DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

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COMPANY INFORMATION

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T M Coller (appointed 10 February 2015)

COMPANY SECRETARY

S Hatton

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2015.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic report, the Directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

DIVIDENDS

No dividends were paid in the year.

DIRECTORS

The directors who served during the year were:

M T Coller

R S Coller

N L Coller

T M Coller (appointed 10 February 2015)

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors
 are unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.

7. Hall-

S Hatton Secretary

Date: 17/3/2016

STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

BUSINESS REVIEW

The directors are satisfied with the performance of the company during the last 12 months.

The company has sold a high volume of cars in the year but these have mostly been at a low profit margin. The directors do not anticipate this trend will change in the short term.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The company continues to face challenging economic conditions, and is affected by a reduction in consumer spending and borrowing. However, the company is well positioned due to the high quality of stocks held, keen pricing strategies and good customer relationships.

FINANCIAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Gross profit margins for the year have remained stable at 1.8% in 2015 compared to 1.2% in 2014.

Profit after tax for the year has decreased from £165,085 in 2014 to £133,603.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The company's principal financial instruments include financial assets and liabilities such as trade receivables and trade payables arising directly from its operations.

The company manages its cash requirements to maximise interest income and minimise interest expense, whilst ensuring the company has sufficient liquid resource to meet the operational needs of its business.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of the trading in motor vehicles and spare parts and the provision of repair and maintenance services.

This report was approved by the board on I have the signed on its behalf.

7. Hall-

S Hatton Secretary

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PERTWEE & BACK LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Pertwee & Back Limited for the year ended 31 October 2015, set out on pages 5 to 20. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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 Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by 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, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 October 2015 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice: and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

OPINION ON OTHER MATTER PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Strategic report and the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Julie Grimmer FCA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Larking Gowen

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditors

Norwich

narch 2016 Date:

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

	Note	2015 £	2014 £
TURNOVER		44,232,921	60,453,444
Cost of sales		(43,422,776)	(59,735,589)
GROSS PROFIT		810,145	717,855
Administrative expenses		(726,043)	(761,097)
Other operating income	3	35,759	65,419
OPERATING PROFIT	4	119,861	22,177
EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS	8		
Net profit on sale of tangible fixed assets	8	<u> </u>	136,695
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INTEREST		119,861	158,872
Interest receivable and similar income		9,677	8,933
Other finance income	7	9,000	-
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		138,538	167,805
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	9	(4,935)	(2,720)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		133,603	165,085

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

	Note	2015 £	2014 £
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		133,603	165,085
Actuarial (loss) / gain related to pension scheme		(75,000)	10,000
Deferred tax attributable to pension scheme		4,200	(2,000)
TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES RELATING TO THE YEAR		62,803	173,085

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2015

	Note	£	2015 £	£	· 2014 £
FIXED ASSETS		_	-	~	~
Tangible assets	10		652,967		678,853
Investment property	11		200,000		200,000
Investments	12		3,550	•	3,550
			856,517		882,403
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	13	7,391,697		4,845,200	
Debtors	14	512,223		1,210,155	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,202,190		3,086,861	
		10,106,110		9,142,216	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	15	(8,494,960)		(7,602,955)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			1,611,150		1,539,261
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILI	ITIES		2,467,667		2,421,664
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	22		(88,000)		(104,800)
NET ASSETS			2,379,667		2,316,864
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	16		2,012		2,012
Revaluation reserve	17		47,755		47,755
Capital redemption reserve	17		3,088		3,088
Profit and loss account	17		2,326,812		2,264,009
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	18		2,379,667		2,316,864

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:

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N L Coller Director

Date: 17/3/2016

R S Coller Director

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

	Note	2015 £	2014 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	19	(891,513)	516,548
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	20	9,677	8,933
Taxation		5,680	(1,464)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	20	(8,515)	274,565
(DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH IN THE YEAR		(884,671)	798,582

RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS/DEBT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

	2015 £	2014 £
(Decrease)/Increase in cash in the year	(884,671)	798,582
MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT IN THE YEAR	(884,671)	798,582
Net funds at 1 November 2014	3,086,861	2,288,279
NET FUNDS AT 31 OCTOBER 2015	2,202,190	3,086,861

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investment properties and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

1.2 Going concern

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

1.3 Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the company in respect of goods and services supplied during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

Turnover represents sales of vehicles and vehicle spares and is stated net of value added tax, discounts, cash sales incentives, customer bonuses and rebates granted. Turnover is recognised when the principal risks and rewards of ownership of the goods are transferred to the customer.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is not charged on freehold land. Depreciation on other tangible fixed assets is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of those assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property Plant & machinery Motor vehicles Fixtures & fittings Solar panels 2% Straight Line

12.5%-25% Straight Line
25% Reducing Balance
12.5% Straight Line

- 4% Straight Line

1.5 Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are shown at cost less provision for impairment.

