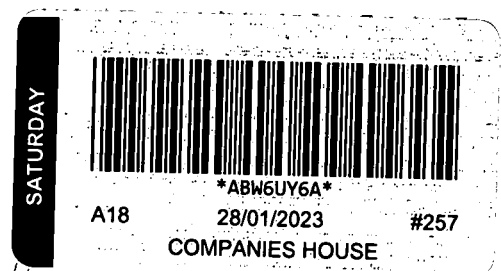


Castle Waste Services Limited

**Annual report and financial
statements**

Registered number 01359619

30 September 2022



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Company information

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Strategic report

Business review

The Company trades as Castle Environmental, with waste management sites in Ilkeston and Cardiff.

Turnover increased during the year as the Company continued to increase its presence in the packaged waste market by securing additional business into its Ilkeston treatment facility which benefitted from commissioning of new enhanced processing equipment for this type of waste. A major new plant for acidic waste was also commissioned with consequential increased quantities of acidic waste inputs.

The Board anticipates that with these major investments in new process plant at Ilkeston and increased diversion of disposal away from landfill, both revenues and profitability will further improve significantly.

The Directors are confident that the Company's assets will continue to deliver value and returns for all Stakeholders.

The business operates within a sector that is highly regulated. It has a very good relationship with environmental regulators and maintains high levels of compliance across all operations. The company's management system is audited against ISO14001 by a third party organisation. A strong technical background and a process safety led approach, combined with regular performance audits and strong employee engagement ensure risks are controlled to acceptable levels.

Regulatory compliance is a major priority for all directors, managers and employees across the business and is integrated into all business operations and decisions.

Principal risks, uncertainties and financial management objectives

The key performance indicators for the business are cash flow and profitability and hence the most significant risks to the business are those that directly impact on these, which are correlated with general economic activity.

The company follows the following financial risk management policies:

Price risk

The business may be affected by rising costs of inputs, although purchasing policies and practices seek to mitigate, where practicable, such risks.

The business continues to offset the risk of competitive pressure through continual improvement in its customer-focused activities, providing a premium quality service at a market price.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises on assets such as trade debtors. Policies and procedures exist to ensure that the trade debtors have an appropriate credit history before credit is granted.

Liquidity risk

At the year end the Hillbridge Investments Limited Group, of which the entity is a 100% owned subsidiary, has bank and cash balances of £6,838,000 (2021: £4,796,000).

The directors are confident that this funding structure is appropriate to allow the company to achieve its financial targets in the future.

By order of the board



AM Smith
Secretary

Dated: 11th January 2023

Directors' report

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company and its subsidiary is waste treatment, recycling and disposal.

Dividends and transfers to reserves

The results for the year are shown in the statement of income and retained earnings account on page 8.

During the year no dividend was paid. No further dividend is proposed as at 30 September 2022 (2021: £nil).

Directors

The directors who held office during the year and to the date of this report were as follows:

MR Hewitt
AM Elliott
SR Cowley
TCA Diggle
DR Humphriss
AM Smith
SP Spiteri
DS Gallagher

Political contributions

The company made £nil political donations during the year (2021: £nil).

Disclosure of information to auditor

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

Other information

An indication of likely future developments in the business and particulars of significant events which have occurred since the end of the financial year have been included in the Strategic Report on page 2.

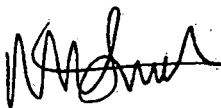
Research and development

The company continues to invest resources in research and development in order to maintain and enhance its waste management capabilities; in so doing, the company is able to improve existing procedures and introduce new processes for its customers.

Auditor

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office.

By order of the board



AM Smith
Secretary

Dated: 11th January 2023

Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the directors' report, the strategic report and the financial statements

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK accounting standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*.

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Castle Waste Services Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Castle Waste Services Limited ("the company") for the year ended 30 September 2022 which comprise the statement of income and retained earnings, balance sheet and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2022 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

Going concern

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the company or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the company's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

In our evaluation of the directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the company's business model and analysed how those risks might affect the company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- we consider that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate;
- we have not identified, and concur with the directors' assessment that there is not, a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for the going concern period.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the company will continue in operation.

Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations – ability to detect

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Enquiring of directors as to the company's high-level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, including the company's channel for "whistleblowing", as well as whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud.
- Reading Board meeting minutes.
- Using analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Castle Waste Services Limited

(Continued)

Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations – ability to detect *(continued)*

We communicated identified fraud risks throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

As required by auditing standards, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition because there are limited incentives, rationalisations and opportunities to fraudulently adjust revenue recognition.

We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

We performed procedures including:

- Identifying journal entries to test based on risk criteria and comparing the identified entries to supporting documentation. These included those posted to unexpected account combinations.

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience and through discussion with the directors and other management (as required by auditing standards), and discussed with the directors and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies legislation), distributable profits legislation and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly, the company is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: health and safety, environmental standards and employment law, recognising the nature of the company's activities. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore, if a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Castle Waste Services Limited

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Strategic report and directors' report

The directors are responsible for the strategic report and the directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover those reports and we do not express an audit opinion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the strategic report and the directors' report and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in those reports for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion those reports have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

We have nothing to report in these respects.

Directors' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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.



Chloe Dexter (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Dated: 11 January 2023

Chartered Accountants
EastWest
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Statement of income and retained earnings
for the year ended 30 September 2022

	<i>Note</i>	2022 £000	2021 £000
Turnover	2	25,970	24,490
Cost of sales		(19,712)	(17,496)
Gross profit		<u>6,258</u>	<u>6,994</u>
Administrative expenses		(4,378)	(3,742)
Other operating income		154	138
Operating profit	3	<u>2,034</u>	<u>3,390</u>
Interest payable and similar expenses	6	-	(4)
Profit before taxation		<u>2,034</u>	<u>3,386</u>
Tax on profit	7	(336)	(711)
Profit after taxation		<u>1,698</u>	<u>2,675</u>
Retained earnings at the beginning of the year		<u>8,677</u>	<u>6,002</u>
Retained earnings at the end of the year		<u><u>10,375</u></u>	<u><u>8,677</u></u>

In both the current and prior year, the company made no material acquisitions and had no discontinued operations.
There were no recognised gains or losses in either the current or prior year other than the result shown above.
Accordingly, no statement of other comprehensive income is presented.

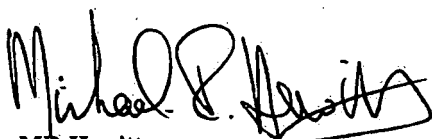
The attached notes form an integral part of the financial statements.


Balance sheet
at 30 September 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		£000	£000
Fixed assets			
Intangibles	8	88	100
Tangible assets	9	7,615	7,383
		<u>7,703</u>	<u>7,483</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	10	107	198
Debtors	11	6,212	5,020
Cash at bank and in hand		4,743	4,170
		<u>11,062</u>	<u>9,388</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(7,319)</u>	<u>(7,234)</u>
Net current assets		<u>3,743</u>	<u>2,154</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>11,446</u>	<u>9,637</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(52)	(132)
Provisions for liabilities			
Deferred tax liability	15	(1,019)	(828)
Net assets		<u>10,375</u>	<u>8,677</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	17	-	-
Profit and loss account		10,375	8,677
Shareholders' funds		<u>10,375</u>	<u>8,677</u>

The attached notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 11th January 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:


MR Hewitt
Director


AM Smith
Director

Company registered number: 01359619

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

Castle Waste Services Limited (the “company”) is a company limited by shares and incorporated and domiciled in the UK. The registered number is 01359619 and the registered address is Treatment Centre, Crompton Road, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 4BG.

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard* applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (“FRS 102”). The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1,000.

The company’s ultimate parent undertaking, Hillbridge Investments Limited, includes the company in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Hillbridge Investments Limited are available to the public and may be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ. In these financial statements, the company is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purposes of this FRS) and has applied the exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the following disclosures:

- Cash Flow Statement and related notes;
- Statement of changes in equity; and
- Key Management Personnel compensation.

