The Ditchley Foundation

THE COUNCIL'S
ANNUAL REPORT
AND ACCOUNTS
1999-2000

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HONORARY LIFE PRESIDENT

Lady Wills, JP

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

Chairman
The Rt Hon John Major, CH, MP

Vice-Chairman Lord Windlesham, CVO, PC

Members of the Council: Sir Michael Angus Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, PC Robert Conway The Earl of Home, CVO, CBE Andrew Knight HE The Hon Philip Lader Anthony Loehnis, CMG Bryan Magee The Rt Hon Sir Patrick Nairne, GCB, MC HE Dr Hans-Friedrich von Ploetz Lord Tugendhat Baroness Warnock, DBE Dame Margaret Weston, DBE Dr Catherine Wills Baroness Young, PC, DL

Director: Sir Nigel Broomfield, KCMG Secretary: Carol Robson

Registered Office: The Ditchley Foundation, Ditchley Park, Enstone, Oxfordshire

Auditors: Critchleys

Bankers: Barclays Bank plc, Oxford

Investment Managers: Cazenove Fund Management Ltd

Solicitors: Herbert Mallam Gowers & Co, Oxford

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Chairman
Sir Rodric Braithwaite, GCMG

Members
Sir Samuel Brittan
George Brock
Sir Nigel Broomfield, KCMG
Peter von Butler
Richard Clarke
Glyn Davies
Professor Peter Hennessy
Bronwen Maddox
The Rt Hon Peter Mandelson MP
Edward Mortimer
Dr Matthew Ridley
Professor Adam Roberts, FBA
Dr Catherine Wills
David Willetts MP

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Foundation will be held on Saturday, 8 July 2000, at 11.00 a.m. at Ditchley Park, Enstone, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.

BUSINESS:

- 1. To receive the Statement of Accounts and Report of the Council of Management for the year ended 31st March, 2000.
- 2. To elect Council Members.
 - (a) The following Council Members have retired pursuant to Article 36 and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election:

THE RT HON JOHN MAJOR HE DR HANS-FRIEDRICH VON PLOETZ

(b) The following Council Members have retired by rotation pursuant to Article 42 and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election:

THE EARL OF HOME
ANTHONY LOEHNIS
BRYAN MAGEE
LORD TUGENDHAT
DAME MARGARET WESTON

- 3. A resolution to reappoint Critchleys as auditors for the year ending 31 March 2001 will be put to the Annual General Meeting.
- 4. To transact any other business.

Dated this fourteenth day of June 2000

By order of the Council of Management

CAROL ROBSON

Secretary

Ditchley Park, Enstone, Chipping Norton, Oxford.

NOTE:

A member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote on his behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Foundation.

Report of the Chairman of the Council of Management

I undertake the writing of this year's report after only a few weeks in post, having taken over the role of Chairman of the Council of Management in March. The Council is deeply indebted to Lord Windlesham for agreeing to serve as Chairman, on an interim basis, following the death of Lord Gillmore last year, and for his support and guidance during this period. I am delighted that he will continue to serve on the Council as our Vice-Chairman.

I have known Ditchley by reputation for many years, and was honoured to be invited to become a Governor in 1997. The following year, in September 1998, I chaired my first Ditchley conference on *The development of the European Union*, attended by no less than three former European Prime Ministers. I now greatly look forward to my new responsibilities as Chairman of the Council of Management.

For Ditchley, the closing months of the last millennium were a time of change and of loss. The death in December of Sir David Wills, our Founder and President, dealt a particularly grievous blow. The Ditchley Foundation stands as a lasting tribute to Sir David's extraordinary talents, generosity and achievements. Its work reflects both his own high ideals, and the very special regard in which he held the people of North America. Sir David's death represents the end of an era for Ditchley. But I know that all those associated with the work of the Foundation will strive to ensure the continued success of this extraordinary venture as a fitting memorial to his life's endeavour.

December brought further sadness with the death, on New Year's Eve, of the Honorable Elliott Richardson, Chairman of the American Ditchley Advisory Council. A former US Attorney General, Elliott Richardson was a man of great intelligence and integrity who will be sorely missed by all those who knew him on both sides of the Atlantic.

The other side of loss is of course the opportunity for new beginnings. And we were heartened, early in the new year, by the news that Lady Wills had agreed to become the Honorary Life President of the Ditchley Foundation, thus continuing our close links with the Wills family. We have been pleased this year also to welcome Sir Nigel Broomfield as the new Director of the Ditchley Foundation, following the departure, in September 1999, of Sir Michael Quinlan who had served in that role for seven years. I had the pleasure of working with Nigel during his distinguished career in the Diplomatic Service and am delighted to have the opportunity of doing so again. I wish Nigel and Valerie every success and happiness during their time at Ditchley.

I am glad to report that invitations to become Governors, <u>ex-officio</u>, have been accepted by HE Signor Luigi Amaduzzi on his succession to HE Dr Paolo Galli as Ambassador of Italy to the Court of St James's and by HE Dr Hans-Friedrich von Ploetz on his succession to HE Herr Gebhardt von Moltke as Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Four Governors have chosen to retire – Lord Aldington, Admiral Sir James Eberle, Baroness Masham of Ilton and Sir Douglas Wass. They take with them our sincere thanks for their interest and support over the years.