1.6 Investment properties

Investment properties are included in the balance sheet at their open market value in accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No.19 and are not depreciated. This treatment is contrary to the Companies Act 2006 which states that fixed assets should be depreciated but is, in the opinion of the directors, necessary in order to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the company.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Work in progress includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Stocks held on consignment are accounted for in the balance sheet when the terms of the consignment agreement and commercial practice indicate that the principal benefits of owning stock (i.e. the ability to sell it) and the principal risks of ownership (i.e. stockholding cost, responsibility for the safekeeping and some risk of obsolescence) rest with the company. Consignment stock not meeting those criteria are disclosed in the notes of the accounts but are not accounted for in the balance sheet.

Vehicles which are subject to repurchase agreements under the Motability purchase assistance scheme are included in stock at the agreed repurchase price with an associated liability in creditors.

1.8 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

The company operates a defined benefits pension scheme and the pension charge is based on a full actuarial valuation dated 6 April 2014.

The scheme's assets are held in a separate trustee-administered fund to meet long-term pension liabilities to past and present employees. The liabilities of the scheme are measured by discounting the future cash flows using the projected unit method. The projected unit method is an accrued benefits valuation method. The pension scheme assets are valued at market rate. The pension scheme deficit is recognised in full on the balance sheet.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

2.	TURNOVER		
	All turnover arose within the United Kingdom.		
3.	OTHER OPERATING INCOME		
		2015 £	2014 £
	Net rents receivable Commissions receivable	15,000 20,759	34,100 31,319
		35,759	65,419
4.	OPERATING PROFIT		
~ ,	The operating profit is stated after charging:		
		2015 £	2014 £
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
	- owned by the company Auditors' remuneration	33,903 8,500	34,633 8,500
5.	STAFF COSTS		
	Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows:		
		2015 £	2014 £
	Wages and salaries	1,161,820	1,202,963
	Social security costs Other pension costs - Note 22	92,806 51,607	99,573 198,225
		1,306,233	1,500,761
	The average monthly number of employees, including the directors,	during the year was a	as follows:
		2015	2014
		No. 63	No. 67

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

6.	DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION		
		2015 £	2014 £
	Remuneration	117,469	103,577
	Company pension contributions to defined contribution pension schemes	4,142	13,604
	During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 3 directors contribution pension schemes.	<i>(2014 - 2)</i> in	respect of defined
7.	OTHER FINANCE INCOME		
		2015 £	2014 £
	Expected return on pension scheme assets Interest on pension scheme liabilities	157,000 (148,000)	175,000 (175,000)
		9,000	-
8.	EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		
		2015 £	2014 £
	Profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	136,695 ======

There were no chargeable gains for taxation on the exceptional items in the prior year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

TAXATION		
	2015 £	2014 £
Analysis of tax charge in the year	_	~
UK corporation tax charge on profit for the year Adjustments in respect of prior periods	4,935 -	8,547 (5,827)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4,935	2,720
Factors affecting tax charge for the year		
• • •		
The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2014 - lower than) the UK of 20% (2014 - 20%). The differences are explained below:	e standard rate of corpor	ration tax in the
	e standard rate of corpor 2015 £	ration tax in the 2014 £
	2015	2014
UK of 20% (2014 - 20%). The differences are explained below:	2015 £	2014 £
UK of 20% (2014 - 20%). The differences are explained below: Profit on ordinary activities before tax Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of	2015 £ 138,538	2014 £ 167,805

Factors that may affect future tax charges

Current tax charge for the year (see note above)

Utilisation of tax losses

Non-taxable income

taxation

charge

There were no factors that may affect future tax charges.

Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods

Short term timing difference leading to an increase (decrease) in

Other differences leading to an increase / (decrease) in the tax

(5,057)

(5,827)

2,215

(3,697)

2,720

(19,200)

(15,708)

4,935

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant & machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures & fittings	Solar panels £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 November 2014	885,211	357,660	99,143	120,293	49,244	1,511,551
Additions Disposals	-	8,515 (56,390)	-	-	•	8,515 (56,390)
At 31 October 2015	885,211	309,785	99,143	120,293	49,244	1,463,676
Depreciation						
At 1 November 2014	313,802	332,893	84,838	95,255	5,910	832,698
Charge for the year On disposals	14,642 -	9,542 (55,892)	3,575 -	4,174 -	1,970 -	33,903 (55,892)
At 31 October 2015	328,444	286,543	88,413	99,429	7,880	810,709
Net book value						
At 31 October 2015	556,767	23,242	10,730	20,864	41,364	652,967
At 31 October 2014	571,409	24,767	14,305	25,038	43,334	678,853

Freehold land and buildings includes land of £153,125 (2014 - £153,125) which is not depreciated.

11. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	Freehold investment property £
Valuation	
At 1 November 2014 and 31 October 2015	200,000
Comprising	
Cost	152,245
Revaluation surplus: 2013	47,755
At 31 October 2015	200,000

The 2015 valuations were made by the directors, on an open market value for existing use basis.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Unlisted investments £
Cost	
At 1 November 2014 and 31 October 2015	3,550
Net book value	
At 31 October 2015	3,550
At 31 October 2014	3,550

Fixed asset investments consist of collectors cars which are held by the company for their investment value and are used for promotional work. The valuation given by the directors is £12,000 (2014: £12,000).

13. STOCKS

	2015	2014
	£	£
Raw materials	20,176	30,855
Work in progress	73,233	68,419
Finished goods and goods for resale	7,298,288	4,745,926
	7,391,697	4,845,200

At the year end, the value of consignment stock which is included within finished goods and goods for resale is £1,907,761 (2014: £276,098). The value of consignment stock which did not meet the recognition criteria as set out in note 1.7 was £Nil (2014: £Nil).

14. DEBTORS

	2015 £	2014 £
Trade debtors	407.108	1,064,121
Other debtors	52,006	92,704
Prepayments and accrued income	53,109	53,330
	512,223	1,210,155

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

15.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year			
			2015 £	2014 £
	Trade creditors		7,920,535	5,811,882
	Corporation tax		10,762	8,547
	Other taxation and social security		496,958	1,728,510
	Other creditors Accruals and deferred income		31,610 35,005	313
	Accruais and deferred income		35,095	53,703
		=	8,494,960	7,602,955
16.	SHARE CAPITAL			
10.	SHARE CAPITAL		2015 £	2014 £
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		_	~
	•		0.040	0.040
	2,012 Ordinary shares of £1 each	_	2,012 ———	2,012
17.	RESERVES			
		Capital		
		redempt'n	Revaluation	Profit and
		reserve		loss account
		£	£	£
	At 1 November 2014	3,088	47,755	2,264,009
	Profit for the year			133,603
	Pension reserve movement			(70,800)
	At 31 October 2015	3,088	47,755	2,326,812

The closing balance on the profit and loss account includes a £88,000 (2014 - £104,800) debit, stated after deferred taxation of £22,000 (2014 - £26,200), in respect of pension scheme liabilities of the company pension scheme.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

18.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUN	DS	
		2015 £	2014 £
	Opening shareholders' funds Profit for the year	2,316,864 133,603	2,143,779 165,085
	Other recognised gains and losses during the year	(70,800)	8,000
	Closing shareholders' funds	2,379,667	2,316,864
19.	NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
		2015	2014
		£	£
	Operating profit	119,861	22,177
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	33,903	34,633
	Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	498	-
	(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(2,546,499)	4,132,853
	Decrease in debtors	697,933	274,438
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors Pension contributions by employer	889,791 (87,000)	(3,947,553) -
	Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(891,513)	516,548
20.	ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN CA	SH FLOW STATEMEN	т .
		2015 £	2014 £
	Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
	Interest received	9,677	8,933
		2015 £	2014 £
	Conital aypanditure and financial investment	Z.	L
	Capital expenditure and financial investment	10 E 1 E 1	(0.0.47)
	Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(8,515)	(6,247)
	Sale of tangible fixed assets Sale of investment properties	-	230,812 50,000
	Net cash (outflow)/inflow from capital expenditure	(8,515)	274,565

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

21. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	1 November 2014	Cash flow	Other non-cash changes	31 October 2015
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	3,086,861	(884,671)	-	2,202,190
Net funds	3,086,861	(884,671)	-	2,202,190

22. PENSION COMMITMENTS

(a) Defined Contribution Pension Scheme

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £51,607 (2014: £140,339).

