

Preston Business Venture Limited
(Limited by guarantee)

**Directors' report and financial
statements**

Registered number 1783730
31 March 2001



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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2001.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company in the year was the encouragement of the growth of businesses in the Preston area.

Business review

The seventeenth year of operation has seen continued growth in the provision of advice and practical assistance to new and existing businesses.

Transfer to reserves

The surplus of income over expenditure of the company after taxation for the year is £10,264 (2000: *surplus of 10,942*).

Significant changes in fixed assets

Movements in fixed assets are set out in note 8 to the financial statements.

Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

M Gibson
S Watkinson
S Noble (resigned 19 October 2000)
P Woodburn

N Marshall
C Saunders
DJ Walmsley

J Bretherton

ES McFadyen
DJ Hornby
J Rogers
E Corcoran (resigned 1 June 2001)
R Bishop (appointed 1 June 2001)

University of Central Lancashire
Preston Business Venture Limited
Lancashire County Council
Wallwork, Nelson & Johnson, Chartered
Accountants, Preston
NatWest Bank plc

Moore & Smalley, Chartered Accountants,
Preston
Eckersley and Co, Chartered Surveyors,
Preston
Lloyds Bank plc
Barclays Bank plc
Preston College
Brabners, Solicitors, Preston
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Directors' report

Auditors

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board



S Watkinson
Executive Director

108 Deepdale Road
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18 October 2001

Statement of directors' responsibilities

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 and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

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

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 have a 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.



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Report of the auditors to the members of Preston Business Venture Limited (Limited by Guarantee)

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and, as described on page 3, the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

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. We also report to you 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.

Basis of audit opinion

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2001 and of its surplus of income over expenditure for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

KPMG

KPMG
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

18 October 2001

Income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2001

	<i>Note</i>	2001 £	2000 £
Income		185,832	175,341
Administrative expenses		(176,006)	(164,718)
Trading surplus		9,826	10,623
Other interest receivable and similar income	6	438	319
Surplus of income over expenditure on ordinary activities before taxation	3-5	10,264	10,942
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	7	-	-
Surplus after taxation retained for the financial year		10,264	10,942
Retained surplus brought forward		29,948	19,006
Retained surplus carried forward		40,212	29,948

Statement of total recognised gains and losses
for the year ended 31 March 2001

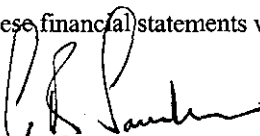
The retained surplus for the financial year of £10,264 (2000: surplus of £10,942) is the only gain or loss recognised in the financial statements.

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Balance sheet
at 31 March 2001

	Notes	2001 £	£	2000 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		1,848		2,614
Current assets					
Debtors	9	20,831		22,721	
Cash at bank and in hand		20,611		14,250	
		41,442		36,971	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,078)		(9,637)	
Net current assets			38,364		27,334
Net assets			40,212		29,948
Capital and reserves					
Retained reserves			40,212		29,948

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 18 October 2001 and were signed on its behalf by:


C Saunders
Chairman

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Company status

The company is limited by guarantee and has no issued share capital. The liability of its members shall not exceed £1 each.

2 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided by the company to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Office furniture - 20% straight line basis

Cash flow statement

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds of its size.

Income

Income represents the amounts derived from the provision of services during the year. In the opinion of the directors the activity of the business constitutes one class of trade.

3 Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation

	2001 £	2000 £
<i>Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging</i>		
Auditors' remuneration	-	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	766	816
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Notes (continued)

4 Remuneration of directors

	2001 £	2000 £
Directors' emoluments:		
Remuneration as directors	19,314	20,229
Pension costs	-	-
	<u>19,314</u>	<u>20,229</u>

5 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	
	2001	2000
Administration	2	2
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:		
	2001 £	2000 £
Wages and salaries	40,241	38,056
Social security costs	3,394	3,171
	<u>43,635</u>	<u>41,227</u>

6 Other interest receivable and similar income

	2000 £	2000 £
Bank interest	438	319

7 Taxation

	2001 £	2000 £
UK Corporation tax at 21% (2000: 21%)	-	-

Notes *(continued)*

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Office furniture £
Cost	
At beginning of year	16,115
Additions	-
At end of year	<u>16,115</u>
Depreciation	
At beginning of year	13,501
Charge for year	766
At end of year	<u>14,267</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2001	<u><u>1,848</u></u>
At 31 March 2000	<u><u>2,614</u></u>

9 Debtors

	2001 £	2000 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>20,831</u>	<u>22,721</u>
All of the above amounts are due within one year.		

Notes (continued)

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2001 £	2000 £
Taxation and social security	793	2,839
Accruals and deferred income	2,285	6,798
	<u>3,078</u>	<u>9,637</u>

11 Capital commitments

There are no capital commitments at the beginning and end of the financial year.

12 Related party transactions

The sponsors of the company are in many instances represented within the company by their officers being appointed to the Board of Directors. The following is a list of sponsors (and officers representing them) together with donations made to the company in cash or kind although in no case does this involve a trading relationship.

Donations in cash	£
Barclays Bank	1,500
Boots	500
University of Central Lancashire	1,500
Preston Borough Council	12,000
Ilyas Patel	100

Donations in kind	Support in kind
Brabners	E Corcoran Director
Eckersley and Co	J Bretherton Director
Lancashire County Council	S Noble Director
Moore & Smalley	DJ Walmsley Director & Co Sec
Natwest Bank plc	N Marshall Director
Wallwork Nelson & Johnson	P Woodburn Director
Preston College	J Rogers Director

In addition to the above KPMG undertake the audit on an honorary basis

Income and expenditure account

for the year ended 31 March 2001

	Gross	2001	Net	2000	
	£	Expenditure	£	£	£
Income					
Courses and seminars	1,180	1,172	8		1,452
Business development	13,914	11,657	2,257		14,570
STEP	40,005	34,016	5,989		6,730
Student Services	4,313	1,817	2,496		-
Preston Business Club	811	541	270		-
Rent Rebate Scheme	24,842	21,477	3,365		10,676
Volunteer mentors	30,685	7,839	22,846		2,262
New Deal	2,465	-	2,465		1,260
Business Boost/Preston College	1,532	-	1,532		7,705
Start up Counselling	3,207	-	3,207		3,035
Grants project	47,270	35,869	11,401		8,243
	<u>170,224</u>	<u>114,388</u>	<u>55,836</u>		<u>55,933</u>
Donations			15,608		15,947
Bank interest received			438		319
			<u>16,046</u>		<u>16,266</u>
Expenditure					
Publicity		263		633	
Bank charges and interest		499		410	
Rent, rates and insurance (net)		4,497		5,916	
Office running costs		7,841		7,459	
Telephone, postage etc		2,694		2,675	
Salary and NI		43,635		41,227	
Travel expenses		1,067		397	
Sundry expenses		356		1,724	
Depreciation		766		816	
			<u>(61,618)</u>		<u>(61,257)</u>
Surplus before taxation			<u>10,264</u>		<u>10,942</u>