As the consolidated financial statements of Hillbridge Investments Limited include the equivalent disclosures, the company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 102 available in respect of the following disclosures:

- The disclosures required by FRS 102.11 *Basic Financial Instruments* and FRS 102.12 *Other Financial Instrument Issues* in respect of financial instruments not falling within the fair value accounting rules of Paragraph 36(4) of Schedule 1.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

Judgements made by the directors, in the application of these accounting policies that have a significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year are discussed in note 23.

1.1. Measurement convention

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

1.2. Going concern

The directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements which they consider to be appropriate for the following reasons.

Forecasts have been prepared for the 12 months following the date of approval of these financial statements showing continued profitability, even when taking into account reasonably possible downsides arising from the uncertainty around wage inflation and increased energy prices. These reasonably plausible downside forecasts indicate that the company is expected to be able to operate within the level of its current cash position and that the Company will have sufficient liquidity to meet their liabilities as they fall due for that period.

Consequently, the Directors are confident that the Company will have sufficient funds to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements and therefore have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.3. Classification of financial instruments issued by the company

In accordance with FRS 102.22, financial instruments issued by the company are treated as equity only to the extent that they meet the following two conditions:

- (a) they include no contractual obligations upon the company to deliver cash or other financial assets or to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another party under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the company; and
- (b) where the instrument will or may be settled in the company's own equity instruments, it is either a non-derivative that includes no obligation to deliver a variable number of the company's own equity instruments or is a derivative that will be settled by the company's exchanging a fixed amount of cash or other financial assets for a fixed number of its own equity instruments.

To the extent that this definition is not met, the proceeds of issue are classified as a financial liability. Where the instrument so classified takes the legal form of the company's own shares, the amounts presented in these financial statements for called up share capital and share premium account exclude amounts in relation to those shares.

1.4. Basic financial instruments

Trade and other debtors / creditors

Trade and other debtors are recognised initially at transaction price less attributable transaction costs. Trade and other creditors are recognised initially at transaction price plus attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses in the case of trade debtors. If the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, for example if payment is deferred beyond normal business terms, then it is measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Interest-bearing borrowings classified as basic financial instruments

Interest-bearing borrowings are recognised initially at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Subsequent to initial recognition, interest-bearing borrowings are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

1.5. Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Where parts of an item of tangible fixed assets have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of tangible fixed assets, for example land is treated separately from buildings.

Leases in which the company assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased asset are classified as finance leases. All other leases are classified as operating leases. Leased assets acquired by way of finance lease are stated on initial recognition at an amount equal to the lower of their fair value and the present value of the minimum lease payments at inception of the lease, including any incremental costs directly attributable to negotiating and arranging the lease. At initial recognition, a finance lease liability is recognised equal to the fair value of the leased asset or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. The present value of the minimum lease payments is calculated using the interest rate implicit in the lease. Lease payments are accounted for as described at 1.11 below.

The company assesses at each reporting date whether tangible fixed assets (including those leased under a finance lease) are impaired.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.5. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Depreciation is charged to administrative expenses in the statement of income and retained earnings on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of tangible fixed assets. Leased assets are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Land and assets under construction are not depreciated. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Freehold buildings	- 2% to 20% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 5% to 25% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 5% to 25% on cost
Office equipment	- 20% to 33% on cost

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed if there is an indication of a significant change since the last annual reporting date in the pattern by which the company expects to consume an asset's future economic benefits.

1.6. Intangible assets

Other intangible assets

Other intangible assets that are acquired by the company are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and less accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation

Amortisation is charged to administrative expenses in the statement of income and retained earnings on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of intangible assets. Intangible assets are amortised from the date they are available for use. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Licence	- 25% reducing balance
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Other intangible assets are tested for impairment in accordance with *Section 27 Impairment of assets* when there is an indication that an intangible asset may be impaired.

