

**GROSVENOR GARDEN CENTRE LIMITED**

**Report and Financial Statements**

**52 weeks ended 28 March 2010**



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## **REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2010**

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**OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS**

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J F Sandars  
R I Wylie

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N Blaxall

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## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Directors present their annual report on the affairs of the company, together with the financial statements and auditors' report, for the 52 week period from 30 March 2009 to 28 March 2010

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

The principal activity of the company is the retailing of gardening, related items and other lifestyle products. The offer is enhanced by a café. The business is located at Belgrave, near Chester, on the edge of the Eaton Estate.

During the course of the year the Garden Centre continued to increase its emphasis on the sale of quality lifestyle products with the introduction of new product lines. The development and enhancements successfully made last year to the food offer within the café and retail area have continued to grow sales revenues. Investment was made in the year in the launch of a new corporate brand which has helped to support the underlying business objectives of providing a first class offering to the customer in both product and service.

Despite worsening economic conditions and unpredictable weather patterns the turnover increased over the previous year by 17.6%. Customer numbers visiting the Garden Centre during the year rose by an average of 9.8%.

The company's gross profit decreased during the 52 week period to 48.5% of turnover, compared with 48.6% in the prior period, which reflects the continuing general downward pressure from tightening margins. Shareholder's funds increased during the 52 week period to £2,716,000 (2009 £1,405,000) and is mainly attributable to a capital contribution of a loan from the parent company of £1,606,000 made on 31 December 2009. The retained loss for the period is £295,000 (2009 £290,000 loss) and has been transferred from reserves. The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2009 £nil).

### **FUTURE PROSPECTS**

The company continues to position itself to develop its business across the range of its café and retail offer. It seeks to identify those areas which fulfil its customers' requirements while providing them with a very attractive environment in which to shop. The Directors view the coming year with the confidence of knowing that the strategies in place will help protect against an uncertain economic retail outlook.

### **GOING CONCERN**

To consider whether it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis, the Directors have reviewed the budget for the forthcoming year together with the three year strategic plan. With reference to the loss made in the period, confirmation of financial support has also been received from the parent company. Having considered the plans for the future and this financial support, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

### **PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The management of the business and the company's strategic objectives are subject to a number of risks. The company seeks to ensure that the risks encountered by the business are identified and managed in an appropriate way. Set out below is a summary of the principal risks faced and an explanation of those risks.

#### **Weather**

As a retailer of outdoor products prolonged bad weather can have an adverse affect on the company's sales. In order to mitigate this risk the company has developed an attractive range of alternative products to compliment the outdoor offering.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

**PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES (continued)**

**Retailing trends and competition**

The short term nature of customer trends within the retailing sector is recognised as a risk and one which also affects the competition. Due to these pressures the company actively manages its product range, providing customers with added value services from qualified and knowledgeable staff. All areas of the business are actively reviewed and strategic decisions are endorsed by investment in new products to ensure that the offering is continually refreshed and meets customer demands.

**Information technology**

The company's operations are dependent on the effectiveness of its computer systems to manage the retail, communications, database and financial systems. Procedures are in place to protect the integrity and security of the company's data.

**REDUCTION OF CAPITAL BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION AND SOLVENCY STATEMENT**

Further to the Directors' special resolution of 10 February 2010 and supported by a solvency statement, the share capital of the company was reduced by cancelling and extinguishing 3,465,000 issued ordinary shares with a nominal value of £3,465,000. This represents a 77.6% reduction of the company's ordinary share capital. In addition the share premium account of £210,000 was cancelled.

**DIRECTORS**

The Directors of the company during the period were

J H M Newsum		(resigned 20 January 2010)
G P Ramsbottom	Chairman	(appointed 17 September 2009)
J F Sandars		
R I Wylie		

**AUDITORS**

Each of the persons who is a Director at the date of approval of this report confirms that

- (a) in so far as the Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- (b) the Director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

This information is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Deloitte LLP have indicated their willingness to be reappointed for another term and appropriate arrangements are being made for them to be deemed reappointed as auditors in the absence of an Annual General Meeting.

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



N Blaxall  
Company Secretary

9 July 2010.

## **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the Directors to prepare such financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). 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 those financial statements, the Directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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 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.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GROSVENOR GARDEN CENTRE LIMITED**

We have audited the financial statements of Grosvenor Garden Centre Limited for the 52 week period from 30 March 2009 to 28 March 2010 which comprises the profit and loss account, the statement of total recognised gains and losses, the balance sheet and the related notes 1 to 16. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 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 explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 28 March 2010 and of its loss for the 52 week period then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

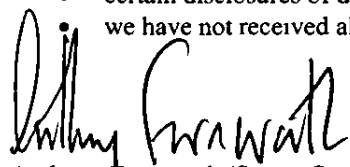
### **Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us 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.



