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Tindle Newspapers Limited

Annual Report

31 March 2002



**Tindle Newspapers Limited**  
**Report and group accounts**  
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## **Tindle Newspapers Limited Company Information**

### **Directors**

Sir Ray Tindle CBE, DL, FCIS  
Lady Tindle MA, Dip.Ed.(Lond.)  
Mr C.R.G. Christmas FCA

### **Joint secretaries**

Lady Tindle  
Mr C.R.G. Christmas

### **Auditors**

RSM Robson Rhodes  
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### **Bankers**

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### **Solicitors**

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## Tindle Newspapers Limited

### Directors' Report

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2002.

#### Principal activities and review of the business

The principal activities of the company and its subsidiaries have been those of weekly newspaper proprietors, publishers and printers, local radio station proprietors and hotel operators.

The group's overall results for the year are shown below.

	2002 £	2001 £
Results as consolidated:		
Newspaper companies	4,694,759	4,397,076
Local radio companies	(83,375)	199,825
Hotel company	(11,518)	(50,911)
Trading profit	4,599,866	4,545,990
Less: Amortisation of acquisition costs of local radio companies	(634,443)	(533,035)
Exceptional profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	300,110	87,765
Operating profit	4,265,533	4,100,720

During the year the group acquired the whole of the issued share capital of Mid Essex Radio Limited and Provincial Broadcasting Companies Limited (formerly Blacket Turner Media Investment Company Limited) which has interests in West Berkshire Radio Limited and Kestrel FM Limited. In addition the group acquired the remaining shares in PM Publications Limited.

The newspaper companies achieved improved results in comparison to the previous year despite the effect of the foot and mouth crisis and continuing adverse economic conditions.

The local radio companies' results have been depressed by the losses of Bridge FM Limited (which are included for a full year for the first time) and of Mid Essex Radio Limited (which continued to make heavy losses through the first six months following its acquisition by the group). The established local radio companies reported improved results for the year.

#### Future developments

The group intends to continue the development of its interests in weekly newspapers and local radio. Subsequent to the balance sheet date, the group acquired a controlling interest in Midlands Community Radio Services Limited, a company incorporated in the Republic of Ireland, as well as various other business interests including Goldcrest Broadcasting Limited.

#### Dividends

The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend for the parent company.

#### Directors

The directors who served during the year and their interests in the share capital of the company were as follows:

	£1 Ordinary shares	
	2002	2001
Sir Ray Tindle CBE, DL, FCIS	18,000	18,000
Lady Tindle MA, Dip.Ed.(Lond.)	2	2
Mr C.R.G. Christmas FCA	-	-

#### Charitable donations

Over the last twenty years the Group established and operated Tindle Enterprises throughout the south of England, South Wales and the West Country for the purpose of assisting unemployed persons to set up in self-employment. As unemployment through these areas has reduced, the properties operated by Tindle Enterprises have been closed, and it is anticipated that the initiative will not be required beyond the current year.

In the year under review, the group made charitable donations totalling £60,469 including £19,364 in respect of Tindle Enterprises. In addition the Group has made available £250,000 in interest free loans to assist those worst affected by the foot and mouth crisis. Approximately £88,000 was outstanding at the year end.

## **Tindle Newspapers Limited**

### **Directors' Report**

#### **Employees**

The individual companies within the group are responsible through their own management for implementing the consultative and negotiating practices which best meet their staff's particular requirements. Staff are kept informed of matters concerning them by means of briefing meetings, meetings with union officials, notices and direct communication.

#### **Statement of directors' responsibilities for the annual report**

Company law in the United Kingdom 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 the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing those accounts, the directors have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepared the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business; and
- followed applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.

The directors are responsible for maintaining 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.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the directors' report and other information included in the Annual Report is prepared in accordance with company law in the United Kingdom.

#### **Auditors**

RSM Robson Rhodes have indicated their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

C.R.G. Christmas  
Director



This report was approved by the board on 24.1.03 2003.

## **Tindle Newspapers Limited**

### **Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Tindle Newspapers Limited**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 23.

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

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards are set out in the Directors' Responsibilities section of the Directors' Report on page 3.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Director's Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if the information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company and other members of the group is not disclosed.

We read the information contained in the Annual Report and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies within the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any information outside the Annual Report.

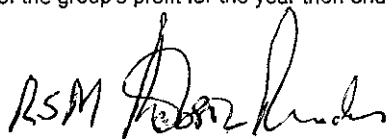
#### **Basis of audit opinion**

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

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the 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 financial statements.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the group as at 31 March 2002 and of the group's profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



**RSM Robson Rhodes**  
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

186 City Road  
London EC1V 2NU

24 January 2003

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**Tindle Newspapers Limited**  
**Consolidated Profit and Loss Account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2002**