1.7. Impairment excluding stocks and deferred tax assets

Financial assets (including trade and other debtors)

A financial asset not carried at fair value through profit or loss is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is impaired if objective evidence indicates that a loss event has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, and that the loss event had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset that can be estimated reliably.

An impairment loss in respect of a financial asset measured at amortised cost is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. For financial instruments measured at cost less impairment an impairment is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the best estimate of the amount that the company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date. Interest on the impaired asset continues to be recognised through the unwinding of the discount. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of income and retained earnings. When a subsequent event causes the amount of impairment loss to decrease, the decrease in impairment loss is reversed through the statement of income and retained earnings.

1.8. Employee benefits

Defined contribution plans and other long-term employee benefits

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in the statement of income and retained earnings in the periods during which services are rendered by employees.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.9. Turnover

Turnover represents the amount derived from the provision of services which fall within the company's principal activities, entirely within the United Kingdom, stated net of value added tax. There are three revenue streams in place within the company: these being direct disposals, waste sales and block sales. Waste sales involve the processing of customer waste with revenue being recognised at the point at which the customer delivers the waste to the receiving site. Any waste which the group cannot treat themselves is sent to a third party supplier who is able to dispose of the waste. This is known as a direct disposal sale with the revenue being recognised when the waste reaches the third-party and confirmation of disposal is obtained. Finally, revenue generated from block sales is recognised on despatch of waste constructed blocks to the customer.

1.10. Other operating income

Other operating income relates to fees charged to group companies for centrally provided services.

1.11. Expenses

Operating lease

Payments (excluding costs for services and insurance) made under operating leases are recognised in the statement of income and retained earnings on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease unless the payments to the lessor are structured to increase in line with expected general inflation; in which case the payments related to the structured increases are recognised as incurred. Lease incentives received are recognised in the statement of income and retained earnings over the term of the lease as an integral part of the total lease expenses.

Finance lease

Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance expense and the reduction of the outstanding liability using the rate implicit in the lease. The finance expense is allocated to each period during the lease term so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Contingent rents are charged in the periods in which they are incurred.

Interest receivable and interest payable

Interest payable and similar expenses include interest payable and finance leases recognised in the statement of income and retained earnings using the effective interest method.

Interest income and interest payable are recognised in the statement of income and retained earnings as they accrue, using the effective interest method. Dividend income is recognised in the statement of income and retained earnings on the date the company's right to receive payments is established.

1.12. Taxation

Tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the statement of income and retained earnings except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided on timing differences which arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements. The following timing differences are not provided for: differences between accumulated depreciation and tax allowances for the cost of a fixed asset if and when all conditions for retaining the tax allowances have been met. Deferred tax is not recognised on permanent differences arising because certain types of income or expense are non-taxable or are disallowable for tax or because certain tax charges or allowances are greater or smaller than the corresponding income or expense.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.12. Taxation (continued)

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rate that is expected to apply to the reversal of the related difference, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. In the latter case the tax rate that is expected to apply to the reversal of the related difference is used. Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

2 Turnover

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Rendering of services	23,945	22,550
Sales of goods	2,025	1,940
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Total turnover	25,970	24,490
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All turnover arises within the United Kingdom.

3 Auditor's remuneration

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Audit of these financial statements	22	18
Amounts receivable by the company's auditor and its associates in respect of:		
Tax compliance services	5	3
Other tax advisory services	3	2
iXBRL accounts tagging	1	1
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Within the year £277,000 (2021: £455,000) of Research and Development costs were expensed to Administrative expenses.

4 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year, analysed by category, was as follows:

	Number of employees 2022	2021
Operations and sales	57	60
Office and management	20	19
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	77	79
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The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Wages and salaries	3,704	3,605
Social security costs	417	386
Contributions to defined contribution plans	119	118
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	4,240	4,109
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Notes (continued)

5 Directors' remuneration

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Directors' remuneration	1,182	1,043
Company contributions to money purchase pension plans	35	34
	<u>1,217</u>	<u>1,077</u>

The aggregate of remuneration and amounts receivable under long term incentive schemes of the highest paid director was £445,000 (2021: £433,000), and company pension contributions of £nil (2021: £nil) were made to a money purchase scheme on his behalf. The highest paid director did not exercise any share options within the year.