It is with sadness that I report the deaths, since the last Report, of Lord Charteris of Amisfield and of Douglas Fairbanks Jr, who had both served as Governors of the Foundation for over thirty years.

Our warm thanks go again this year to the Hon John Brademas and Mr John O'Connor of American Ditchley and to Mr Grant L Reuber and Mr John Banks of Canadian Ditchley for all they have done, and continue to do, in support of the Ditchley enterprise. We could not manage without their wise advice, and their unstinting generosity, energy and enthusiasm.

We welcome the addition to the Advisory Council of the American Ditchley Foundation of James Kimsey and Professor Ted Marmor, and of Don Howarth and Suzelle Smith, and extend our thanks for their years of service to Mr Hoyt Ammidon Jr, The Hon Mahlon Apgar IV, Mr Harold H Healey Jr and to Sir Brian Urquhart who have stepped down from the Advisory Council, and to Mr Michael Patterson who stepped down in March as Treasurer of American Ditchley. We were saddened to learn of the recent deaths of Mr Fred Hardin and Mr John Sawhill who have served on the Advisory Council with great committment.

Our thanks go to Ambassador Klaus Blech and Ms Diana Geddes, who have both retired in the past year from their positions in support of our conferences in Germany and France respectively, and to our contacts at the Keidanren in Tokyo and the Australian National University in Canberra for their help in this regard. I am pleased to report that Diana Geddes has agreed to continue to support our work, as Ditchley's representative in Germany, from her new position as The Economist's correspondent in Berlin. After Diana's departure from Paris last year, the role of Ditchley's representative in France passed in August to Axel Krause, a former senior journalist with the Herald Tribune in Paris. We look forward to working with them both to strengthen French and German participation in future conferences.

British Missions throughout the world have continued to provide us with valuable help and advice on potential participants and conference content. We find ourselves this year particularly indebted to the British Ambassadors in Paris and Washington who have each made a significant contribution to our efforts to raise Ditchley's profile in their host countries.

Finally, I extend the Council's warmest thanks to the members of staff of the Foundation who continue to maintain the high standards of service for which Ditchley is so renowned.

The Foundation faces another year of upheaval as we move into the second stage of work to update the plumbing and heating systems of the Main House, having completed the West Wing works in September. This will be a major undertaking which will involve the closure of the Mansion for conferences from early March to November 2001. During this period we plan to hold a series of "Away" conferences - in the United States, Canada, Germany and France – which will maintain the pace of our conference programme and should also serve further to raise awareness in those countries of the Foundation's aims and objectives. It will be a challenging period for all concerned. But I am sure that the Foundation will rise to the occasion and emerge in better shape to face the future.

I much look forward to working with members of the Council, and with the dedicated staff of the Foundation, in support of the objective of fostering Transatlantic dialogue and understanding.

Report of the Director

I arrived at Ditchley in September last year and my first conference as Director was on Turkey's future path where, I am glad to say, we correctly predicted the outcome of the European Council discussions in Helsinki in December. We then went to Vancouver for an excellent conference on Education sponsored by Canadian Ditchley. Two good financial/economic conferences followed where we looked at managing global economic problems and fostering business enterprise. It was good to see a number of young entrepreneurs around the table at the latter conference. We discussed "The Third Way" on the same weekend as a similar discussion in Florence at Head of Government level. It was interesting to compare our conclusions.

The end of the year was overshadowed by the loss, on 10 December, of our Founder and President, Sir David Wills. Ditchley will not be the same without him, and we shall miss his regular presence in conference plenary debates.

The first conference of the New Millennium was on Kosovo where some of the problems of the old Millennium still haunt us. The Supreme Allied Commander in Europe attended and contributed his insights on peace-making in the modern environment. For the rest we have looked at a range of topical subjects including memorable conferences on devolution, and action against illegal drugs under the chairmanship of the Government's "Drug Czar".

In 1999 the Annual Lecture was given by Sir Richard Eyre on theme of *Who Needs Art?*. This was outside the normal run of political topics which have been the themes of previous Ditchley Lectures. It was, however, greatly appreciated and provoked a lively debate.

I look forward in 2000 to a number of conferences in cooperation with our distinguished American partners, RAND and the Southern Center for International Studies. In the past year we have cooperated at Ditchley with the Herbert Quandt Foundation and the Southern Center for International Studies and, in Chicago, with the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. We are grateful for the generous support from the Conway Foundation for our conference on Fostering business enterprise.

In this, my first year, I have been greatly helped by, and am indebted to, Governors of Ditchley for their advice on our conferences and frequently for their personal contributions as chairmen. I would also like to express my thanks to the many others who have willingly taken on the jobs of chairing working groups, producing reports for our final sessions and of course the conference rapporteurs. Since March we have been putting information about Ditchley, its Council, Conference Programme, Director's Notes etc on the new Ditchley website: www.ditchley.co.uk.