	Notes	2002			2001 - restated		
		Operating activities	Amortisation and other exceptionals	Total	Operating activities	Amortisation and other exceptionals	Total
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Turnover</b>							
Existing operations		29,594,876	-	29,594,876	27,780,698	-	27,780,698
Acquisitions		402,810	-	402,810	-	-	-
Continuing operations		29,997,686	-	29,997,686	27,780,698	-	27,780,698
Discontinued operations		-	-	-	9,022	-	9,022
	2	29,997,686	-	29,997,686	27,789,720	-	27,789,720
Cost of sales	3	(15,344,460)	-	(15,344,460)	(14,283,225)	-	(14,283,225)
Gross profit	3	14,653,226	-	14,653,226	13,506,495	-	13,506,495
Net operating expenses	3	(10,113,120)	(334,333)	(10,447,453)	(8,993,333)	(445,270)	(9,438,603)
Group operating profit	3 & 4	4,540,106	(334,333)	4,205,773	4,513,162	(445,270)	4,067,892
Existing operations		4,651,881	(241,907)	4,409,974	4,513,613	(445,270)	4,068,343
Acquisitions		(111,775)	(92,426)	(204,201)	-	-	-
Discontinued operations		-	-	-	(451)	-	(451)
		4,540,106	(334,333)	4,205,773	4,513,162	(445,270)	4,067,892
<b>Group share of operating profit of:</b>							
Joint venture		68,268	-	68,268	51,066	-	51,066
Associates		(8,508)	-	(8,508)	(18,238)	-	(18,238)
Operating profit		4,599,866	(334,333)	4,265,533	4,545,990	(445,270)	4,100,720
Change in value and sale of investments		-	(50,415)	(50,415)	-	2,041,058	2,041,058
Income from investments	8	29	-	29	577	-	577
Interest receivable	9	389,149	-	389,149	381,768	-	381,768
Interest payable	10	(44,274)	-	(44,274)	(33,408)	-	(33,408)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		4,944,770	(384,748)	4,560,022	4,894,927	1,595,788	6,490,715
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	12	(1,338,229)	14,116	(1,324,113)	(1,460,082)	(571,496)	(2,031,578)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		3,606,541	(370,632)	3,235,909	3,434,845	1,024,292	4,459,137
Minority interests		46,846	-	46,846	(7,069)	-	(7,069)
Retained profit for the financial year	25	3,653,387	(370,632)	3,282,755	3,427,776	1,024,292	4,452,068

Amortisation and exceptionals includes the amortisation of intangible assets and the gains or losses on fixed asset property sales.

The group's share of joint venture turnover amounted to £160,452 (2001: £134,254).

**Tindle Newspapers Limited**  
**Statement of total recognised gains and losses**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2002**

	Notes	2002 £	2001 - restated £
Profit for the financial year		3,282,755	4,452,068
Total recognised gains and losses related to the year		<u>3,282,755</u>	<u>4,452,068</u>
Prior year adjustment for deferred tax (note 12).		(73,562)	
Total recognised gains and losses since last accounts		<u>3,209,193</u>	

**Tindle Newspapers Limited**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 March 2002**

	Notes	2002		2001 restated	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Intangible assets	13		20,184,734		18,618,484
Tangible assets	14		12,020,780		12,365,625
Investments:					
Joint ventures: Share of gross assets		104,163		90,215	
Share of gross liabilities		(85,538)		(71,162)	
		18,625		19,053	
Associates		478,259		464,562	
Other investments		490,853		180,299	
	15		987,737		663,914
			33,193,251		31,648,023
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	16	96,693		132,816	
Debtors	17	5,711,691		5,582,522	
Investments held as current assets	18	51,200		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		10,505,973		9,274,225	
		16,365,557		14,989,563	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	19	(4,318,774)		(4,917,850)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			12,046,783		10,071,713
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			45,240,034		41,719,736
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	20		(603,069)		(277,933)
<b>Provisions for liabilities and charges</b>					
Deferred taxation	23		(81,589)		(71,586)
			44,555,376		41,370,217
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	24		18,002		18,002
Profit and loss account	25		44,455,123		41,172,368
Shareholders' equity funds:	26		44,473,125		41,190,370
Minority interests			82,251		179,847
			44,555,376		41,370,217



Sir Ray Tindle  
Chairman

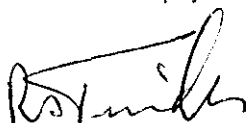


C.R.G. Christmas  
Director

Approved by the board on 24.1.03 2003

**Tindle Newspapers Limited**  
**Company Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 March 2002**

	Notes	2002		2001 restated	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Intangible assets	13		7,698,705		7,623,377
Tangible assets	14		7,849,494		7,968,131
Investments	15		4,031,381		4,188,771
			<u>19,579,580</u>		<u>19,780,279</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	17	20,405,207		17,409,448	
Cash at bank and in hand		8,582,334		7,274,560	
		<u>28,987,541</u>		<u>24,684,008</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	19	(4,651,959)		(4,249,176)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>24,335,582</u>		<u>20,434,832</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>43,915,162</u>		<u>40,215,111</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	20		-		(129,200)
<b>Provisions for liabilities and charges</b>					
Deferred taxation	23		(80,039)		(71,586)
			<u>43,835,123</u>		<u>40,014,325</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	24		18,002		18,002
Profit and loss account	25		43,817,121		39,996,323
<b>Shareholders' equity funds:</b>	26		<u>43,835,123</u>		<u>40,014,325</u>



**Sir Ray Tindle**  
Chairman



**C.R.G. Christmas**  
Director

Approved by the board on 24.1.03 2003

**Tindle Newspapers Limited**  
**Consolidated Cash Flow Statement**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2002**

