REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 APRIL 2003

(Company Registration Number: 00931954)

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(Chairman)

(Managing)

OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

30 APRIL 2003

DIRECTORS

Mr. G G Cook, FCII

Mr. K Popplewell, FCII

Mr. P C Meehan, FCII

Mr. I L Shay, ACA

Mr. G Brain, FCII

Mr. P C Castle, ACII

Mr. M I Gilroy, ACII, ACILA

Mr. J M Duncalf, ACII

Mr. A R Johnson, ACII

Mr. D H Parry, ACII

Mr. N Thornton, ACII

Mr. M J Sugden, ACII

Mrs. K H Andrews, FCII

Mr. I L Grasby, ACII

Mr. K Holmes, ACII

Mr. B Riley, ACII

Mr. D W James, ACII

Mr. S L North, ACII

Mr. M T Hosdell, FCII

Mr. I Dale, ACII

Mr. R J Darbyshire, ACII

Mr. P Chapman, ACII

Mr. A C Tickner, FCII, AIRM

Mr. J R Greenway MP

(Appointed 1 September 2002)

(Appointed 22 November 2002) (Appointed 2 December 2002)

(Appointed 1 February 2003)

(Appointed 1 April 2003)

(Non-executive)

SECRETARY

Mr. I L Shay, ACA

REGISTERED OFFICE

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Harrogate

HG1 2HH

BANKERS

The Royal Bank of Scotland

7 Cambridge Crescent

Harrogate

HG1 1PH

SOLICITORS

Pinsents

1 Park Row

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LSI 5AB

AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chartered Accountants

Leeds

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DIRECTORS REPORT

30 APRIL 2003

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2003.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of insurance brokers and consultants.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The Company has traded satisfactorily during the year.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

The directors are optimistic about the long term prospects for continued growth.

PROFITS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit for the year after taxation amounted to £1,174,447 (2002: £843,330).

Dividends paid during the year amounted to £2,650,000 (2002: £550,000) leaving a retained loss of £1,475,553 (2002: profit £293,330) to be transferred to reserves.

ACQUISITIONS

During the year several acquisitions were made, the main ones being: 100% of the issued share capital of Castlegate Insurance Brokers Limited, the insurance broking business of A N Insurance Brokers and the insurance broking business of Oughtred and Harrison (Insurance) Limited.

Further details of the acquisitions are given in notes 7 and 9 to the accounts.

FIXED ASSETS

Movements in fixed assets are set out in notes 7 to 9 to the accounts.

MARKET VALUE OF FREEHOLD PROPERTY

The following freehold properties have been valued on a vacant possession basis, by independent valuers, as follows:

Property Location	Net Book Value in Financial Statements	Date Valued	<u>Valuation</u>	Valuer
Harrogate	439,248	2 Dec 2002	,	Carter Jonas
Grimsby	297,494	14 Mar 2003	390,000	Scotts
Stockton on Tees	148,750	26 Aug 1988	150,000	Storey Sons & Parker
	£ 885,492	=	£ 1,240,000	•

As stated in the Accounting Polices, the adoption of historic cost valuations under Financial Reporting Standard 15 means that the above valuations have not been reflected in these Financial Statements. The directors are of the opinion that a realistic market value of the freehold property should be available to enable a fuller understanding of the company's freehold assets.

DIRECTORS REPORT CONTINUED

30 APRIL 2003

DIRECTORS

The directors who have served at any time since 1 May 2002 are shown on page 1. Directors & Officers insurance has been maintained throughout the year.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

The directors of the company, their spouses, and children under 18 years of age, had no interests in the company at any time during the year. The interests of Mr. Cook, Mr. Meehan and Mr. Shay in the shares of the ultimate parent company are shown in that company's accounts. None of the other directors, apart from those noted below, had interests in the shares of the ultimate parent company or any other group company.