As I come up to my first anniversary at Ditchley I would like to express my thanks to the staff of the Foundation who have carried me through the year and whose individual contributions to the welcoming atmosphere have made such a lasting impression on everyone who attends our conferences. I would also like to thank the US and Canadian Ditchley Foundations for their valuable contributions to our conferences here and the generous cooperation they have extended to me. Finally it would be wrong not to acknowledge an enormous debt to Sir Michael and Lady Quinlan for handing on to us such a thriving enterprise. I trust we will be able to maintain the standards they set.

Financial Review

Income received from dividends, bank interest and donations was higher than anticipated when the budget was set last year, so an expected deficit has become a surplus. Dividend income and Iceberg interest was £35,000 above expectations, and earmarked donations from the Quandt Foundation and the Robert Conway Foundation added £16,000. A full guest conference programme added a further £25,000, and as total expenditure was also below budget, the overall surplus was £29,993, some 3.6% of the total income.

The major event in the works programme was Phase I of the refurbishment of the Mansion heating and plumbing services, the West Wing. The project started as Sir Michael and Lady Quinlan moved out in early July, and was successfully completed in time for the Broomfields to move in just before the first conference in late September. The cooperation between the heating engineers and the builders was excellent, and the project came in on time and just under budget at £234,405; a very good omen for the much larger Phase II in 2001. The project benefited from a long planning process, which is being repeated for the next stage. The planning and tendering process is due to be completed by November 2000 for the Council's approval, and the contract will be let then for work to start in March 2001. Phase I was charged to the Maintenance Fund, reducing it to £688,000. Phase II, initially estimated at £1.3 million, will require input from the endowment.

Other works have included resurfacing Lions Court (£2,200), kitchen refurbishment in two of the staff cottages (£3,500) and a major refurbishment of Forester's House (£15,000 to date). A nine year tenancy here ended in September and a subsequent inspection revealed that rewiring, a complete new drainage system, and subsidence repairs were required urgently. Some roof timbers will require replacing during the summer of 2000. Other minor works planned for 2000 include repairs to the East Wing roof, where there are also some damaged timbers.

The introduction of a more sophisticated photocopier has resulted in much of the Foundation's printed work being done in-house, and as the web-site now includes Director's Notes and Conference Reports, the printing and publishing bill should be reduced in future.

The Conference Programme

Concluding Phase of the 1998-99 Programme

Ditchley's conference year runs from September to July and does not correspond to the financial year to which this report, strictly speaking, relates. Thus five conferences during the period April-June 1999 fell during the financial year 1999-2000 but were included in the list of conferences in last year's annual report. This year's report follows the same practice.

The 1999-2000 Conference Programme

1999

Title

Sept 24-26

Turkey's future path.

Chairman
The Hon Morton
Abramowitz

1999	Title	Chairman
Oct 1-2	School age education: tasks, systems, performance (A joint conference in Vancouver, with Canadian Ditchley Foundation)	Mr Bernard Shapiro
Oct 15-17	Managing global economic problems: public and private sector roles.	Sir Jeremy Morse
Oct 29-31	Fostering business enterprise: views on either side of the Atlantic.	Sir Nicholas Goodison
Nov 19-21	"Third-Way" concepts in contemporary politics.	Lord Dahrendorf
Dec 3-5	The management and repercussions of nuclear power.	The Rt Hon John Gummer MP
2000 Jan 14-16	Kosovo: implications for the international system.	Sir John Weston
Feb 11-13	Fisheries: managing international common resources.	Sir John Krebs
Feb 25-27	Devolution and subsidiarity: relationships between central and next-lower levels of national government.	Lord Butler of Brockwell
Mar 10-12	International action on illegal drugs.	Mr Keith Hellawell
May 5-7	The international impact and accountability of NGOs.	The Hon Sara Morrison
May 19-21	Making multicultural societies work.	Baroness Prashar
June 23-25	"Restorative justice" and other new penal patterns.	Lord Warner

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Report of the Council of Management

The Council of Management (having powers of directors under the Articles of Association) submit their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2000.

Principal activities and business review

The consolidated income and expenditure account for the year is set out on page 11.

The constitution of the Ditchley Foundation and its principal activities are set out inside the back cover. A review of the Foundation's business during the year is contained in the Chairman's Report on pages 4-5 and the Director's Report on pages 5-6.

Dividends

In accordance with the Memorandum of Association, no dividends may be paid to Members.

Directors

The Members of the Council of Management are listed on page 1.

The Members of Council retiring by rotation at the Annual General Meeting are The Earl of Home CVO CBE, Mr Anthony Loehnis CMG, Mr Bryan Magee, Lord Tugendhat and Dame Margaret Weston DBE. Being eligible, they offer themselves for reappointment. The Rt Hon John Major CH MP and HE Dr Hans-Friedrich von Ploetz retire pursuant to Article 36 and, being eligible, offer themselves for reappointment.

Directors' responsibilities

The directors are required by UK company law to prepare for each financial year financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the group for that period.

The Members of the Council of Management confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently and that reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2000. The Members of Council also confirm that applicable accounting standards have been followed and that the financial statements have been prepared on the going-concern basis.