	Notes	2002 £	2001 £
<b>Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities</b>			
Operating profit		4,205,773	4,067,892
Depreciation charges		907,679	881,232
Amortisation and impairment charge		634,443	533,035
Profit on disposal of fixed assets		(300,110)	(87,765)
Decrease/(increase) in stocks		36,123	(5,247)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors		11,541	(187,194)
Increase in creditors		197,891	402,452
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>		<b>5,693,340</b>	<b>5,604,405</b>
<b>CASH FLOW STATEMENT</b>			
Net cash inflow from operating activities		5,693,340	5,604,405
Dividends from joint ventures and associates		56,000	53,800
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	27	336,875	345,057
Taxation		(2,292,171)	(2,565,404)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	27	(641,034)	(1,342,545)
Acquisitions and disposals	29	(1,792,654)	(332,883)
<b>Cash inflow before use of liquid resources and financing</b>		<b>1,360,356</b>	<b>1,762,430</b>
Management of liquid resources	27	(51,200)	976,895
Financing	27	(77,408)	(15,350)
<b>Increase in cash</b>		<b>1,231,748</b>	<b>2,723,975</b>
<b>Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt</b>			
Increase in cash in the period		1,231,748	2,723,975
(Increase)/decrease in debt and lease financing		(342,592)	15,350
Increase/(decrease) in liquid resources		51,200	(976,895)
<b>Change in net debt</b>	28	<b>940,356</b>	<b>1,762,430</b>
Net funds at 1 April		8,989,187	7,226,757
Net funds at 31 March		9,929,543	8,989,187

**Tindle Newspapers Limited**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2002**

**1 Accounting policies**

***Accounting convention***

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

***New accounting standards***

FRS 17 'Retirement Benefits' need not be applied in full until the 2005 accounts, so as in previous years expenses have been charged under SSAP 24. Some additional disclosures are given as required by FRS 17 in note 11.

FRS 18 'Accounting Policies' has also been adopted. It did not cause any other changes in policy, as after careful review, the directors are satisfied that the current accounting policies are the most appropriate for the group.

FRS 19 'Deferred Tax' has been adopted for the first time in these accounts. Comparative figures have been restated to be consistent with the new accounting policy for deferred tax as described below. The effect of the change is shown in note 23.

***Basis of consolidation***

The group accounts consolidate the audited accounts of the company and its subsidiary undertakings at the year end using acquisition accounting. The results of subsidiary undertakings acquired or disposed of during the year are included from, or up to, the effective date of acquisition or disposal.

***Associated undertakings and joint ventures***

The group's participating interests comprise investments in associated undertakings, where the group has a shareholding between 20% and 50% and also has significant influence over the operating and financial policy decisions, and joint ventures. The group's share of the results of associated undertakings and joint ventures is included in the consolidated profit and loss account. Unless otherwise stated, the interests in the consolidated balance sheet of the associated undertakings (adjusted as necessary to reflect group accounting policies) are included at the group's share of the net assets of the associated undertakings together with the premium arising on acquisition. Joint ventures are disclosed in the consolidated balance sheet on a gross asset and gross liability basis.

Where goodwill arises from the premium on acquisition of the investment in an associated undertaking or joint venture, this goodwill is amortised over its estimated useful life of 20 years.

***Intangible assets***

***Publishing titles***

Publishing titles acquired after 31 March 1998 are included in the balance sheet at their fair value on acquisition. Titles acquired prior to this date are included at their book value at that date. No amortisation is charged on publishing titles as the group has demonstrated through its publishing policy that such titles do not have a finite life. Impairment tests are undertaken each year to determine whether any diminution in value should be brought into the consolidated accounts.

***Broadcasting rights***

Broadcasting rights are stated at fair value on acquisition and, subject to annual review, are carried in the balance sheet at cost less amortisation. Amortisation commences in the month following the month of acquisition and is provided so as to write off these assets over their estimated life of 20 years. If any impairment in value were to arise it would be charged to the profit and loss account as soon as it has been identified.

***Foreign currencies***

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

***Depreciation***

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold land and buildings	1.25% on cost or valuation
Leasehold land and buildings	over the lease term
Fixtures, fittings, plant and equipment	20% straight line
Press	10% straight line

The charge to depreciation commences in the month following the month of acquisition. The rate applied to freehold land and buildings is deemed to be equivalent to writing down the buildings over 50 years.

***Stocks***

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

**Tindle Newspapers Limited**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2002**

**1 Accounting policies (continued)**

**Deferred taxation**

The payment of taxation is deferred or accelerated because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounting and taxation purposes. Full provision for deferred taxation is made under the liability method, without discounting, on all timing differences that have arisen and not reversed by the balance sheet date, unless such provision is not permitted by FRS 19.

In accordance with FRS 19 deferred tax is not provided for:

- revaluation gains on land and buildings unless there is a binding agreement to sell them at the balance sheet date;
- gains on the sale of non-monetary assets, if the taxable gain will probably be rolled over;
- extra tax payable if the overseas retained profits of subsidiaries and associates are remitted in the future; and
- fair value adjustment gains to fixed assets and stock to uplift prices to those ruling when an acquisition is made.

Deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is considered more likely than not that they will be recovered.

Previously under SSAP 15 provision was only made for deferred taxation if it was probable that the tax would be payable in the foreseeable future.

**Leasing and hire purchase commitments**

Assets held under such agreements, which are those where substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset have passed to the company, are capitalised in the balance sheet and depreciated over their useful lives.

The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease and represents a constant proportion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to profit and loss over the lease term.

**Pensions**

Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the various schemes operated by the group. These contributions are invested separately from the assets of the group companies and, in the case of defined benefit schemes, are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent actuaries.

Deferred tax is fully accounted for on any difference between accumulated pension costs charged to profit and accumulated contributions paid.

**2 Turnover**

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods and services rendered by the group, net of value added tax. Turnover is attributable to the group's principal activities.

