

Preston Business Venture Limited
(Limited by guarantee)

Directors' report and financial statements
31 March 1999

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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1999.

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

Transfer to reserves

The deficit of income over expenditure of the company after taxation for the year is £1,474 (1998: £14,303).

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:

RK Sage (resigned 7 July 1998)	Barclays Bank plc
M Gibson	University of Central Lancashire
S Watkinson	Preston Business Venture Limited
M Livesey	Brabner Holden Banks Wilson, Solicitors, Preston
SR Adams (resigned 7 July 1998)	Moore & Smalley, Chartered Accountants, Preston
S Noble	Lancashire County Council
D Jones (resigned 2 May 1998)	Royal Bank of Scotland
P Woodburn	Wallwork, Nelson & Johnson, Chartered Accountants, Preston
N Marshall	NatWest Bank plc
C Saunders	
DJ Walmsley (appointed 7 July 1998)	Moore & Smalley, Chartered Accountants, Preston
I Pettgrew (appointed 7 July 1998)	Barclays Bank plc
J Bretherton (appointed 7 July 1998)	Eckersley and Co, Chartered Surveyors, Preston
ES McFadyen	Lloyds Bank plc

Subsequent to the year end on 22 July 1999 Claire Carter of Royal Bank of Scotland was appointed to the board.

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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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28 October 1999

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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

As described on page 3, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit of those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of 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 at 31 March 1999 and of its deficit of income over expenditure for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

A handwritten signature of the KPMG firm, written in a stylized, cursive-like font.

KPMG
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

28 October 1999

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Income and expenditure account

for the year ended 31 March 1999

	<i>Note</i>	1999 £	1998 £
Income		196,623	96,480
Administrative expenses		(198,607)	(111,537)
Trading deficit		(1,984)	(15,057)
Other interest receivable and similar income	6	510	754
Deficit of income over expenditure on ordinary activities before taxation	3-5	(1,474)	(14,303)
Tax on deficit on ordinary activities	7	-	-
Deficit after taxation retained for the financial year		(1,474)	(14,303)
Retained surplus brought forward		20,480	34,783
Retained surplus carried forward		19,006	20,480

Statement of total recognised gains and losses

for the year ended 31 March 1998

The retained deficit for the financial year of £1,474 (1998:£14,303) is the only gain or loss recognised in the financial statements.

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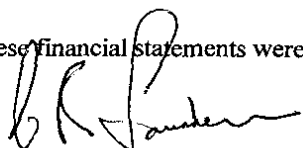
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Balance sheet

at 31 March 1999

	Notes	1999		1998	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		1,208		1,375
Current assets					
Debtors	9	5,936		14,100	
Cash at bank and in hand		16,431		11,482	
		<u>22,367</u>		<u>25,582</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(4,569)</u>		<u>(6,477)</u>	
Net current assets			17,798		19,105
Net assets			<u>19,006</u>		<u>20,480</u>
Capital and reserves					
Retained reserves			19,006		20,480

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 28 October 1999 and were signed on its behalf by:



C. Saunders
Chairman

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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

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based upon the amount of gross interest received in the year at the current small companies rate of taxation.

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 Deficit on ordinary activities before taxation

	1999 £	1998 £
<i>Deficit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging</i>		
Auditors' remuneration	-	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,277	1,378
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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4 Remuneration of directors

	1999 £	1998 £
Directors' emoluments:		
Remuneration as directors	19,916	18,950
Pension costs	-	-
	<u>19,916</u>	<u>18,950</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	
	1999	1998
Administration	2	2
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:		
	1999 £	1998 £
Wages and salaries	36,845	32,342
Social security costs	3,465	3,158
	<u>40,310</u>	<u>35,500</u>

6 Other interest receivable and similar income

	1999 £	1998 £
Bank interest	510	754

7 Taxation

	1999 £	1998 £
UK Corporation tax at 21% (1998: 24%)	-	-

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8 Tangible fixed assets

	Office furniture £
<i>Cost</i>	
At beginning of year	14,843
Additions	1,110
Disposals	(2,060)
At end of year	<u>13,893</u>
<i>Depreciation</i>	
At beginning of year	13,468
Charge for year	1,277
Disposals	(2,060)
At end of year	<u>12,685</u>
<i>Net book value</i>	
At 31 March 1999	<u>1,208</u>
At 31 March 1998	<u><u>1,375</u></u>

9 Debtors

	1999 £	1998 £
Prepayments and accrued income	5,936	14,100
All of the above amounts are due within one year.	<u><u>5,936</u></u>	<u><u>14,100</u></u>

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10	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	1999	1998
		£	£
	Trade creditors	-	6,021
	Corporation tax	-	-
	Taxation and social security	2,909	-
	Accruals and deferred income	1,660	456
		<u>4,569</u>	<u>6,477</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	1,250
Boots	500
CRA Ltd	1,000
Lloyds Bank	1,000
Preston College	250
Natwest Bank plc	500
Preston Borough Council	9,255
Royal Bank of Scotland	1,000
University of Central Lancashire	1,000

Donations in kind	Support in kind
Brabner Holden Bank Wilson	M Livesey 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

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

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Income and Expenditure Account

for the year ended 31 March 1999

	1999			1998	
	Gross	Expenditure	Net		
	£	£	£	£	£
Income					
Courses and seminars	6,123	4,288	1,835		8,070
Business development	108,880	89,427	19,453		10,932
STEP	18,473	12,830	5,643		(1,754)
Be your Own Boss	25	-	25		90
Small Business of the Year	13,706	11,865	1,841		486
Rent Rebate Scheme	25,000	14,567	10,433		2,472
Mentor's Club	750	1,323	(573)		(824)
New Deed	2,070	-	2,070		-
Business Boost	1,706	-	1,706		-
Start up Counselling	2,495	-	2,495		1,550
	<u>179,228</u>	<u>134,300</u>	<u>44,928</u>		<u>21,022</u>
Donations			15,755		22,647
Bank interest received			510		754
Rent Receivable			1,640		-
			<u>62,833</u>		<u>44,423</u>
Expenditure					
Publicity		757		829	
Bank charges and interest		326		265	
Rent, rates and insurance		9,188		12,434	
Office running costs		6,555		2,288	
Telephone, postage etc		2,811		2,244	
Salary and NI		40,310		35,500	
Travel expenses		474		1,413	
Sundry expenses		824		3,563	
Depreciation		1,277		1,378	
Loss on sale of fixed assets		-		57	
Recharged expenses		-		(1,600)	
Counselling		-		355	
Relocation costs and repairs		1,785		-	
		<u></u>	<u>(64,307)</u>	<u></u>	<u>(58,726)</u>
Deficit before taxation			<u>(1,474)</u>		<u>(14,303)</u>