The Members of Council are responsible for keeping proper accounting records and for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the company and the group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Council of Management

CAROL ROBSON

Secretary

16 May 2000

A Company (Registered No. 599389) Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital, registered as a Charity (No. 309657) and exempt from Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DITCHLEY FOUNDATION

We have audited the financial statements on pages 11 to 23.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 9 the Foundation'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 Foundation'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 affairs of the Foundation and Group at 31st March 2000 and of the operating surplus, net movement of funds and cash flow of the Group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Oxford

16th May 2000

THE DITCHLEY FOUNDATION

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for Year ended 31 March 2000

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2000 £	Total 1999
INCOMING RESOURCES		~	~	•	
Donations & gifts	13,309	125,966	0	139,275	46,931
Investment income	759,585	5,656	0	765,241	832,830
Other income	12,805	0	0	12,805	1,138
Net income of trading subsidiary (prior to management charges of £46,175)	72,485	0	0	72,485	32,847
Total incoming resources	858,184	131,622	0	989,806	913,746
RESOURCES EXPENDED (NOTE I	V)				
Direct charitable expenditure Other expenditure	400,558	31,071	0	431,629	424,431
Administration	184,433	0	0	184,433	159,791
Maintenance of land & buildings	465,791	0	0	465,791	284,512
Total resources expended	1,050,782	31,071	0	1,081,853	868,734
NET (OUTGOING) INCOMING RESOURCES	(192,598)	100,551	0	(92,047)	45,012
GAINS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENT ASSETS					
Realised	0	0	(652,906)	(652,906)	(977,005)
Unrealised	. 0	0	2,545,682	2,545,682	1,033,455
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(192,598)	100,551	1,892,776	1,800,729	101,462
Fund balances brought forward at 1 April 1999	1,030,336	100,000	21,714,655	22,844,991	22,743,529
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 MARCH 2000	£837,738	£200,551	£23,607,431	£24,645,720	£22,844,991

Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st March 2000

		Note	2000	1999
INCOME			£	£
DIVIDENDS, INTEREST AN	D RENTS	II	765,266	832,830
DONATIONS		m	39,275	46,931
GIFT TO RESTORATION FU	IND		100,000	0
GUEST CONFERENCES			71,761	32,559
OTHER			14,588	2,115
			£990,890	£914,435
EXPENDITURE				
ADMINISTRATION	Executive and office staff costs	V	244,891	236,715
ADMINISTRATION	Non-staff costs	VII	111,918	123,445
			356,809	360,160
ESTABLISHMENT	Household and services staff costs	V	143,381	127,760
	Non-staff costs - Repairs	VIII	308,756	124,454
	- Other	IX	63,002	56,935
			515,139	309,149
CONFERENCES	Costs of extra staff	V	48,165	37,933
	Non-staff costs	X	87,380	95,770
			135,545	133,703
DEPRECIATION	Tangible assets		29,900	29,319
VALUE ADDED TAX			45,544	37,092
TOTAL			£1,082,937	£869,423
OPERATING (DEF	ICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE	YEAR	(£92,047)	£45,012
(Page 11)	ŕ	12111	(3,2,517)	210,012
TRANSFER FROM FUND	V(TO) MAINTENANCE	XX	222,590	(60,799)
	ESTORATION FUND	XIX	(100,551)	0
(Restricted Fund)				
` ,	CUMULATED FUND		£29,992	(£15,787)
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Notes:

- (1) As permitted by Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985, the Foundation's Income and Expenditure Account has not been included in these accounts. The subsidiary company retained neither a profit nor a loss in either year.
- (2) The results for the years above are derived from continuing activities.
- (3) There is no difference between the operating surplus for the years stated above and their historical cost equivalents.
- (4) Total income comprises £858,184 for unrestricted funds and £131,622 for restricted funds. A detailed analysis of income by source is provided in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 11.
- (5) Guest conference income relates to the turnover of Ditchley Park Conference Centre Ltd, details of which are shown on page 26.
- (6) The Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account is derived from the Statement of Financial Activities on page 11 which, together with the notes to the accounts on pages 15 to 23, provides full information on the movements during the year on all the funds of the Group.

Balance Sheets at 31st March 2000

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	Note	Group	Foundation	Group	Foundation
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	377	454 (/4	484 774	200 007	200 007
Tangible assets Investments	XI XII	171,661 24,308,054	171,661 24,308,054	200,897 22,544,205	200,897 22,544,205
Investment in subsidiary	XIII	24,506,054	24,508,034	22,344,203	22,344,203
		24,479,715	24,479,717	22,745,102	22,745,104
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	XIV	35,794	27,060	40,769	31,173
Debtors	XV	95,222	95,541	76,655	91,034
Bank balances and cash		168,401	164,951	122,141	114,633
		299,417	287,552	239,565	236,840
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors falling due within one year	XVI	(133,412)	(121,549)	(139,676)	(136,953)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		166,005	166,003	99,889	99,887
NET ASSETS		£24,645,720	£24,645,720	£22,844,991	£22,844,991
SHARE CAPITAL	XVII	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
RESERVES					
Endowment Fund	XVIII	23,607,431	23,607,431	21,714,655	21,714,655
Restricted Fund	XIX	200,551	200,551	100,000	100,000
Unrestricted Fund					
Designated Fund	XX	688,685	688,685	911,275	911,275
Accumulated Fund	XX	149,053	149,053	119,061	119,061
		£24,645,720	£24,645,720	£22,844,991	£22,844,991