Analysis by geographical market:

	2002 £	2001 £
United Kingdom	29,610,248	27,451,484
U.S.A.	387,438	338,236
	<u>29,997,686</u>	<u>27,789,720</u>

**3 Net operating expenses**

For the year ended 31 March 2002

	Continuing operations		Discontinued operations	Total
	Acquired £	Existing £	£	£
Cost of sales	216,910	15,127,550	-	15,344,460
Gross profit	<u>185,900</u>	<u>14,467,326</u>	-	<u>14,653,226</u>
Net operating expenses				
Distribution costs	-	1,617,921	-	1,617,921
Administrative expenses	390,101	8,789,453	-	9,179,554
Other operating income	-	(350,022)	-	(350,022)
	<u>390,101</u>	<u>10,057,352</u>	-	<u>10,447,453</u>
Group operating (loss)/profit	<u>(204,201)</u>	<u>4,409,974</u>	-	<u>4,205,773</u>

**Tindle Newspapers Limited**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2002**

**3 Net operating expenses (continued)**

*For the year ended 31 March 2001*

	<b>Continuing operations £</b>	<b>Discontinued operations £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Cost of sales	14,274,572	8,653	14,283,225
Gross profit	13,501,342	5,153	13,506,495
Net operating expenses			
Distribution costs	1,455,582	-	1,455,582
Administrative expenses	8,220,092	5,604	8,225,696
Other operating income	(242,675)	-	(242,675)
	9,432,999	5,604	9,438,603
Group operating profit/(loss)	4,068,343	(451)	4,067,892

**4 Operating profit**

This is stated after charging:

	<b>2002 £</b>	<b>2001 £</b>
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	906,927	880,480
Depreciation of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	752	752
Amortisation of goodwill	625,390	532,397
Amortisation of premium on associates	9,053	638
Operating lease rentals - plant and machinery	5,813	14,158
Operating lease rentals - land buildings	11,985	5,527
Auditors' remuneration - parent	40,000	36,000
Auditors' remuneration - group	172,383	158,482

**5 Profit for the financial year**

As permitted by section 230 of the Companies Act 1985, the holding company's profit and loss account has not been included in these accounts.

The consolidated profit before dividends includes:

	<b>2002 £</b>	<b>2001 £</b>
Holding company's profits	3,820,798	4,382,139
Share of net profits retained by associated undertakings	46,883	22,143

**6 Directors' emoluments**

	<b>2002 £</b>	<b>2001 £</b>
Emoluments	176,000	161,250

**7 Staff costs**

	<b>2002 £</b>	<b>2001 £</b>
Wages and salaries	10,146,784	9,385,581
Social security costs	754,738	686,900
Other pension costs (note 11).	421,293	388,154
	11,322,815	10,460,635

**Average number of employees during the year**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Management and administration	135	174
Editorial and production	329	294
Sales and marketing	271	234
	735	702

**Tindle Newspapers Limited**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2002**

<b>8 Income from investments</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Unlisted investment income	29	577
	<u>29</u>	<u>577</u>
<b>9 Interest receivable</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank interest	347,590	350,267
Other interest	39,611	27,843
	<u>387,201</u>	<u>378,110</u>
Joint venture and associates	1,948	3,658
	<u>389,149</u>	<u>381,768</u>
<b>10 Interest payable</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank loans and overdrafts	12,758	963
Other loans	31,336	31,971
	<u>44,094</u>	<u>32,934</u>
Joint venture and associates	180	474
	<u>44,274</u>	<u>33,408</u>

**11 Pension costs**

**Farnham Castle Newspapers Limited Pension and Life Assurance Scheme**

Certain directors and employees of group companies are members of a group pension scheme. This pension scheme is of the defined benefit type under which benefits are based on members' years of pensionable service and final pensionable salary. The assets of the scheme are held in a separate trustee administered professionally managed fund. Employer contributions are based on pension costs across the Tindle Newspapers Limited group as a whole and are charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over scheme members' working lives with the company. The contributions are determined by a qualified actuary on the basis of triennial valuations using the projected unit credit funding method with members contributing 5% of pensionable salary. The latest actuarial valuation of the scheme was at 1 January 1999. The main long term actuarial assumptions adopted were that the annual rate on investment would be 8.5%, the annual increase in pensionable salaries would be 6.5% and the annual rate of pension increase would be that guaranteed under the scheme.

Contributions payable by the group to this scheme amounted to £287,670 (2001: £292,276) and all contributions were paid in the year. These contributions included an amount to amortise experience deficiencies and the cost of benefit improvements that are being funded over the average working lives of members.

The market value of the scheme's assets as at 1 January 1999 was estimated to be £2,557,962 which includes the value placed on annuities purchased by the trustees. The actuarial valuation of the assets at that date covered 100% of pensions in payment and 81% of the benefits that have accrued to deferred and active members, after allowing for expected future increases in earnings. In line with the actuary's recommendations the company is contributing 13% of pensionable salaries which includes an amount to achieve a 100% funding level over the average future working lives of members.

The profit and loss account charge for pension costs, the accounting policies and the disclosures above are provided in the accounts under SSAP 24. This standard is going to be replaced by FRS 17. The following disclosures are given in preparation for the adoption of FRS 17. They are based on a full actuarial review at 31 March 2002, relate only to defined benefit schemes and omit comparative figures in accordance with the transitional rules of FRS 17.