(b) Defined Benefit Pension Scheme

The company operates a defined benefit pension scheme.

The scheme provides benefits to members based on their final pensionable pay. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. This was closed to new employees on 1 March 2008. The scheme is subject to independent valuation by a professionally qualified actuary at least every three years, on the basis of which the actuary certifies the rate of contributions payable. The proceeds from the scheme's assets are expected to be sufficient to fund the benefits payable under the scheme. The most recent FRS17 report of the scheme was prepared as at 31 October 2015 by CPRM Limited, for the purposes of accounts disclosure. This valuation showed scheme assets of £3,489,000, liabilities of £3,599,000 leaving a liability of £110,000, which after allowing for tax relief would reduce to £88,000.

The most recent full actuarial valuation of the scheme was prepared as at 6 April 2014 by CPRM Limited.

The amounts recognised in the Balance sheet are as follows:

	2015 £	2014 £
Present value of funded obligations Fair value of scheme assets	(3,599,000) 3,489,000	(3,897,000) 3,766,000
Deficit in scheme Related deferred tax asset	(110,000) 22,000	(131,000) 26,200
Net liability	(88,000)	(104,800)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

22. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

The amounts recognised in profit or loss are as follows:

The amounts recognised in profit of loss are as follows.		
	2015 £	2014 £
Interest on obligation Expected return on scheme assets	(148,000) 157,000	(175,000) 175,000
Total	9,000	-
Movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligation v	were as follows:	
	2015 £	2014 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	3,897,000	4,203,000
Interest cost	148,000	175,000
Actuarial (gains)/losses Benefits paid	152,000 (598,000)	(18,000) (463,000)
Closing defined benefit obligation	3,599,000	3,897,000
Changes in the fair value of scheme assets were as follows:		
	2015	2014
	£	£
Opening fair value of scheme assets	3,766,000	4,062,000
Expected return on assets	157,000	175,000
Actuarial gains/(losses) Contributions by employer	77,000 87,000	(8,000)
Benefits paid	(598,000)	(463,000)
	3,489,000	3,766,000

The company expects to contribute £NIL to its defined benefit pension scheme in 2016.

The major categories of scheme assets as a percentage of total scheme assets are as follows:

	2015	2014
European equities	- %	46.00 %
European bonds	42.00 %	51.00 %
Cash	2.00 %	3.00 %
Diversified growth	56.00 %	- %

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

22. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

Principal actuarial assumptions at the Balance sheet date (expressed as weighted averages):

	2015	2014
Discount rate at 31 October	4.00 %	4.10 %
Expected return on scheme assets at 31 October	4.00 %	4.50 %
Inflation assumption	3.30 %	3.30 %

The current mortality assumptions include sufficient allowance for future improvements in mortality rates. The assumed life expectations on retirement age 65 are:

	2015	2014
Retiring today Males Females	22.3 24.6	22.2 24.5
Retiring in 20 years Males Females	23.6 26.1	23.6 26.1

The expected return on scheme assets is determined by considering the expected returns available on the assets underlying the current investment policy. Expected yields on fixed interest investments are based on gross redemption yields as at the balance sheet date. Expected returns on equity investments reflect long-term real rates of return experienced in respective markets.

The actual return on scheme assets in the year was £286,000 (2014: £228,000).

Amounts for the current and previous four periods are as follows:

Defined benefit pension schemes

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	£	£	£	£	£
Defined benefit obligation Scheme assets	(3,599,000) 3,489,000	(3,897,000) 3,766,000	(4,203,000) 4,062,000	(4,333,000) 4,166,000	(4,180,000) 4,202,000
(Deficit)/surplus	(110,000)	(131,000)	(141,000)	(167,000)	22,000
Experience adjustments on scheme liabilities Experience	(33,000)	(240,000)	(266,000)	(282,000)	(73,000)
adjustments on scheme assets	77,000	(8,000)	197,000	116,000	(76,000)

23. CONTROLLING PARTY

There is no overall controlling party in the opinion of the Directors.