Anthony Farnworth (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
Manchester, United Kingdom

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# GROSVENOR GARDEN CENTRE LIMITED

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 52 weeks ended 28 March 2010

	Note	52 weeks ended 28 March 2010 £'000	52 weeks ended 29 March 2009 £'000
<b>TURNOVER</b>	1	6,112	5,196
Cost of sales		(3,148)	(2,672)
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>		2,964	2,524
Administrative expenses		(3,259)	(2,814)
<b>LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>		(295)	(290)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	4	-	-
<b>RETAINED LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD</b>	11,12	(295)	(290)

All activities derive from continuing operations

There were no recognised gains and losses in the current or prior period other than the loss shown above. Therefore a separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been presented.



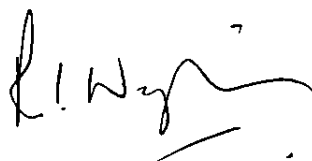
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## BALANCE SHEET 28 March 2010

		28 March 2010		29 March 2009	
	Note	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	5		2,470		2,552
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	6	1,129		1,003	
Debtors	7	170		89	
Cash at bank and in hand		153		14	
		<u>1,452</u>		<u>1,106</u>	
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	<u>(1,206)</u>		<u>(2,253)</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)</b>			<u>246</u>		<u>(1,147)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>2,716</u>		<u>1,405</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>					
Called up share capital	10		1,000		4,465
Share premium account	11		-		210
Profit and loss account	11		1,716		(3,270)
<b>SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS</b>	12		<u>2,716</u>		<u>1,405</u>

These financial statements of Grosvenor Garden Centre Limited, company registration number 01391377, were approved by the Board of Directors on

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors



- Director

9<sup>th</sup> July 2010

f. Wylie

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**52 weeks ended 28 March 2010**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below. They have been applied consistently throughout the current and previous period.

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of land and buildings, and on a going concern basis.

**Going concern**

To consider whether it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis, the Directors have reviewed the budget for the forthcoming year together with the three year strategic plan. With reference to the loss made in the period, confirmation of financial support has also been received from the parent company. Having considered the plans for the future and this financial support, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

**Cash flow statement**

A cash flow statement has not been produced as the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Wheatsheaf Investments Limited, which itself produces a consolidated cash flow statement.

**Turnover**

Turnover comprises amounts receivable, net of VAT, from the sale of goods and provision of services from the Garden Centre, located at Belgrave near Chester, and shop premises located in Chester city centre. Turnover is recognised at the point of sale.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Leasehold land and buildings are depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful economic life of 10 - 25 years.

Plant and equipment is depreciated on a straight line basis so as to spread the cost over its expected useful lives at rates of 12.5% to 25% per annum.

**Stocks**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost represents the purchase price of materials and goods for resale. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price, less further costs expected to be incurred to completion and disposal.

**Leases**

Operating lease rentals are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term, even if the payments are not made on such a basis.

**Pension costs**

As the defined benefit pension scheme operated by the company is a multi-employer scheme and the company's share of the underlying assets and liabilities cannot be identified, FRS17 requires that the scheme is accounted for in the same way as a defined contribution scheme.

For defined contribution schemes the amount charged to the profit and loss account in respect of pension costs is the contribution payable in the period. Differences between contributions payable in the period and contributions actually paid are shown either in accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Taxation**

UK corporation tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Surrender of tax losses between group companies, by means of group relief, is done so for no consideration.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the company's taxable profits and the results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

**2. INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES**

	<b>52 weeks ended 28 March 2010 £'000</b>	<b>52 weeks ended 29 March 2009 £'000</b>
<b>Directors' emoluments</b>		
Other emoluments	78	87
Pension costs	12	11
	<u>90</u>	<u>98</u>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
Number of directors who are members of defined benefit scheme	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
<b>Average number of persons employed (including directors)</b>		
Administration	14	13
Other	67	63
	<u>81</u>	<u>76</u>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
<b>Staff costs during the period (including directors)</b>		
Wages and salaries	1,289	1,180
Social security costs	93	87
Pension costs	225	135
	<u>1,607</u>	<u>1,402</u>

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**3 LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES**

	52 weeks ended 28 March 2010 £'000	52 weeks ended 29 March 2009 £'000
Loss on ordinary activities is stated after charging		
Depreciation		
Owned assets	328	283
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	8	11
Rentals under operating leases		
Plant and machinery	3	7
Other	91	85
Auditors' remuneration – audit of the company's financial statements	16	15

There were no non-audit services provided by the company's auditors in the current or prior period