<b>Fair value of the scheme's assets:</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>£</b>
Equities	2,142,000
Bonds	478,000
Bank deposits and cash balances	42,000
Annuity contracts	428,000
Total assets	<u>3,090,000</u>
Present value of scheme liabilities	<u>(3,260,000)</u>
Actuarial deficit	(170,000)
Related deferred tax asset	51,000
Deficit of the scheme	<u>(119,000)</u>

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**11 Pension costs (continued)**

**Farnham Castle Newspapers Limited Pension and Life Assurance Scheme - continued**

<b>Assumptions:</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Expected rates of return:</b>	<b>%</b>
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	6.00	Equities	6.25
Pension increases where applicable	2.50	Bonds	6.00
Salary increases	3.50	Bank deposits and cash balances	6.00
General price information	2.50	Annuity contracts	6.00

The deficit of £119,000 would need to be disclosed in the group balance sheet and charged against the group's profit once all the provisions of FRS 17 come into force.

**Brecon and Radnor Express Scheme**

The company operates a defined benefit pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. The contributions are determined by a qualified independent actuary on the basis of triennial valuations using the projected unit method. The most recent valuation was at 6 April 2000. The assumptions which have the most significant effect on the results of the valuation are those relating to the rate of return on investments and the rates of increase in salaries and pensions. It was assumed that the investment returns would be 8% per annum, that salary increases would average 6% per annum and that present and future pensions would increase at the rate of 3.75% per annum.

The pension charge for the year was £24,871 (2001 - £20,663).

The most recent actuarial valuation showed that the market value of the scheme's assets was £357,000 and that this represented a surplus of £98,000 over the scheme's liabilities. The market value of the scheme's assets at the balance sheet date was £431,806.

**Other contribution schemes**

A further £133,624 (2001: £106,331) was paid under various defined contribution schemes. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the group in independently administered funds.

**12 Analysis of tax charge in period**

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Current tax:		
UK corporation tax on profits of the period	1,560,420	2,065,679
Overseas taxation	105,000	-
UK corporation tax relating to joint venture and associates	14,645	13,869
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	(365,955)	(45,994)
	<u>1,314,110</u>	<u>2,033,554</u>
Deferred tax:		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	10,003	(1,976)
	<u>1,324,113</u>	<u>2,031,578</u>

The result of the adoption of FRS 19 is a change in accounting policy leading to the deferred tax adjustment in the analysis above. The adjustment would not have arisen if the change had not taken place.

**Factors affecting tax charge for period**

The differences between the tax assessed for the period and the standard rate of corporation tax are explained as follows:

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	4,560,022	6,490,715
Standard rate of corporation tax in the UK	30%	30%
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Corporation tax based on the above accounting profit	1,368,007	1,947,215
Effects of:		
Expenses not tax deductible and accelerated capital allowances	312,058	132,333
Deferred tax	10,003	(1,976)
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods	(365,955)	(45,994)
Current tax charge for period	<u>1,324,113</u>	<u>2,031,578</u>

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**12 Analysis of tax charge in period (continued)**

**Factors that may affect future tax charges**

Assets subject to rollover relief amounting to £297,149 would generate additional corporation tax of £89,145 if the assets, to which the rollover claim attached, were sold.

**13 Intangible fixed assets - group**

	<b>Publishing £</b>	<b>Broadcasting £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2001	9,473,964	10,622,947	20,096,911
Additions	333,516	1,858,124	2,191,640
At 31 March 2002	9,807,480	12,481,071	22,288,551
<b>Amortisation and impairment</b>			
At 1 April 2001	37,336	1,441,091	1,478,427
Provided during the year	1,335	624,055	625,390
At 31 March 2002	38,671	2,065,146	2,103,817
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2002	9,768,809	10,415,925	20,184,734
At 31 March 2001	9,436,628	9,181,856	18,618,484

**Intangible fixed assets - company**

	<b>Publishing £</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2001	7,659,409
Additions	75,328
At 31 March 2002	7,734,737
<b>Impairment</b>	
At 1 April 2001	36,032
At 31 March 2002	36,032
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 March 2002	7,698,705
At 31 March 2001	7,623,377

**14 Tangible fixed assets - group**

	<b>Freehold land and buildings £</b>	<b>Leasehold land and buildings £</b>	<b>Fixtures, fittings and equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2001	10,184,670	231,703	6,616,408	17,032,781
Additions	460,201	1,188	567,153	1,028,542
Acquisitions	-	4,445	244,396	248,841
Disposals	(458,732)	(51,730)	(365,060)	(875,522)
At 31 March 2002	10,186,139	185,606	7,062,897	17,434,642
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2001	532,004	90,961	4,044,191	4,667,156
Charge for the year	138,545	10,369	758,765	907,679
Acquisitions	-	1,778	201,308	203,086
On disposals	(39,076)	(51,729)	(273,254)	(364,059)
At 31 March 2002	631,473	51,379	4,731,010	5,413,862
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2002	9,554,666	134,227	2,331,887	12,020,780
At 31 March 2001	9,652,666	140,742	2,572,217	12,365,625

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**14 Tangible fixed assets - group - continued**

	2002 £	2001 £
Net book value of plant and machinery included above held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	6,773	7,525

Tindle Enterprises currently uses certain of the company's freehold properties having a cost of £273,250 (2001: £603,667) less accumulated depreciation of £53,880 (2001: £99,573).

Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase agreements are secured on the assets acquired.