Options in Thornton Grove (Holdings) Limited:

					Date	
	At	Granted	At 30	Exercise	from which	
	1 May 20 <u>02</u>	in the Year	April 2003	Price	Exerciseable	Expiry Date
Mr. G Brain	2,902	-	2,902	£6.89	03/04/2004	02/04/2011
Mr. P C Castle	2,902	-	2,902	£6.89	03/04/2004	02/04/2011
Mr. J M Duncalf	2,902	-	2,902	£6.89	03/04/2004	02/04/2011
Mr. K Popplewell	2,177	-	2,177	£6.89	16/05/2004	15/05/2011
Mr. K Popplewell	-	366	366	£13.64	31/07/2006	30/07/2013
Mr. M I Gilroy	2,177	-	2,177	£6.89	16/05/2004	15/05/2011
Mr. A R Johnson	608	-	608	£8.22	26/03/2005	25/03/2012
Mr. M J Sugden	608	-	608	£8.22	26/03/2005	25/03/2012
Mr. N Thornton	608	-	608	£8.22	26/03/2005	25/03/2012
Mr. I Grasby	-	366	366	£13.64	31/07/2006	30/07/2013
Mrs. K H Andrews	-	366	366	£13.64	31/07/2006	30/07/2013
Mr. D H Parry	-	366	366	£13.64	31/07/2006	30/07/2013
Mr. D W James	-	366	366	£13.64	31/07/2006	30/07/2013
Mr. K A Holmes	-	366	366	£13.64	31/07/2006	30/07/2013
	14 994	2 106	17.000			
	14,884	2,196	17,080			

The above options are held under the 2001 Thornton Grove (Holdings) Limited Unapproved Share Option Scheme the terms of which grant options at nil cost. No options lapsed during the year.

AUDITORS

On 1 August 2003 Deloitte & Touche transferred their business to Deloitte & Touche LLP, a limited liability partnership incorporated under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000. The Company's consent has been given to treating the appointment of Deloitte & Touche as extending to Deloitte & Touche LLP with effect from 1 August 2003 under the provisions of section 26(5) of the companies Act 1989. The Company has elected to dispense with the obligation to appoint auditors annually and, accordingly, Deloitte & Touche LLP shall be deemed to be re-appointed as auditors for a further term under the provisions of section 386(2) of the Companies Act 1985.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

Mr. I L Shay Secretary

24 September 2003

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

30 APRIL 2003

United Kingdom company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for the system of internal control, safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SMART & COOK LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Smart & Cook Limited for the year ended 30 April 2003 which comprise the profit and loss account, the note of historical cost profit and losses, the balance sheet, the statement of total recognised gains and losses, the statement of accounting policies and the related notes 1 to 21. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and 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 if, in our opinion, the directors' 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 information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report for the above year and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements.

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 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 as at 30 April 2003 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Delatte & Torde

Leeds

25 September 2003

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT			30 APRIL 2003
	Note	2003 £	2002 £
TURNOVER: continuing operations	1	8,232,824	6,223,596
Administrative Expenses		(6,510,866)	(4,940,257)
Operating Profit: continuing operations	2,3	1,721,958	1,283,339
Interest Receivable and Similar Income		72,652	83,304
Interest Payable and Similar Charges	4	(63,181)	(60,247)
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation		1,731,429	1,306,396
Tax on Profit on Ordinary Activities	5	(556,982)	(463,066)
Profit on Ordinary Activities after Taxation for the Financial Year		1,174,447	843,330
Dividends	6	(2,650,000)	(550,000)
Retained (Loss)/Profit for the Year	16	(1,475,553)	293,330
NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFIT AND	LOSSES		
		2003 £	2002 £
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		1,731,429	1,306,396
Difference between the historical cost depreciation charge and depreciation charge for the year calculated on the revalu		4,069	4,069
Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation		1,735,498	1,310,465
Historical cost profit for the year retained after taxation and di	vidends	(1,471,484)	297,399

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

There are no recognised gains and losses for the current financial year and preceding financial year other than as stated in the profit and loss account.