	Number of directors 2022	2021
Retirement benefits are accruing to the following number of directors under:		
Money purchase schemes	7	7
	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

6 Interest payable and similar expenses

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Interest payable on financial liabilities at amortised cost	-	4
Total other interest payable and similar expenses	-	4
	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>

Interest payable and similar charges includes interest payable on secured bank loans of £nil (2021: £4,000).

7 Taxation

	2022 £000	2021 £000	2021 £000	2021 £000
<i>Current tax</i>				
Current tax on income for the period		140		303
Adjustments in respect of prior periods		5		(9)
Total current tax		<u>145</u>		<u>294</u>
<i>Deferred tax (note 15)</i>				
Origination and reversal of timing differences	202		222	
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(11)		(3)	
Effect of tax rate change on opening balances	-		198	
Total deferred tax		<u>191</u>		<u>417</u>
Total tax		<u>336</u>		<u>711</u>

Notes (continued)

7 Taxation (continued)

Reconciliation of effective tax rate

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Profit after taxation	1,698	2,675
Total tax charge	336	711
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Profit before taxation	2,034	3,386
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Tax using the UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2021: 19%)	386	635
Fixed asset differences	(42)	1
Non-deductible expenses	21	1
Additional deduction for R&D expenditure	(71)	(112)
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	5	(9)
Adjustments in respect of previous periods – deferred tax	(11)	(3)
Adjust closing deferred tax to average rate	48	198
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Total tax charge included in the statement of income and retained earnings	336	711
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Factors that may affect future tax charges

In the 3 March 2021 budget, it was announced that the UK tax rate will increase to 25% from 1 April 2023, and this was substantively enacted on 24 May 2021. This will have a consequential effect on the Group and the company's future tax charge as the deferred tax liability as at 30 September 2022 has been calculated based on this rate.

8 Intangible assets

	Licences £000
Cost	
Balance at 1 October 2021	179
Additions	-
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Balance at 30 September 2022	179
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Amortisation and impairment	
Balance at 1 October 2021	79
Amortisation for the year	12
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Balance at 30 September 2022	91
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Net book value	
At 30 September 2022	88
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At 30 October 2021	100
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Notes (continued)

8 Intangible assets and goodwill (continued)

Amortisation and impairment expense

The amortisation expense, impairment expense and impairment reversals are recognised in the following line items in the statement of income and retained earnings:

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Administrative expenses	12	7
	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £000	Plant and Machinery £000	Fixtures, fittings and office equipment £000	Assets under construction £000	Total £000
Cost					
Balance at 1 October 2021	3,716	9,568	240	1,027	14,551
Transfers	48	978	1	(1,027)	-
Additions	2	1,423	51	-	1,476
Disposals	-	-	(23)	-	(23)
	<u>3,766</u>	<u>11,969</u>	<u>269</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,004</u>
Depreciation and impairment					
Balance at 1 October 2021	1,866	5,152	150	-	7,168
Depreciation charge for the year	221	978	45	-	1,244
Disposals	-	-	(23)	-	(23)
	<u>2,087</u>	<u>6,130</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,389</u>
Net book value					
At 30 September 2022	<u>1,679</u>	<u>5,839</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,615</u>
At 1 October 2021	<u>1,850</u>	<u>4,416</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>1,027</u>	<u>7,383</u>

Included within freehold land and buildings is land with a value of £442,000 (2021: £442,000) which is not depreciated.

The net book value of plant and machinery includes £234,000 (2021: £290,000) in relation to assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts. Depreciation charged on these assets in the year was £56,000 (2021: £56,000).

Notes (continued)

10 Stock

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Finished goods	107	198
	<u>107</u>	<u>198</u>

Changes in finished goods recognised as cost of sales in the year amounted to £91,000 (2021: (£57,000)). The write-down of stocks to net realisable value amounted to £nil (2021: £nil).