**Tangible fixed assets - company**

	Freehold land and buildings £	Leasehold land and buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2001	7,550,436	128,724	1,579,722	9,258,882
Additions	361,747	-	59,888	421,635
Disposals	(368,888)	-	(4,500)	(373,388)
At 31 March 2002	7,543,295	128,724	1,635,110	9,307,129
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2001	453,850	12,105	824,796	1,290,751
Charge for the year	89,742	2,123	118,594	210,459
On disposals	(39,076)	-	(4,499)	(43,575)
At 31 March 2002	504,516	14,228	938,891	1,457,635
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2002	7,038,779	114,496	696,219	7,849,494
At 31 March 2001	7,096,586	116,619	754,926	7,968,131

**15 Investments - group**

**Associates, joint ventures and other fixed asset investments**

	Cost of shares £	Share of post acquisition profits £	Other investments £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2001	507,666	(4,051)	180,299	683,914
Additions	496,000	-	326,098	822,098
Retained profit share for the year	-	46,883	-	46,883
Disposals	(487,500)	22,939	(15,544)	(480,105)
Dividends and amortisation	-	(65,053)	-	(65,053)
At 31 March 2002	516,166	718	490,853	1,007,737
<b>Provisions</b>				
At 1 April 2001	20,000	-	-	20,000
At 31 March 2002	20,000	-	-	20,000
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2002	496,166	718	490,853	987,737
At 31 March 2001	487,666	(4,051)	180,299	663,914

The group holds more than 20% of the share capital of the following companies:

	Accounting year end	Nature of business	Shares held Class	Holding
FreeAdmart Limited	31 March	Newspaper	Ordinary	25%
West Berkshire Radio Limited	30 September	Radio	Ordinary	30%

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**15 Investments - group -continued**

Group interests in associated undertakings and joint venture	2002 £	2001 £
Share of associated undertakings' net assets (excluding premium)	4,474	440,360
Unamortised premium on acquisition	493,785	44,202
	498,259	484,562
Less provisions on investments in associates	(20,000)	(20,000)
<u>Group interest in associated undertakings</u>	<u>478,259</u>	<u>464,562</u>
<u>Group interest in joint venture</u>	<u>18,625</u>	<u>19,053</u>
	<u>496,884</u>	<u>483,615</u>

**Disclosed above as:**

Cost of shares	496,166	487,666
Share of post acquisition profits	718	(4,051)
	<u>496,884</u>	<u>483,615</u>

**Group participating interests and other investments**

	2002 £	2001 £
Listed investments	-	12,544
Unlisted investments	490,853	167,755
	<u>490,853</u>	<u>180,299</u>
Listed investments - market value	-	12,604

The following participating interests are included in the unlisted investments above:

African Media Investments Limited	Ordinary	18%
Kestrel FM Limited	Ordinary	20%
South Hams Radio Limited	Ordinary	10%

In the directors' opinion the value of the unlisted investments is at least equal to or in excess of the net book value. All the investments listed above are in companies incorporated in Great Britain.

**Investments - company**

	Subsidiaries £	Associates and joint ventures £	Participating interests and other investments £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2001	3,650,849	447,665	165,800	4,264,314
Additions	285,653	60,002	-	345,655
Disposals	-	(487,501)	(15,544)	(503,045)
At 31 March 2002	<u>3,936,502</u>	<u>20,166</u>	<u>150,256</u>	<u>4,106,924</u>
<b>Provisions</b>				
At 1 April 2001	55,543	20,000	-	75,543
At 31 March 2002	<u>55,543</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,543</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2002	<u>3,880,959</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>150,256</u>	<u>4,031,381</u>
At 31 March 2001	<u>3,595,306</u>	<u>427,665</u>	<u>165,800</u>	<u>4,188,771</u>

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**15 Investments - company (continued)**

**Subsidiary undertakings contributing to the group's results**

	Shares held	
	Class	Holding
<u>Newspaper printers and publishers</u>		
Abergavenny Chronicle Limited	Ordinary	100%
Alton Gazette Limited	Ordinary	100%
Biggin Hill News Limited	Ordinary	100%
British American Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
Cambrian News Limited	Ordinary	100%
Chronicle Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
Cornish Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
Country Graphics Limited	Ordinary	100%
County Echo Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
Dawlish Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
Devon & Cornwall Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
Faringdon Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
Farnham Castle Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
Forest of Dean & Wye Valley Review Limited	Ordinary	100%
Glamorgan Gem Limited	Ordinary	100%
Hampshire Voice Limited	Ordinary	80%
Meon Valley News Limited	Ordinary	80%
Monmouthshire Beacon Co. Limited	Ordinary	100%
North Cornwall Advertiser Limited	Ordinary	75%
PM Publications Limited	Ordinary	100%
Post Dispatch Limited	Ordinary	80%
Prime of Life Publications Limited	Ordinary	60%
Pulmans Weekly News Limited	Ordinary	100%
Putnam Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
South Devon & Somerset Series of Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
South Hams Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
Surrey & Hants News Limited	Ordinary	100%
Surrey Press Centre Limited	Ordinary	100%
Tavistock Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
Tavy Typesetting Limited	Ordinary	100%
Tenby Observer Limited	Ordinary	100%
The Brecon & Radnor Express Limited	Ordinary	100%
The Bridgend & District Recorder Limited	Ordinary	100%
The Cornish & Devon Post Limited	Ordinary	100%
The Ross Gazette Limited	Ordinary	100%
Tindle Newspapers (USA) Inc. (incl. Idyllwild)	Ordinary	100%
Town & Country Admart Limited	Ordinary	100%
Tribune Newspapers (Wales) Limited	Ordinary	100%
West Somerset Free Press Limited	Ordinary	85%
Westmorland Messenger Limited	Ordinary	100%
<u>Radio Stations</u>		
Channel Radio Limited	Ordinary	100%
Bridge FM Radio Limited	Ordinary	56%
East Coast Radio (The Beach) Limited	Ordinary	100%
Mid Essex Radio Limited	Ordinary	100%
Island FM Limited	Ordinary	100%
Mellow 1557 Limited	Ordinary	100%
<u>Hotels</u>		
Tindle Properties Limited	Ordinary	100%

The directors consider the value of the company's investment in its group undertakings to be not less than the amounts at which they are stated in the company's balance sheet.