The accounts on pages 11 to 23 were approved by the Council of Management on 16th May 2000 and were signed on its behalf by:

THE RT HON JOHN MAJOR CH MP

Chairman of the Council of Management

16th May 2000

THE DITCHLEY FOUNDATION Consolidated Cash Flow Statement - Year Ended 31st March 2000

1999	2000	Notes Below		
£ (6,825)	£ (82,003)	` A	es	Net cash outflow from net incoming resource
				Investing activities and capital expenditure
(8,264)	(664)			Purchase of tangible fixed assets
(6,395,514)	(4,426,102)			Purchase of investments
6,366,806	4,300,081			Proceeds from sale of investments
(17,741)	254,948		posits	Decrease/(increase) in short term de
(54,713)	128,263		nditure and	Net cash inflow/(outflow) from capital experinvesting activities
(61,538)	46,260			
10 505	(42.202)	D		Management of liquid resources:
18,585	(42,303)	В		Cash deposited on 14 days notice
(£42,953)	£3,957	В		Increase/(decrease) in cash during year
1999	2000			Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
£	£			A. Reconciliation of net cash flow from net incoming resources
45,012	(92,047)			Net operating (deficit)/surplus
29,319	29,900			Depreciation
(81,158)	(6,264)			Decrease in creditors
(1,095)	(18,567)			Increase in debtors
1,097	4,975			Decrease in stocks
(£6,825)	(£82,003)			
	<u> </u>			
Total 1999	Total 2000	Deposit	Current	B. Bank balances and cash:
183,679	122,141	105,994	16,147	At 1st April
	46,260	42,303	3,957	Increase/(decrease) in year
(61,538)				

Notes to the Accounts - 31st March 2000

I. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- 1. Basis of Accounting -
- The Foundation prepares its annual accounts in accordance with the historical cost convention modified by the revaluation of investment properties and other investments and in accordance with the principal provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities, applicable accounting standards and, except for the non-depreciation of investment properties, with the Companies Act 1985. An explanation of the departure from the requirements of the Act is given below in section 5.
- 2. Related Parties
- There are no related party transactions or balances to be disclosed.
- 3. Basis of Consolidation -
- The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet include the financial statements of the Foundation and its subsidiary undertaking. Intra-group charges are eliminated fully on consolidation.
- 4. Freehold Property
- The house and land at Ditchley Park, acquired by gift, are not valued (see Note XI). Expenditure on renovation and improvements is at cost less depreciation.
- 5. Depreciation
- Depreciation is calculated to write off, by equal instalments, the cost of tangible fixed assets over their useful lives, which are estimated to be:

Renovation and improvements to freehold property

Between 20 and 40 years

Furniture, equipment and furnishings

Between 5 and 10 years

Motor vehicles

4 years

Investment properties: in accordance with SSAP19, no depreciation is provided in respect of investment properties. This treatment may be a departure from the requirements of the Companies Act concerning depreciation of fixed assets. These properties are however held not for consumption but for investment and it is considered that systematic annual depreciation would be inappropriate. The accounting policy adopted is therefore necessary for the financial statements to give a true and fair view. Depreciation or amortisation is only one of many factors in the annual valuation and the amount which would otherwise have been shown cannot reasonably be separately identified.

Notes to the Accounts - 31st March 2000 (continued)

6.	Investments and Cash	-	Investments, including property, are valued on the following basis:-
	(i)		Freehold properties held for investment purposes are valued each year at the balance sheet date and on professional advice.
	(ii)		Quoted investments have been valued at the middle market price at the close of business at the year end. The market value of unit trusts and managed funds units is taken as the average of the bid and offer prices at the year end as advised by the investment managers. Fixed interest securities are valued inclusive of accrued interest. Investments in overseas currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate ruling at the year end.
7.	Stocks	-	Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on a weighted average basis.
8.	Maintenance and Renewals		Expenditure on repairs and maintenance, together with renewals of minor items of equipment and furnishings, is charged to the Income and Expenditure Account.
9.	Income	-	Income is accounted for on an accruals basis. Dividends are accounted for by reference to the declared payment date. Donations are accounted for in the period in which they are received. Guest conference income excludes value added tax and represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied.
10.	Endowment	-	Gifts for the Endowment are credited to the Endowment Fund.
11.	Cash Flow Statement	-	Although the Foundation qualifies as a small company under the terms of section 247 of the Companies Act 1985 and as a consequence is exempt from the requirement to publish a cash flow statement, the Council of Management believes that such a statement provides useful information. It is therefore included in the accounts.

Notes to the Accounts - 31st March 2000 (continued)

12. Fund Accounting

The Ditchley Foundation has the following types of funds for which it is responsible:

Unrestricted Funds. Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Council of Management in furtherance of the objects of the Foundation.

Restricted Funds. Donations or funds received which are earmarked by the donor for specific purposes within the overall aims of the Foundation. These funds may be income only (where the capital must be retained) or income and capital (where the donation and income deriving therefrom may be utilised).

Endowment Fund - Endowments which have been made by the HDH Wills family and family trusts.

