security and Other Taxes	1405	4065
Corporation Tax	3627	385
Accruals	4410	4114
Deferred Income	63380	36758
	-----	-----
	£ 86727	£ 71674
	=====	=====

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 (2002 - £5,000).

12. CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Payable between one and five years		
Bank Loan (Secured)	13792	22563
Deferred Income	2500	12500
	-----	-----
	£ 16292	£ 35063
	=====	=====

The Bank Loan is secured on the Freehold premises.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2003 (Cont'd)

13. RESERVES

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	<u>2003</u> £	<u>2002</u> £
At 1st January 2003	84666	76153
Profit for the year	19274	8513
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At 31st December 2003	£ 103940	£ 84666
	=====	=====

14. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS
IN MEMBERS' FUNDS

	<u>2003</u> £	<u>2002</u> £
Profit for the financial year		
Net addition to Members' Fund	19274	8513
Opening Members' Funds	84666	76153
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Closing Members' Funds	£ 103940	£ 84666
	=====	=====