The group also has other dormant subsidiaries that are not disclosed in accordance with schedule 5 of the Companies Act 1985.

All the above companies are incorporated in Great Britain with the exception of Tindle Newspapers (USA) Inc. which is incorporated in the United States of America. This company also has a 31 December year end, which has been chosen for the purposes of taxation.

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**15 Investments - company (continued)**

Participating interests and other investments	2002 £	2001 £
Listed investments	-	12,544
Unlisted investments	150,256	153,256
	<u>150,256</u>	<u>165,800</u>
Listed investments - market value	-	12,604

In the directors' opinion the value of the unlisted investments above is in excess of the net book value. All the investments above are in companies incorporated in Great Britain.

**16 Stocks - group**

	2002 £	2001 £
Raw materials and consumables	48,259	74,735
Work in progress	3,988	106
Finished goods and goods for resale	44,446	57,975
	<u>96,693</u>	<u>132,816</u>

The difference between purchase price or production cost of stocks and their replacement cost is not significant.

**17 Debtors - group**

	2002 £	2001 £
Trade debtors	4,773,547	4,752,865
Amounts owed by undertakings in which the company has a participating interest	59,736	40,737
Other debtors	378,614	410,956
Prepayments and accrued income	499,794	377,964
	<u>5,711,691</u>	<u>5,582,522</u>
<b>Debtors - company</b>	<b>2002 £</b>	<b>2001 £</b>
Trade debtors	4,851	5,069
Amounts owed by group undertakings	16,655,155	14,529,835
Other debtors	3,669,111	2,827,947
Prepayments and accrued income	76,090	46,597
	<u>20,405,207</u>	<u>17,409,448</u>

Other debtors include dividends receivable from group undertakings amounting to £3,016,184 (2001: £2,786,000).

**18 Investments held as current assets - group**

	2002 £	2001 £
Unlisted investments	51,200	-

In the directors' opinion the value of the unlisted investments is at least equal to or in excess of the net book value. All the investments listed above are in companies incorporated in Great Britain.

**19 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year - group**

	2002 £	2001 £
Other loans	3,399	3,108
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	21,162	3,997
Trade creditors	1,255,759	1,183,727
Amounts owed to undertakings in which the company has a participating interest	-	1,200
Corporation tax	948,185	1,926,246
Other taxes and social security costs	916,073	833,589
Other creditors	104,569	198,491
Accruals and deferred income	1,006,783	734,492
Proposed dividend for minorities	62,844	33,000
	<u>4,318,774</u>	<u>4,917,850</u>

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**19 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year - company**

	2002 £	2001 £
Trade creditors	24,850	26,424
Amounts owed to group undertakings	4,320,660	3,425,041
Corporation tax	-	473,144
Other taxes and social security costs	109,610	197,664
Other creditors	1,581	5,464
Accruals and deferred income	195,258	121,439
	<u>4,651,959</u>	<u>4,249,176</u>

**20 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year - group**

	2002 £	2001 £
Loan notes	420,000	-
Other loans	160,237	277,933
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	22,832	-
	<u>603,069</u>	<u>277,933</u>

**Creditors: amounts falling due after one year - company**

	2002 £	2001 £
Other loans	-	129,200
	<u>-</u>	<u>129,200</u>

The other loans are repayable by instalments within five years and attract interest at 1.5% above the three month LIBOR.

The loan notes are guaranteed by Tindle Newspapers Limited, are repayable by 1 October 2004 and attract interest at 4%.

**21 Loans - group**

	2002 £	2001 £
Analysis of maturity of debt:		
Between one and two years	51,436	168,841
Between two and five years	532,200	112,200
	<u>583,636</u>	<u>281,041</u>

**22 Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts - group**

	2002 £	2001 £
Amounts payable:		
Within one year	21,162	3,997
Within two to five years	22,832	-
	<u>43,994</u>	<u>3,997</u>

**23 Deferred taxation - group**

	2002 £	2001 £
At 1 April	71,586	(Restated) 73,562
Charged to the profit and loss account	10,003	-
Utilised during the year	-	(1,976)
At 31 March	<u>81,589</u>	<u>71,586</u>

**Deferred taxation - company**

	2002 £	2001 £
At 1 April	71,586	(Restated) 73,562
Charged to the profit and loss account	8,453	-
Utilised during the year	-	(1,976)
At 31 March	<u>80,039</u>	<u>71,586</u>

The charges to the profit and loss account all relate to capital allowances being in advance of depreciation charges.