30 APRIL 2003 **BALANCE SHEET** Note 2003 2002 £ £ **Fixed Assets** 7 1,486,751 Intangible Assets 3,313,266 **Tangible Assets** 8 2,122,881 1,826,929 Investments 9 431,493 5,189 3,318,869 5,867,640 **Current Assets** 15,379,812 10,483,118 Debtors 10 Cash at Bank and in Hand 11 2,333,174 764,477 11,247,595 17,712,986 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year 12 20,707,014 10,862,515 Net Current (Liabilities)/Assets (2,994,028) 385,080 **Total Assets Less Current Liabilities** 3,703,949 2,873,612 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year 13 2,562,791 1,914,558 Provisions for Liabilities & Charges 14 63,677 66,694 **Total Net Assets** 247,144 1,722,697 Capital & Reserves Called-up Share Capital 15 500 500 191,215 Revaluation Reserve 16 187,146 Profit and Loss Account 16 59,498 1,530,982 **Total Equity Shareholders' Funds** 17 247,144 1,722,697

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 24 September 2003. Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

Mr. G G Cook Director

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

30 APRIL 2003

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted, which have been consistently applied in the current and preceding year, are described below.

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of freehold properties.

Intangible fixed assets

Goodwill arising on acquisition is capitalised in the balance sheet at cost less any provision for impairment, and is amortised through the profit and loss account in equal instalments over twenty years being the period over which benefit is expected to be derived.

Tangible fixed assets

The company's policy is to carry all assets at historical cost except for Freehold Property which has been included in the balance sheet at a valuation existing on 30 April 2000 when the company implemented 'FRS 15 - Measurement of Tangible Fixed Assets' for the first time.

Depreciation on fixed assets has been provided as follows:

Freehold property

Leasehold property

Computer equipment

Fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Motor vehicles

2% Straight line basis
over the term of the lease
20% Straight line basis
15% Reducing balance basis
25% Reducing balance basis

Contributions to pension scheme

The group operates a self administered pension scheme for certain directors which is non-contributory and is not contracted out of the State scheme. The scheme is a defined contribution scheme the cost of which is charged against the profits of the company in the year in which the expenditure is incurred. The group also arranges on behalf of the directors and other employees, on a defined contribution basis, a contributory pension scheme, the net cost of which is charged against the profits of the company in the year in which the expenditure is incurred.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full on timing differences that result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in financial statements. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Operating leases

Rentals in respect of operating leases are charged to the profit & loss account in equal annual amounts over the lease term.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

30 APRIL 2003

Hire purchase contracts

Assets held under hire purchase contracts are capitalised at their fair value on the inception of the contract and depreciated over their estimated useful lives. The finance charges are allocated over the period of the contract in proportion to the capital amount outstanding.

Turnover

Turnover represents commissions and fees earned in the period net of discounts and allowances and is accounted for as earned when invoiced. Charges made to clients taking advantage of instalment credit facilities are recognised when made.

Investments

Investments are stated at cost less provision for impairment in value.

Claims servicing costs

Claims servicing costs are expensed in the period incurred.

Insurance broking assets and liabilities

The company acts as an agent in broking the insurable risks for its clients and, generally, is not liable as a principal for premiums due to underwriters or for claims payable to clients. Notwithstanding the company's legal relationship with clients and underwriters and since in practice premium and claim monies are usually accounted for by insurance intermediaries, it has followed generally accepted accounting practice by showing cash, debtors and creditors relating to insurance business as assets and liabilities of the company itself.

Cash flow statement

During the accounting period, the company was a subsidiary of Smart & Cook Group Limited. As a result, the company's cash flows will be included in the consolidated cash flow statement of Smart & Cook Group Limited and under FRS 1 - Cash Flow Statements (revised 1996), the company is exempt from publishing its own cash flow statement.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

30 APRIL 2003

1. TURNOVER

There are no segments of the business which are substantially different from each other. Turnover is wholly attributable to operations within the UK.

2. INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Process Proc		2003	2002
Pension contributions 68,102 66,115 I,432,983 1,332,227 Emoluments of highest paid director 111,915 125,502 Pension contributions of highest paid director 22,000 21,000 No No No The number of directors for whom the company has made pension contributions: 1 1 Self administered pension scheme 1 1 1 Defined contribution scheme 21 15 15 Average number of persons employed 196 155 155 Staff costs during the year (including directors, excluding benefits in kind) 2003 2002 £ £ Wages and salaries 3,826,372 2,998,766 Social security costs 344,906 289,521 Pension costs 133,912 133,912 133,912 14,294,483 3,422,199 3. OPERATING PROFIT 2003 £ £ C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C<	Directors' remuneration	I.	r
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	Auditors' Remuneration	17,221	12,904

OTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED		30 APRIL 2003
4. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
	2003	2002
	£	£
Bank loans, overdrafts and other loans repayable wholly		
within five years	26,757	20,365
Bank loans, overdrafts and other loans repayable after		
more than five years	12,184	16,416
Hire purchase contracts	24,240	23,466
	63,181	60,247
5. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
	2003	2002
	£	£
UK Tax based on the Profit for the Year	555,994	426,699
Under/(Over) Provision in Previous Years	4,005	(30,327)
Onder (Over) Frovision in Frovious Fears	559,999	396,372
Deferred Tax - timing differences	(3,017)	3,157
- adjustment in respect of prior years	-	63,537
		<u> </u>
	556,982	463,066
The standard rate of current tax for the year, based on the UK standard rate of current tax for the year exceeds 30% (2002: less the transfer of the year exceeds 30%) (2002: less the transfer of the year) (2002: less		
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	1,731,429	1,306,396
Tax on profit on ordinary activities at standard rate	519,429	391,919
Factors affecting charge:		
Disallowable expenses	60.075	
Group relief given free of charge	69,975	38,897
Group tener given nee of charge	(33,217)	38,897 (960)
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation		
	(33,217)	(960)
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	(33,217) (193)	(960) (3,157)
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Prior year adjustment	(33,217) (193) 4,005	(960) (3,157) (30,327)
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Prior year adjustment Current tax charge for the year	(33,217) (193) 4,005	(960) (3,157) (30,327)
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED

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7. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Goodwill
	£
Cost	
At 1 May 2002	1,920,066
Additions	1,400,867
Adjustments	12,141
Transfer from Investments (see Note 9)	625,806
At 30 April 2003	3,958,880
Amortisation	
At 1 May 2002	433,315
Amortisation	212,299
At 30 April 2003	645,614
Net Book Value	
At 30 April 2003	3,313,266
At 30 April 2002	1,486,751

Additions and Adjustments to Goodwill

In the year the company acquired the insurance broking business of A N Insurance Brokers and the insurance broking business of Oughtred & Harrison (Insurance) Limited. The following table explains the calculation of goodwill:

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Consideration for the insurance broking business of Oughtred & Harrison (Insurance) Limited	998,989	9
Consideration for A N Insurance Brokers	401,42:	5
Consideration for sundry other businesses	453	3

1,400,867

The results of A N Insurance Brokers and the business of Oughtred & Harrison (Insurance) Limited prior to acquisition were not available as accounts were not produced at the time of the acquisitions. It is not possible to separately identify the contributions of the acquired businesses to the results for the year as the aforementioned businesses were merged into the company's other business activities immediately following acquisition.

The acquisition in 2001 of D Middleton and Pumford & Pumford comprised both fixed and variable elements of deferred consideration, dependent on the subsequent performances of the businesses. The performance of D Middleton and Pumford & Pumford in the current year has resulted in adjustments to the estimated deferred consideration and to the goodwill on acquisition.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED

30 APRIL 2003

8. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Leasehold Property £	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment £	Computer Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost or Valuation						
At 1 May 2002	783,678	224,680	591,633	479,519	503,802	2,583,312
Additions	2,733	28,774	96,204	268,020	128,095	523,826
Acquisition Additions	150,000	-	4,442	7,504	24,562	186,508
Inter-Group Additions	-	-	-	-	14,550	14,550
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(246,346)	(246,346)
Inter-Group Disposals	-	-	-	-	(28,420)	(28,420)
At 30 April 2003	936,411	253,454	692,279	755,043	396,243	3,033,430
Depreciation						
At 1 May 2002	33,971	50,590	273,647	273,964	124,211	756,383
Charge	16,948	16,783	52,055	103,483	85,474	274,743
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(112,569)	(112,569)
Inter-Group Disposals	-	-	_	-	(8,008)	(8,008)
At 30 April 2003	50,919	67,373	325,702	377,447	89,108	910,549
Net Book Value						
At 30 April 2003	885,492	186,081	366,577	377,596	307,135	2,122,881
At 30 April 2002	749,707	174,090	317,986	205,555	379,591	1,826,929
The net book value of the copurchase contracts:	ompany's assets	includes the fo	ollowing amour	nts in respect of	assets held und	der hire
At 30 April 2003	<u> </u>		63,618	81,271	227,676	372,565
At 30 April 2002	_		84,227	<u>-</u>	339,360	423,587

As stated in the accounting policies, the company carries freehold property at its 30 April 2000 revalued amount.

If stated under the historical cost convention the freehold property would be as follows:

	2003 £	2002 £
Cost	756,227	580,256
Net Book Value	684,493	537,535

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9. INVESTMENTS

	Subsidiaries £	Un-quoted £	Total £
At 1 May 2002	-	5,189	5,189
Additions	1,308,206	3,904	1,312,110
Transfer to Goodwill	(885,806)	-	(885,806)
At 30 April 2003	422,400	9,093	431,493

Transfer of Investments to Goodwill

The transfer to goodwill referred to in note 7 and above arises: firstly, from the hive up of the insurance broking business of Castlegate Insurance Brokers Limited into Smart & Cook Limited subsequent to the acquisition of the entity; and secondly, from the hive across of the financial services business of Castlegate Insurance Brokers Limited into Smart & Cook Financial Services Limited. The respective amounts are £625,806 and £260,000 which represent the excess of the cost of the investment over the remaining net assets of Castlegate Insurance Brokers Limited.

Details of the original acquisition of Castlegate Insurance brokers Limited can be found in the fiancial statements of the ultimate parent company.

Summary of subsidiaries above:

	Principal	Country of incorporation	Shares h	eld
Subsidiary	activity	and registration	Class	%
Castlegate Insurance	Insurance Broking &			
Brokers Limited	Consultancy	England and Wales	Ordinary	100

In the opinion of the directors the value of the shares in Castlegate Insurance Brokers Limited is not less than that stated in the balance sheet of the company.

10. DEBTORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2003 £	2002 £
Trade Debtors: Insurance Broking Account	12,439,828	8,956,786
Amounts Owed by Fellow Subsidiary Undertakings	2,170,169	1,123,264
Other Debtors	483,078	245,090
Prepayments and Accrued Income	286,737	157,978
	15,379,812	10,483,118

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11. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2003	2002
	£	£
Insurance Broking Accounts:		
Deposit Account	5,251,564	1,857,821
Current Account	(2,920,509)	(1,094,677)
	2,331,055	763,144
Cash Accounts	2,119	1,333
	2,333,174	764,477

The presentation of cash at bank and bank overdraft in note 12 reflects the commercial arrangements the company has with its bankers.

12. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2003	2002
	£	£
Office Bank Overdraft (Note 11)	422,301	220,553
Bank Loans	99,240	113,798
Other Loans	-	34,280
Obligations under Hire Purchase Contracts	180,963	193,309
Trade Creditors:		
Insurance Broking Account	14,345,076	9,189,679
Other	230,518	118,115
Amounts Owed to Ultimate Parent Company	236,232	218,156
Amounts Owed to Parent Company	3,067,806	148,806
Amounts Owed to Fellow Subsidiary Undertakings	473,439	-
Corporation Tax	465,346	330,488
Other Tax and Social Security	187,774	131,098
Other Creditors	879,190	100,707
Accruals and Deferred Income	119,129	63,526
	20,707,014	10,862,515

The office bank overdraft and bank loans are secured by means of a legal charge over the company's freehold property.