Notes to the Accounts - 31st March 2000 (continued)

_					2000	1999
Π.	DIVIDENDS, INTEREST AN				£	£
	Dividends on listed				669,540	644,067
	Interest on short terr	n deposits			86,131	169,560
					755,671	813,627
	Rents				9,595	19,203
					£765,266	£832,830
					1	
III.	DONATIONS For general purpose	S			13,309	31,431
	Earmarked				25,966	15,500
					£39,275	£46,931
IV.	ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RES					
		Staff costs	Other	Depreciation	Total	1999
	t charitable expenditure expenditure:	£ 235,141	£ 176,406	£ 20,082	£ 431,629	£ 424,431
	inistrative	99,819	74,796	9,818	184,433	159,791
Main	tenance of land & buildings	101,477	364,314	0	465,791	284,512
		£436,437	£615,516	£29,900	£1,081,853	£868,734
V.	STAFF COSTS				**************************************	
	Expenditure includes the folio	wing amounts in 1	respect of staff	costs:	22122	0.50.000
	Salaries and wages Social security costs				384,385 29,568	353,280 28,201
	Other pension costs				22,484	20,926
					£436,437	£402,407
	Average monthly nu	mber of staff			No.	No.
	Administration				10	10
	Establishment				18	18
	Conference - part-tir	me			8	7
					36	35
Note						<u></u>

Note:

None of the Council of Management received any emoluments during the year (1999: £NIL)

Notes to the Accounts - 31st March 2000 (continued)

VI. PENSION SCHEMES

The Foundation maintains a pension scheme covering substantially all of its employees. It is a defined contribution scheme (employer 5%) administered by trustees. Its funds are kept separate from those of the Foundation.

In addition the Foundation contributes to separate money purchase schemes for senior executives with the Foundation's contribution set at 10%. These funds are also kept separate from those of the Foundation. Pension costs for the year are shown in Note V.

The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Foundation in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

	There were no contributions outstanding at the balance sheet date (1999 - none).		
	·	2000	1999
VII.	ADMINISTRATION - NON-STAFF COSTS	£	£
	Travelling	11,949	12,657
	Representation abroad	8,717	12,910
	Postage and telephones	11,910	10,696
	Maintenance of office equipment	3,869	3,196
	Printing, stationery and office expenses	12,574	8,127
	Vehicle running costs	8,590	6,775
	Auditors' remuneration	6,500	7,200
	(Foundation £5,900 (1999:£6,600))	ŕ	ŕ
	Architects' and surveyors' fees	29,849	45,530
	Legal and professional fees	6,400	7,000
	Bank charges	1,923	2,432
	Interest payable	1,588	2,574
	General expenses	8,049	4,349
		£111,918	£123,445
VIII.	ESTABLISHMENT - REPAIRS		
	Buildings - Major works	252,532	66,850
	- General repairs & maintenance	8,177	9,578
	Repairs & renewals of furniture & equipment	35,082	26,930
	Upkeep & maintenance of roads & gardens	12,965	21,096
		£308,756	£124,454
IX.	ESTABLISHMENT - NON-STAFF COSTS - OTHER	***************************************	
	Heating and lighting	21,723	20,520
	Insurance	19,830	16,740
	Rates and water	15,485	14,562
	Household and cleaning	5,964	5,113
		£63,002	£56,935

Notes to the Accounts - 31st March 2000 (continued)

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The Freehold Property entry comprises expenditure on renovations and improvements. The house and land are valued at NIL since they were acquired by gift. No value has been attributed to this asset as, in accordance with the wishes of the donor, it is inalienable.

Notes to the Accounts - 31st March 2000 (continued)

XII. INVESTMENTS - GROUP AND	FOUNDATION			
	Listed	Short Term	Investment	Total
	Securities	Deposits	Properties	
MARKET VALUE	£	£	£	£
At 31st March 1999	20,223,743	1,543,462	777,000	22,544,205
Additions	4,426,102	0	0	4,426,102
Disposals	(4,952,987)	(254,948)	0	(5,207,935)
Net unrealised gains/(losses)	2,545,682	0	0	2,545,682
At 31st March 2000	£22,242,540	£1,288,514	£777,000	£24,308,054
Cost at 31st March 2000	£13,445,309	£1,288,514	£777,000	£15,510,823

Disposals are at market value as at 1 April 1999, or cost if acquired during the year. Proceeds of disposals amount to £4,300,081 giving rise to a loss of £652,906.

The investment properties were acquired during 1997 at open market value, which is believed not to have changed significantly by 31 March 2000.

XIII. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY

The Foundation's investment in subsidiary relates to a 100% holding of the ordinary share capital of Ditchley Park Conference Centre Ltd, a company incorporated in Great Britain. The principal activity of the company is the provision of guest conference facilities.