**4. TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES**

	52 weeks ended 28 March 2010 £'000	52 weeks ended 29 March 2009 £'000
United Kingdom corporation tax at 28% (2009 - 28%) based on the loss for the period	-	-

**Factors affecting the tax credit for the current period**

The tax assessed for the period is from applying the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK 28% (2009 28%)

The differences are explained below

	52 weeks ended 28 March 2010 £'000	52 weeks ended 29 March 2009 £'000
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(295)	(290)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities at the standard rate	(83)	(81)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	4	2
Depreciation on non qualifying fixed assets	52	50
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	(43)	(77)
Other short term timing differences	(25)	-
Notional interest expense	(3)	(1)
Group relief surrendered for nil consideration	98	107
Total current tax	-	-

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**4. TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (continued)**

A deferred tax asset of £241,000 (2009 - £276,000) has not been recognised in respect of timing differences relating to fixed assets £109,000 (2009 - £144,000) or losses carried forward £132,000 (2009 - £132,000) as there is insufficient evidence that the asset will be recovered. A deferred tax liability on short term timing differences of £22,000 (2009 - £nil) has not been provided for but is set against the unrecognised deferred tax asset.

**5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Leasehold land and buildings £'000</b>	<b>Plant and equipment £'000</b>	<b>Total £'000</b>
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 30 March 2009	3,635	1,581	5,216
Additions	72	182	254
Disposals	(5)	(61)	(66)
At 28 March 2010	3,702	1,702	5,404
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>			
At 30 March 2009	1,846	818	2,664
Charge for the period	127	201	328
Disposals	(5)	(53)	(58)
At 28 March 2010	1,968	966	2,934
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 28 March 2010	1,734	736	2,470
At 30 March 2009	1,789	763	2,552

Included within leasehold land and buildings are assets under the course of construction of £nil (2009 - £81,862).

Land and buildings wholly comprise leasehold property which has less than 50 years unexpired. The land and buildings were valued on 31 December 1997 by external valuers, Gerald Eve, on the basis of Existing Use Value in accordance with the Appraisal and Valuation manual of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. The land and buildings are included in these accounts at that valuation, which was £1,092,000 plus the cost of subsequent additions. The directors have taken advantage of the transitional rules of FRS 15 "Tangible Fixed Assets" to retain the land and buildings at this value and as such the valuation has not been updated. The directors consider the current open market value of the land and buildings not to be less than the carrying value in the accounts. The historical cost and net book value of the land and buildings was not available.

**6. STOCKS**

	<b>28 March 2010 £'000</b>	<b>29 March 2009 £'000</b>
Goods for resale	1,129	1,003

The replacement value is not materially different from the above.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 7. DEBTORS

	28 March 2010 £'000	29 March 2009 £'000
Trade debtors	47	26
Other debtors	13	19
Prepayments and accrued income	110	44
	<u>170</u>	<u>89</u>

All amounts are due within one year

### 8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	28 March 2010 £'000	29 March 2009 £'000
Bank overdraft	-	29
Trade creditors	754	672
Other creditors including taxation and social security (note 9)	62	30
Amounts owed to group undertakings	262	1,399
Accruals and deferred income	128	123
	<u>1,206</u>	<u>2,253</u>

The bank overdraft is secured by fixed and floating charges on the assets of the company

### 9. OTHER CREDITORS INCLUDING TAXATION AND SOCIAL SECURITY

	28 March 2010 £'000	29 March 2009 £'000
This heading includes		
Taxation and social security	58	24

### 10. SHARE CAPITAL

	28 March 2010 £'000	29 March 2009 £'000
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
1,000,000 (2009 – 4,465,000) ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	4,465

On 10 February 2010 the share capital of the company was reduced by cancelling and extinguishing 3,465,000 issued ordinary shares with a nominal value of £3,465,000. This represented a 77.6% reduction of the company's ordinary share capital. In addition the share premium account of £210,000 was cancelled.

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**11. STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT ON RESERVES**

	<b>Profit and loss account £'000</b>	<b>Share premium account £'000</b>
Balance at 30 March 2009	(3,270)	210
Retained loss for the period	(295)	-
Capital contribution	1,606	-
Cancellation of issued share capital (note 10)	3,465	-
Cancellation of share premium (note 10)	210	(210)
	<u>1,716</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 28 March 2010	<u>1,716</u>	<u>-</u>

**12. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS**

	<b>52 weeks ended 28 March 2010 £'000</b>	<b>52 weeks ended 29 March 2009 £'000</b>
Opening shareholder's funds	1,405	1,695
Loss for the financial period	(295)	(290)
Capital contribution	1,606	-
	<u>2,716</u>	<u>1,405</u>
Closing shareholder's funds	<u>2,716</u>	<u>1,405</u>

