

**BRONTE PROPERTIES LIMITED**  
**REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996**



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**Company Number: 712795**

**BRONTE PROPERTIES LIMITED**

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C H W Parish  
T F Needham

**SECRETARY**

B Collett

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## **BRONTE PROPERTIES LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996**

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1996.

#### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW**

The company's principal activities during the year were the collection of rent, the supervision of its properties and the maintenance of its investment.

During the year the directors undertook to refurbish one of its investment properties. Although the decision to undertake the work was made during the year the substantial element of the refurbishment did not commence until April 1996. Accordingly, the refurbishment costs will all be included in the 1997 accounts.

#### **DIVIDEND AND TRANSFER TO RESERVES**

The directors did not pay an interim dividend during the year (1995 -£12,000) and they do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (1995 -£nil).

It is proposed that the retained profit of £14,349 be transferred to reserves.

#### **FIXED ASSETS**

Full disclosure of all matters relating to fixed assets is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS**

The directors at the balance sheet date and their interests in the company at that date and at the beginning of the year (or on appointment if later), were as follows:

	Class of share	Number of shares	
		1996	1995
Mrs E M Guinness (deceased 17 August 1996)	Ordinary shares	1	1
The Hon. Mrs J B W Needham	Ordinary shares	1	1
C H W Parish (non-beneficial)	Ordinary shares	39,998	39,998
T F Needham	Ordinary shares	-	-

#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

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 as at the end of the financial year 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 judgements 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.

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT  
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**DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued**

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.

**CLOSE COMPANY**

The company is a close company as defined by the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, Morison Stoneham, are willing to be reappointed in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

**By order of the Board**



B Collett

Secretary

14 October 1996

## **BRONTE PROPERTIES LIMITED**

### **AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF BRONTE PROPERTIES LIMITED**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 11 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets and the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements.

#### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

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

#### **Basis of opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 31 March 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

805 Salisbury House  
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16 October 1996

*Marion Stoneham*

MORISON STONEHAM

Registered Auditors  
Chartered Accountants

# BRONTE PROPERTIES LIMITED

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996

	Note	1996 £	1995 £
<b>RENTAL INCOME</b>		51,800	51,800
Administrative expenses		(33,987)	(29,080)
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>	2	<u>17,813</u>	<u>22,720</u>
Interest receivable	3	<u>1,236</u>	<u>265</u>
<b>PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>		19,049	22,985
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	<u>(4,700)</u>	<u>(5,739)</u>
<b>PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION</b>		14,349	17,246
Dividends	6	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,000)</u>
<b>RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE YEAR</b>	13	<u><u>£14,349</u></u>	<u><u>£5,246</u></u>

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996**

	<b>1996</b>	<b>1995</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	14,349	17,246
Unrealised movement on revaluation of properties	(7,500)	(27,500)
<b>TOTAL NET GAINS/(LOSSES) RECOGNISED SINCE LAST ANNUAL REPORT</b>	<u>£6,849</u>	<u>£(10,254)</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

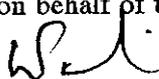
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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 1996**

	Note	£	1996 £	£	1995 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	7		600,000		607,500
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	5,166		8,450	
Cash with solicitors		37,257		10,094	
		<u>42,423</u>		<u>18,544</u>	
<b>CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	<u>(21,971)</u>		<u>(12,441)</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>20,452</u>		<u>6,103</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>£620,452</u>		<u>£613,603</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>					
Called up share capital	11		40,000		40,000
Revaluation reserve	12		342,847		350,347
Profit and loss account	13		<u>237,605</u>		<u>223,256</u>
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>			<u>£620,452</u>		<u>£613,603</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 14 October 1996.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors



C H W PARISH

Director

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

# BRONTE PROPERTIES LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of freehold land and buildings.

#### 1.2 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

In accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 19 investment properties are revalued annually and the aggregate surplus or deficit is transferred to a revaluation reserve. No depreciation or amortisation is provided in respect of freehold investment properties and leasehold investment properties with over 20 years to expiry. The directors consider that this accounting policy results in the financial statements giving a true and fair view. Depreciation or amortisation is only one of many factors reflected in the annual valuation and the amount which might otherwise have been shown cannot be separately identified or quantified.