XIV. STOCKS	20	00	1999		
	Group	Foundation	Group	Foundation	
	£	£	£	£	
Wine cellar	24,436	24,436	28,389	28,389	
Heating oil	2,624	2,624	2,784	2,784	
Publications for resale	8,734	0	9,596	0	
	£35,794	£27,060	£40,769	£31,173	
XV. DEBTORS (Due within one year)					
Trade debtors	22,084	0	0	0	
Amount due by subsidiary	0	22,403	0	11,587	
(Ditchley Park Conference Centre Ltd)					
Taxation recoverable	1,713	1,713	8,837	11,629	
Prepayments	870	870	510	510	
Accrued Income & Other Debtors	70,555	70,555	67,308	67,308	
	£95,222	£95,541	£76,655	£91,034	
					

Notes to the Accounts - 31st March 2000 (continued)

XVI.	CREDITORS (Due within one year)	20	2000		1999	
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Group £	Foundation £	Group £	Foundation £	
	Payments received in advance	63,193	51,930	62,468	60,345	
	Trade creditors	6,993	6,993	9,728	9,728	
	Taxation and social security payable	13,448	13,448	9,858	9,858	
	Other creditors & accruals	49,778	49,178	57,622	57,022	
		£133,412	£121,549	£139,676	£136,953	

XVII. SHARE CAPITAL. The liability of members is limited by guarantee and no shares are authorised or issued by the Foundation. Each member undertakes to contribute £1 to the assets of the Foundation in the event of the same being wound up whilst a member, or within one year of ceasing to be a member, for the payment of debts and liabilities of the Foundation contracted before ceasing to be a member, and of the cost, charges and expenses of winding up, such as may be required not exceeding £1.

ENDOWMENT FUND	Balance 31 March 1999	Movement in Funds Incoming Expenditure, resources gains, losses and transfers		Balance 31 March 2000
	£	£	£	£
HDH Wills family and family trusts	£21,714,655	0	£1,892,776	£23,607,431
RESTRICTED FUND Dulverton Travel Fund David Wills Restoration Fund	100,000	0 100,551	0	100,000 100,551
	£1000,000	£100,551	£0	£200,551
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The Dulverton Travel Fund was established from a gift by the Dulverton Trust. Under the terms of the gift the income is used to offset the cost of conference participants' travel from overseas. The capital is invested in short term deposits.

£100,000 was received in the year from the Dulverton Trust to redecorate the Great Hall in memory of Sir David Wills. Interest received in the year has been added to this Fund

XX	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS Maintenance Fund Accumulated Fund	911,275 119.061	41,664 29,992	(264,254)	688,685 149,053
		£1,030,336	£71,656	£(264,254)	£837,738

£850,476 was received in 1998 from the HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust - Martin Wills Fund. Under the terms of the Trust Deed a payment is made to the Foundation every seven years. The Council of Management has allocated this amount to a designated fund (the Maintenance Fund) towards the future cost of maintaining the Foundation's properties. Interest received during the year has been added to the Fund.

Notes to the Accounts - 31st March 2000 (continued)

XXI. ANALYSIS OF GROUP NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2000 Total funds	1999 Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2000					
are represented by:		_	_		
Tangible fixed assets	171,661	0	0	171,661	200,897
Investments	500,072	200,551	23,607,431	24,308,054	22,544,205
Current assets	299,417	0	0	299,417	239,565
Current liabilities	(133,412)	0	0	(133,412)	(139,676)
Total net assets	£837,738	£200,551	£23,607,431	£24,645,720	£22,844,991
Unrealised gains included above On tangible net assets	0	0	0	0	0
On investment assets (see	ŭ	ŭ	•	ŭ	Ü
note below)	0	0	8,797,231	8,797,231	8,094,232
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Total unrealised gains at 31st March 2000	£0	£0	£8,797,231	£8,797,231	£8,094,232
Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains on investment assets				100 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · 	
Unrealised gains at 31 March 1999	0	0	9,945,111	9,945,111	9,945,111
Deduct: disposals in year	0	0	(3,693,562)	(3,693,562)	(2,884,334)
-	0	0	6,251,549	6,251,549	7,060,777
Add: net gains arising on					
revaluations in year	0	0	2,545,682	2,545,682	1,033,455
Unrealised gains at 31					
March 2000 as above	£0	£0	£8,797,231	£8,797,231	£8,094,232
					

XXII. TRAVEL EXPENSES

£3,246 was disbursed for travel and associated expenses incurred by two members of the Council of Management while attending business directly associated with the purposes of the Foundation (1999 - £6,385).

XXIII. The ultimate control of the Foundation lies with the Council of Management.

Report of the Directors

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2000.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The company, Registered No. 1944182, is incorporated in Great Britain. Its principal business activity is the provision of conference facilities for outside bodies. It has also assumed responsibility for the commercial activities of the Ditchley Foundation including, principally, open days, i.e. for visits to Ditchley Park either by members of the public during any open period or by individuals and specialist groups at other times by prior arrangement.

A total of five large and two small guest conferences was held during the financial year covered by this report, and these contributed largely to the company's operating profit of £26,310.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

During the period the company made a contribution of £26,310 to the Ditchley Foundation.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The retained profit for the year amounted to £NIL.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend in respect of this year's profits.

DIRECTORS' INTEREST IN SHARES

None of the directors has had any interest in the shares of the company at any time during the period.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are required by UK company law to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the company for that period.

