

173289

SHAKESPEARE HEAD PRESS LIMITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 1996

<u>INDEX</u>	<u>Page</u>
Report of the Directors	1
Statement of Directors' Responsibilities	2
Report of the Auditors	3
Balance Sheet	4
Notes to the Financial Statements	5



REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors submit their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 1996.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The company did not trade during the year.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

J.C.A. Davey	Resigned 31/12/96
M.L. Houlton	
M.Fenton	Appointed 31/12/96

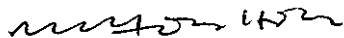
The directors are also directors of the holding company, Blackwell Publishers Ltd. The directors had no interest in the shares of the company, or of the holding company, during the period.

AUDITORS

Elective resolution

The Company has passed elective resolutions enabling it to dispense with the holding of Annual General Meetings; the necessity to lay accounts before members at a General Meeting; and the annual re-appointment of Auditors. Under the provisions of S. 386 of the Companies Act 1985 Ernst & Young will remain as auditors until removed by a resolution of members.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



M. L. HOULTON
Secretary

108 Cowley Road
Oxford

28 February 1997

STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN
RESPECT OF THE ACCOUNTS

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts 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 accounts, the directors are required to:

- * select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- * make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- * prepare the accounts 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 accounts 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.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF

SHAKESPEARE HEAD PRESS LIMITED

We have audited the accounts on pages 4 and 5, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 5.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts 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 related to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 December 1996 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



Ernst & Young
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor
Apex Plaza
READING
RG1 1YE

28 February 1997

SHAKESPEARE HEAD PRESS LIMITED

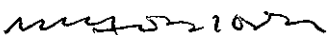
4

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1996

		1996 £	1995 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	2.	2520	2520
		<hr/>	<hr/>
NET ASSETS		2520	2520
		<hr/>	<hr/>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	3.	2520	2520
Profit and loss account		-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		2520	2520
		<hr/>	<hr/>

The company did not trade during the year. There were no recognised gains or losses in the year ended 31 December 1996 or the year ended 31 December 1995.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 28 February 1997

M.L. Houlton  DIRECTOR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1996

1. ACCOUNTING POLICY

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

2. DEBTORS

	1996 £	1995 £
Due from parent undertaking	2520	2520
	<u>2520</u>	<u>2520</u>

3. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	Authorised and Issued 1996 and 1995
Ordinary shares of £1 each	2520
	<u>2520</u>

4. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The immediate and ultimate parent undertaking is Blackwell Publishers Ltd., a company incorporated in England, which publishes consolidated financial statements incorporating the net assets of Shakespeare Head Press Limited.