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<b>24 Share capital</b>			<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Authorised:				
Ordinary shares of £1 each			50,000	50,000
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Allotted, called up and fully paid:				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	18,002	18,002	18,002	18,002
<b>25 Profit and loss account</b>			<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Group</b>				
At 1 April			41,172,368	36,793,862
Prior year adjustment for deferred taxation			-	(73,562)
At 1 April (as restated)			41,172,368	36,720,300
Retained profit			3,282,755	4,452,068
At 31 March			44,455,123	41,172,368
<b>Company</b>				
At 1 April			39,996,323	35,685,770
Prior year adjustment for deferred taxation			-	(73,562)
At 1 April (as restated)			39,996,323	35,612,208
Retained profit			3,820,798	4,384,115
At 31 March			43,817,121	39,996,323
<b>26 Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' equity funds</b>			<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Group</b>				
At 1 April			41,190,370	36,811,864
Prior year adjustment for deferred taxation			-	(73,562)
At 1 April (as restated)			41,190,370	36,738,302
Profit for the financial year			3,235,909	4,459,137
Minority interests			46,846	(7,069)
At 31 March			44,473,125	41,190,370
<b>Company</b>				
At 1 April			40,014,325	35,703,772
Prior year adjustment for deferred taxation			-	(73,562)
			40,014,325	35,630,210
Profit for the financial year			3,820,798	4,384,115
At 31 March			43,835,123	40,014,325
<b>27 Gross cash flows</b>			<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Returns on investments and servicing of finance</b>				
Dividends received			12,906	11,262
Interest received			389,149	381,768
Interest paid			(44,274)	(33,408)
Minority dividends paid			(20,906)	(14,565)
			336,875	345,057
<b>Capital expenditure and financial investment</b>				
Payments to acquire intangible fixed assets			(112,043)	(124,502)
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets			(1,031,656)	(3,084,135)
Payments to acquire investments			(326,098)	(50,000)
Receipts from sales of tangible fixed assets			811,573	878,310
Receipts from sales of investments			17,190	1,037,782
			(641,034)	(1,342,545)

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**27 Gross cash flows (continued)**

	2002 £	2001 £
<b>Management of liquid resources</b>		
(Purchase)/sale of current asset investments	(51,200)	976,895
<b>Financing</b>		
Loan repayments	(117,405)	(16,733)
Finance lease rental payments	39,997	1,383
	(77,408)	(15,350)

**28 Analysis of changes in net debt**

	At 1 Apr 2001 £	Cash flows £	Non-cash changes £	At 31 Mar 2002 £
Cash at bank and in hand	9,274,225	1,231,748		10,505,973
Debt due within 1 year	(3,108)	(291)		(3,399)
Debt due after 1 year	(277,933)	117,696	(420,000)	(580,237)
Finance leases	(3,997)	13,382	(53,379)	(43,994)
		130,787		
Current asset investments	-	51,200		51,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,989,187</b>	<b>1,413,735</b>	<b>(473,379)</b>	<b>9,929,543</b>

**29 Acquisitions and disposals**

	PM Publications £	Mid Essex £	2002 £	2001 £
Fair value of net asset acquired:				
Publishing rights	217,080	-	217,080	-
Broadcast rights	-	1,827,277	1,827,277	190,023
Tangible fixed assets	16,109	26,532	42,641	82,000
Debtors	55,618	85,092	140,710	97,830
Creditors	(48,257)	(85,537)	(133,794)	(17,718)
Bank and overdraft	40,705	(57,957)	(17,252)	43,604
	281,255	1,795,407	2,076,662	395,739
Minority's interest in the above			-	(174,052)
Minor additions to subsidiary investments			35,249	145,300
Purchase of subsidiary undertakings			2,111,911	366,987
Disposal of associated undertakings			(412,500)	-
Purchase of associated undertakings			496,000	9,500
<b>Total consideration</b>			<b>2,195,411</b>	<b>376,487</b>
Less cash at bank acquired			(40,826)	(43,604)
Plus overdrafts acquired			58,069	-
Less deferred consideration			(420,000)	-
			<b>1,792,654</b>	<b>332,883</b>

**30 Post balance sheet events**

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, the group acquired an 85% interest in Midlands Community Radio Services Limited, a company incorporated in the Republic of Ireland, as well as various other business interests including Goldcrest Broadcasting Limited at a total cost of £3.5m.

**31 Capital commitments**

	2002 £	2001 £
Amounts contracted for but not provided in the accounts	199,600	-

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**32 Other financial commitments**

At the year end the group had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	<b>Land and buildings 2002 £</b>	<b>Land and buildings 2001 £</b>	<b>Other 2002 £</b>	<b>Other 2001 £</b>
Operating leases which expire:				
within one year	99,727	110,694	10,182	40,792
within two to five years	148,660	168,877	24,801	30,063
in over five years	232,681	160,035	16,523	3,361
	<u>481,068</u>	<u>439,606</u>	<u>51,506</u>	<u>74,216</u>

**33 Contingent liabilities**

In the ordinary course of business the company has entered into agreements whereby it may be required to acquire some investments at some point in time over the next seven years for a consideration to be determined at the appropriate time. The directors do not consider these items to be material.

Tindle Newspapers Limited has guaranteed loan notes issued by a subsidiary, Tindle Radio Holdings Limited, amounting to £420,000.

**34 Related parties**

During the year the following transactions occurred with related parties:

The company entered into transactions to receive accountancy, taxation, computer support, software training and other professional services from Milne Eldridge & Co. Chartered Accountants, amounting to £322,526 (2001: £275,465) during the year. Mr C.R.G. Christmas was and still is the proprietor of this firm. At the year end £nil (2001: £nil) was owing to the firm.

The group entered into transactions with FreeAdmart Limited (an associated company) to supply printing services amounting to £181,229 (2001: £165,514). At the year end £30,706 (2001: £33,684) was owed by FreeAdmart Limited.

**35 Controlling party**

The company is controlled by Sir Ray Tindle by virtue of his 100% interest, direct and indirect, in the ordinary issued share capital of the company.