The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently and reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2000. The directors also confirm that applicable accounting standards have been followed and that the financial statements have been prepared on the going-concern basis.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records and for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the company and the group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

AUDITORS

A resolution to reappoint Critchleys as auditors for the year ending 31 March 2001 will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

By order of the Board, CAROL ROBSON

Secretary 16th May 2000

THE DITCHLEY PARK CONFERENCE CENTRE LIMITED (Registered No: 1944182)

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DITCHLEY PARK CONFERENCE CENTRE LIMITED

We have audited the financial statement on pages 25 to 28.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 24 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 consider 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 March 2000 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Oxford

16th May 2000

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of the more important accounting policies is set out below.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.

STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on a weighted average basis.

TURNOVER

Turnover is stated net of Value Added Tax, and represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The company qualifies as a small company under the terms of section 247 of the Companies Act 1985. As a consequence it is exempt from the requirement under Financial Reporting Standard No. 1, 'Cash Flow Statements', to publish a cash flow statement.

THE DITCHLEY PARK CONFERENCE CENTRE LIMITED

Profit and Loss Account for Year Ended 31st March 2000

	2000	1999
	£	£
		32,472
		954
		951
		79
		601
Bank interest	25	0
	£76,005	£35,057
Cost of drinks sold Management and service fees Hotel Costs Printing, stationery and other Publications for resale Guiding fees Auditors' remuneration	1,055 46,175 420 65 862 518 600	513 20,708 0 89 702 306 600
	26,310	12,139
CTIVITIES	£26,310	£12,139
OF COVENANT	(£26,310)	(£12,139)
HE YEAR	£NIL	£NIL
	Management and service fees Hotel Costs Printing, stationery and other Publications for resale Guiding fees	Conference income Visitors' entrance fees Visitors' entrance fees Sale of publications Cother Sale of drinks Sa

NOTES:

The results for the years above are derived from continuing operations.

(3) There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities and the retained profit for the years stated above, and their historical cost equivalents.

⁽¹⁾ (2) The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profits above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

THE DITCHLEY PARK CONFERENCE CENTRE LIMITED

Balance Sheet at 31st March 2000

OUTDING A COPTE		Notes	2000 £	1999 £
CURRENT ASSETS	Stocks	2	8,734	9,596
	Debtors	3	22,084	0
	Cash in bank and in hand		3,449	7,508
			34,267	17,104
CURRENT LIABILITIES	Creditors falling due within one year	4	34,265	(17,102)
NET ASSETS			£2	£2
CAPITAL AND RESERVI		_		
	Called-up share capital	5	£2	£2

The financial statements on pages 25 to 28 were approved by the Board of Directors on 16th May 2000 and were signed on their behalf by:

NIGEL BROOMFIELD

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Chairman and Managing Director

THE DITCHLEY PARK CONFERENCE CENTRE LIMITED

Notes to the Accounts

1.	DIRECTOR	S AND EMPLOYEES The company has no employees. (1999: NIL) None of the directors received any remuneration	n during the year (19	99: £NIL)
2.	STOCKS	Stocks comprise publications for resale.		
3.	DEBTORS	(Due within one year)	2000	1999
		Trade debtors	£ 22,084	£ 0
4.	CREDITOR	S (Due within one year)		
		Payments received on account Amount owed to parent company	11,263 22,402	2,123 11,587
		Other taxation payable Other	0 600	2,792 600
			34,265	17,102
5.	CALLED-U	P SHARE CAPITAL		
		Authorised 100 ordinary shares of £1 each	£100	£100
		Issued, allotted, called-up and fully paid 2 ordinary shares of £1 each	£2	£2
6		E PARENT COMPANY e company's ultimate parent company and		

The company's ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party is The Ditchley Foundation, a company limited by guarantee and incorporated in Great Britain.

(printed to comply with Statement of recommended Practice for Charities issued by the Accounting Standards Committee)

The Ditchley Foundation is "a Company limited by guarantee not having a share capital", incorporated on the 24th day of February 1958, the Articles of Association having been subsequently amended on the 29th day of November 1966.

The Foundation is registered as a charity with the Charity Commissioner (No 309657).

The principal object of the Foundation is 'to promote, carry out or advance any charitable objects, and in particular any branches or aspects of education, likely to be for the common benefit of British subjects on the one hand and citizens of the United States of America on the other'. In pursuing this object it promotes the discussion, study and better understanding of matters of common interest to the British and American peoples, with the participation of other nationalities, particularly from other members of the European Community, as is judged useful in relation to particular topics. The first Anglo-American conferences were held at Ditchley early in 1962.

The Foundation is controlled by a Governing Body composed of the members of the Foundation, who may be designated "Governors". The Governors meet at least once a year, at the Annual General Meeting of the Foundation, to approve the annual report and accounts of the Foundation and to receive the report of the auditors; to elect, as necessary, in accordance with the Articles of Association, the Council of Management, and to deal with the business of the Foundation.

The administration of the Foundation is carried out by the Council of Management, through two appointed Committees, the Programme Committee and the Finance and General Purposes Committee. The day-to-day management of the Foundation is conducted by the Director, who is appointed by, and responsible to, the Council of Management.

Copies of the Articles of association are available for inspection.

The American and Canadian Ditchley Foundations exist under United States and Canadian law respectively with similar purposes and more especially to help the work of the British Foundation.