On 31 December 2009 Deva Group Limited made a capital contribution of the loan due from the Company of £1,606,000

**13. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS**

	<b>28 March 2010</b>		<b>29 March 2009</b>	
Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows	<b>Land and buildings £'000</b>	<b>Other £'000</b>	<b>Land and buildings £'000</b>	<b>Other £'000</b>
Expiry date				
Less than twelve months	-	1	-	-
Between two and five years	-	-	-	3
After five years	70	-	70	-
	<u>70</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>3</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**14. PENSION SCHEME**

Grosvenor Garden Centre Limited does not maintain a separate pension scheme. Its employees are members of the Grosvenor Pension Plan ('the Plan'), a defined benefit scheme and a separate stakeholder defined contribution scheme. Both schemes are administered by independent trustees.

The Plan is open to all staff of the company, the WheatSheaf Investments Group, the Grosvenor Rural Estates and the UK subsidiaries of Grosvenor Group Limited. It provides a defined benefit pension up to an upper earnings limit. Above this limit the company contributes between 25% and 30% of that tranche of salary into a stakeholder arrangement.

Independent qualified actuaries complete valuations of the Plan at least every three years and contributions are paid to the Plan in line with a Schedule of Contributions agreed between the trustees of the Plan and the company. The most recent actuarial valuation was carried out at 31 December 2008.

Although the Plan is a defined benefit scheme, it is a multi employer scheme and the Company's share of the underlying assets and liabilities cannot be identified. As a result, FRS 17 requires that the Plan is accounted for as if it were a defined contribution scheme. Actuarial valuations for the Plan as a whole have been updated to 31 December 2009 by an independent qualified actuary, in accordance with the basis set out in FRS 17, and included below is an analysis of the surplus / (deficit) indicated by that valuation together with the major assumptions used by the actuary.

The following analysis relates to the whole of the Grosvenor Pension Plan including that element that relates to non company employees.

	31 Dec 2009 £m	31 Dec 2008 £m	31 Dec 2007 £m
<b>Pension scheme (deficit) / surplus before tax</b>	(28.8)	(12.4)	6.8

**Assets in the scheme and the expected rates of return:**

	31 Dec 2009		31 Dec 2008		31 Dec 2007	
	Value £m	Long-term rate of expected return	Value £m	Long-term rate of expected return	Value £m	Long-term rate of expected return
Equities	98.4	7.9%	88.2	7.4%	106.4	7.6%
Gilts	23.3	4.7%	10.0	3.6%	12.5	4.4%
Other	1.9	4.4%	1.8	3.8%	1.7	4.4%
	<u>123.6</u>		<u>100.0</u>		<u>120.6</u>	
Present value of scheme liabilities	(152.4)		(112.4)		(113.8)	
Pension scheme (deficit)/surplus before tax	<u>(28.8)</u>		<u>(12.4)</u>		<u>6.8</u>	
Related deferred tax asset / (liability) at 28%	8.1		3.5		(1.9)	
<b>(Deficit) / surplus in scheme</b>	<u>(20.7)</u>		<u>(8.9)</u>		<u>4.9</u>	



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**14. PENSION SCHEME (continued)**

Major assumptions used by the actuary were

	31 Dec 2009	31 Dec 2008	31 Dec 2007
Rate of increase in salaries	4.6 – 7.6%	3.9 – 6.9%	4.3 – 7.3%
Rate of increase in pensions payment	3.6%	2.9%	3.3%
Discount rate	5.6%	6.2%	5.8%
Inflation	3.6%	2.9%	3.3%

The Plan pension cost charge amounted to £221,368 (2009 - £130,965)

The company's contributions to the defined contribution scheme for the year were £3,264 (2009 - £3,670)

**15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The company has applied the exemption granted by paragraph 3(c) of Financial Reporting Standard 8 not to disclose related party transactions with Wheatheaf Investments Limited group companies

The company received management services from a Grosvenor Trust whose trustees form a majority of the directors of the ultimate parent company of £52,000 (2009 - £51,000). The company made payments to this Trust in respect of rent amounting to £76,250 (2009 - £70,000). At the period end amounts owed to the Trust were £43,155 (2009 - £87,200).

Services provided to this Trust by the company in the period amounted to £22,140 (2009 - £3,353). At the period end £965 (2009 - £296) was owed by the Trust to the company.

**16. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING**

The company's ultimate parent undertaking is Wheatheaf Investments Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. Wheatheaf Investments Limited is wholly owned by trusts and members of the Grosvenor family headed by The Duke of Westminster.

Wheatheaf Investments Limited heads the largest and smallest group of undertakings of which the company is a member and for which group financial statements have been prepared for the year ended 31 March 2010.

Copies of the consolidated financial statements of Wheatheaf Investments Limited can be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Mandy, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.