11 Debtors

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Trade debtors	5,875	4,326
Other debtors	-	1
Prepayments	337	386
Accrued Income	-	307
	<u>6,212</u>	<u>5,020</u>
Due within one year	6,212	5,020
Due after more than one year	-	-
	<u>6,212</u>	<u>5,020</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Amounts owed to group companies	1,590	2,228
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts (note 14)	85	89
Trade creditors	3,800	3,457
Other creditors	16	56
Corporation tax due	137	34
Other taxation and social security	751	455
Accruals	940	915
	<u>7,319</u>	<u>7,234</u>

All amounts owing to group companies are repayable on demand and are non-interest bearing.

Notes (continued)

13 Creditors: amounts falling after more than one year

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Obligations under finance leases (note 14)	26	106
Other creditors	26	26
	<u>52</u>	<u>132</u>

14 Interest-bearing loans and borrowings

This note provides information about the contractual terms of the company's interest-bearing loans and borrowings, which are measured at amortised cost.

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Creditors falling due after more than one year		
Finance lease liabilities	26	106
	<u>26</u>	<u>106</u>
Creditors falling due within less than one year		
Finance lease liabilities	85	89
	<u>85</u>	<u>89</u>

Hire purchase liabilities are secured against the assets subject to the hire purchase arrangement.

Terms and debt repayment schedule

	Currency	Nominal interest rate	Year of maturity	Repayment schedule	2022 £000	2021 £000
Finance lease liabilities	GBP	Various	Various	Various	111	195
					<u>111</u>	<u>195</u>

15 Deferred tax assets and liabilities

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are attributable to the following:

	Assets		Liabilities		Net	
	2022 £000	2021 £000	2022 £000	2021 £000	2022 £000	2021 £000
Accelerated capital allowances	-	-	1,019	828	1,019	828
Net tax liabilities	-	-	1,019	828	1,019	828

The company has no unrecognised tax losses. Deferred tax is recognised at 25% (2021: 25%) which is the rate at which the liability is expected to unwind.

16 Employee benefits

Defined contribution plans

The company operates a number of defined contribution pension plans. The total charge relating to these plans in the current year was £119,000 (2021: £118,000).

17 Capital and reserves

Share capital

	2022 £	2021 £
<i>Allotted, called up and fully paid</i>		
100 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
Shares classified in shareholders' funds	100	100

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the company.

18 Operating leases

Non-cancellable operating lease rentals are payable as follows:

	Land and buildings		Other	
	2022 £000	2021 £000	2022 £000	2021 £000
Less than one year	129	121	265	188
Between one and five years	297	366	369	224
More than five years	17	36	-	-
	443	523	634	412

During the year £411,000 was recognised as an expense in the statement of income and retained earnings in respect of operating leases (2021: £417,000).

Notes (continued)

19 Commitments

Capital commitments

The company's contractual commitments to purchase tangible fixed assets at the balance sheet date were £34,000 (2021: £347,000).

20 Contingent liabilities

The company is a member of a VAT Group which comprises itself and Castle Oil Limited. As such it has jointly guaranteed the VAT liability of all Group Companies such that failure by other Group members to make payment may give rise to additional liabilities by the company. The directors are of the opinion that no additional liability is likely to arise.

21 Related parties

Identity of related parties with which the company has transacted

As the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hillbridge Investments Limited, the company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS102.33.1A and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with wholly owned entities which form part of the group headed by Hillbridge Investments Limited.

22 Ultimate parent company and parent company of larger group

The company is a subsidiary undertaking of Hillbridge Investments Limited whose address is Castle Environmental, Crompton Road, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 4BG.

The consolidated financial statements of Hillbridge Investments Limited are available to the public and may be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.

The ultimate controlling party is MR Hewitt.

23 Accounting estimates and judgements

Waste accrual

Revenue is recognised at the point at which the customer delivers the waste to the receiving site. This is the point at which the customer has discharged all responsibility for the waste. At the year end, a waste disposal cost accrual is recognised for the waste that is on site and yet to be processed. The waste accrual is calculated based on management's best estimate of the cost of processing the waste.