



Companies House
for the record

169(1B)

Return by a public company purchasing its own shares for holding in treasury

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Pursuant to section 169(1B) of the Companies Act 1985

Please complete legibly in black type or bold block lettering

Company Number

1807982

Company Name in full

ASHTON GROUP PLC

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PART A: PURCHASE BY COMPANY OF ITS OWN SHARES FOR HOLDING IN TREASURY

Note

This return must be delivered to the Registrar within a period of 28 days beginning with the first date on which shares to which it relates were delivered to the company. Shares placed in treasury must be "qualifying shares" as defined by section 162(4) of the Companies Act 1985

Class of shares (ordinary or preference etc)

ORDINARY

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Number of shares

3,362,000

5,605,000

4,555,000

Date(s) shares delivered to the company

17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 27, 28 DEC 2007

2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14 JAN 2008

15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 FEB 2008

For each share:

Nominal value

10 PENCE

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Maximum price paid

£0.8107

£0.8333

£0.7319

Minimum price paid

£0.7689

£0.7311

£0.6599

The aggregate amount paid by the company for the shares to which this return relates was:

£10,216,632.50

Stamp Duty is payable on the aggregate amount at the rate of 0.5 % rounded up to the nearest multiple of £5

£ 51,085.00

PART B: FULLY PAID BONUS SHARES PLACED IN TREASURY PURSUANT TO SECTION 162C(6) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

Class of shares (ordinary or preference etc)

Number of shares

Nominal value of each share

Date(s) shares delivered to the company

**Delete as appropriate

Signed

Date

24.1.08

(*a director / secretary / administrator / administrative receiver / receiver manager / receiver)

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DX number

DX exchange



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When you have completed and signed the form and it has been stamped by the HM Revenue & Customs please send it to the Registrar of Companies at:

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for companies registered in England and Wales or

Companies House, 37 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2EB
for companies registered in Scotland DX 235 Edinburgh or LP - 4 Edinburgh 2

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