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13. CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year

•	2003	2002
	£	£
Bank Loans:		
Amounts Due between One and Two Years	72,197	96,663
Amounts Due between Two and Five Years	154,246	199,128
Amounts Due after Five Years	112,746	144,489
Obligations under Hire Purchase Contracts:		
Amounts Due between One and Two Years	87,862	132,874
Amounts Due between Two and Five Years	23,197	28,104
Amounts Owed to Parent Company	1,300,000	1,300,000
Other Creditors:		
Amounts Due between One and Two Years	812,543	13,300
	2,562,791	1,914,558

£207,857 of the bank loans relates to a secured loan, which is repayable by monthly instalments of £5,013. Interest is charged at 1½% above The Royal Bank of Scotland base rate.

£189,838 of the bank loans relates to a secured loan, which is repayable by monthly instalments of £2,060. Interest is charged at $2\frac{1}{4}$ % above The Royal Bank of Scotland base rate.

£40,734 of the bank loans relates to unsecured loans, which are repayable by monthly instalments of £4,385. All of these unsecured bank loans are repayable in less than five years.

The amount owed to parent company is interest free and repayable in full or in part on 37 months' notice on a rolling basis.

Other creditors above and in note 12 include amounts totalling £Nil (2002: £26,600) due to G D Hewstone, £279,429 (2002: £Nil) due to A N Insurance Brokers, £525,000 (2002: £Nil) due to J Maloney & Others and £715,000 (2002: £ Nil) due to Oughtred & Harrison (Insurance) Limited under the terms of the respective purchase agreements of acquired businesses.

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14. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHAR	RGES			
				Deferred
				Taxation
				£
At 1 May 2002				66,694
Movement in the year				(3,017)
At 30 April 2003				63,677
The amounts of deferred taxation provided and unp	provided in the finar	ncial statement	s are as follows:	
	Provided	Provided	Not Provided	Not Provided
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	£	£	£	£
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	63,677	66,694		
15. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL				
		2003		2002
	No	£	No	£
Authorised:				
Ordinary shares of £1 each		1,000	1,000	1,000
Called Up, Allotted and Fully Paid:				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	500	500	500	500

16. RESERVES

	Profit and	Revaluation	
	Loss Account	Reserve	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 May 2002	1,530,982	191,215	1,722,197
Retained Profit for the Year	(1,475,553)	_	(1,475,553)
Transfer of amount equivalent to additional			
depreciation on revalued assets	4,069	(4,069)	-
At 30 April 2003	59,498	187,146	246,644

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17. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2003 £	2002 £
Profit for the financial year Dividends	1,174,447 (2,650,000)	843,330 (550,000)
Net addition to shareholders' funds	(1,475,553)	293,330
Opening shareholders' funds	1,722,697	1,429,367
Closing shareholders' funds	247,144	1,722,697

18. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 30 April 2003, the company was committed to make the following payments during the next year in respect of operating leases:

	Land and Buildings 2003	Land and Buildings 2002
	£	£
Leases which expire:		
Within one year	8,212	_
Within two to five years	66,192	30,000
After five years	<u>152,309</u>	120,998

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in 'FRS 8 - Related Party Disclosures' not to disclose transactions with other group companies as it is a wholly owned subsidiary.

20. GROUP ACCOUNTS

The company is exempt from the obligation to prepare group accounts under S228 Companies Act 1985 since it is the wholly owned subsidiary of Smart & Cook Group Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. Smart & Cook Group Limited prepare consolidated accounts which can be obtained from the Registrar of Companies, Companies House, 3 Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff, CF4 3UZ.

21. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent company is Thornton Grove (Holdings) Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. Copies of the accounts of Thornton Grove (Holdings) Limited can be obtained from the Registrar of Companies, Companies House, 3 Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff, CF4 3UZ.