#### 1.3 DEFERRED TAXATION

Deferred taxation is provided where there is a reasonable probability of the amount becoming payable in the foreseeable future.

#### 1.4 CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The company has taken advantage of the exemption conferred by Financial Reporting Standard 1 from presenting a cash flow statement as it qualifies as a small company.

### 2. OPERATING PROFIT

	1996 £	1995 £
The operating profit is stated after charging:-		
Auditors' remuneration	875	850

### 3. INTEREST RECEIVABLE

	1996 £	1995 £
Interest on deposits with solicitors	1,236	265
	<u>£1,236</u>	<u>£265</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**4. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES**

	1996 £	1995 £
Staff costs:-		
Wages and salaries	11,875	13,125
Social security costs	682	372
	<u>£12,557</u>	<u>£13,497</u>

There were no employees during the year apart from the directors.

	£	£
Directors' emoluments:-		
Remuneration for management services	<u>11,875</u>	<u>13,125</u>

**5. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES**

	1996 £	1995 £
The taxation charge based on the profit before tax comprises:-		
U.K. corporation tax at 25% (1995 - 25%)	4,700	5,739
	<u>£4,700</u>	<u>£5,739</u>

**6. DIVIDENDS**

	1996 £	1995 £
Ordinary:-		
Interim dividend paid	-	12,000
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£12,000</u>

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**7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Freehold property £</b>
<b>Cost or valuation:</b>	
At 1 April 1995	607,500
Revaluation in year	(7,500)
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At 31 March 1996	600,000
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<b>Net book value at 31 March 1996</b>	<b>£600,000</b>
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<b>Net book value at 31 March 1995</b>	<b>£607,500</b>
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Land and buildings were valued at 31 March 1996 at open market value on the basis of existing use at £600,000 by the directors. The surplus over cost of £342,847 is shown under revaluation reserve.

**8. DEBTORS**

	<b>1996 £</b>	<b>1995 £</b>
Trade debtors	2,825	942
Other debtors	1,936	7,407
Prepayments and accrued income	405	101
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	<b>£5,166</b>	<b>£8,450</b>
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**9. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>1996 £</b>	<b>1995 £</b>
Corporation tax	4,700	2,739
Other taxation and social security	1,224	636
Other creditors	5,922	6,941
Accruals and deferred income	10,125	2,125
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	<b>£21,971</b>	<b>£12,441</b>
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**10. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES**

Deferred tax is calculated at 33% (1995 - 33%) attributable to the following:

	Not provided		Provided	
	1996	1995	1996	1995
	£	£	£	£
Surplus on revaluation	5,300	8,000	-	-
	<u>£5,300</u>	<u>£8,000</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>

**11. SHARE CAPITAL**

	1996	1995
	£	£
<b>Authorised</b>		
<b>Equity interests:</b>		
40,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>£40,000</u>	<u>£40,000</u>
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
<b>Equity interests:</b>		
40,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>£40,000</u>	<u>£40,000</u>

**12. REVALUATION RESERVE**

	1996	1995
	£	£
Balance at 1 April	350,347	377,847
Revaluation during the year	(7,500)	(27,500)
Balance at 31 March	<u>£342,847</u>	<u>£350,347</u>

**BRONTE PROPERTIES LIMITED****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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	<b>1996</b>	<b>1995</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Retained profits at 1 April	223,256	218,010
Profit for the financial year	14,349	5,246
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Retained profits at 31 March	<u>£237,605</u>	<u>£223,256</u>

**14. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN  
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS**

	<b>1996</b>	<b>1995</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Profit for the financial year	14,349	17,246
Dividends	-	(12,000)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	14,349	5,246
Other recognised gains and losses relating to the year (net)	(7,500)	(27,500)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Net addition/(reduction) to shareholders' funds	6,849	(22,254)
Shareholders' funds at 1 April 1995	613,603	635,857
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Shareholders' funds at 31 March 1996	<u>£620,452</u>	<u>£613,603</u>
Represented by:		
Equity interests	620,452	613,603
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>£620,452</u>	<u>£613,603</u>