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88(2)

Return of Allotment of Shares

Company Number

2008952

Company name in full

W H SMITH UK LIMITED

Shares allotted (including bonus shares):

Date or period during which
shares were allotted

(If shares were allotted on one date
enter that date in the "from" box)

From
Day Month Year

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To

Day Month Year

Class of shares
(ordinary or preference etc)

£1 Ordinary

Number allotted

20,800,000

Nominal value of each share

£ 1.00

Amount (if any) paid or due on each
share (including any share premium)

£ 1.00

List the names and addresses of the allottees and the number of shares allotted to each overleaf

If the allotted shares are fully or partly paid up otherwise than in cash please state:

% that each share is to be
treated as paid up

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Consideration for which
the shares were allotted

(This information must be supported by
the duly stamped contract or by the duly
stamped particulars on Form 88(3) if the
contract is not in writing)

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When you have completed and signed the form send it to
the Registrar of Companies at:

Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff CF14 3UZ DX 33050 Cardiff
For companies registered in England and Wales

Companies House, 37 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2EB DX 235
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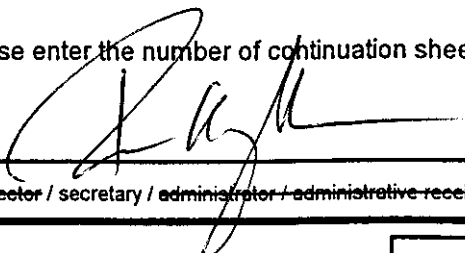


Names and addresses of the allottees (List joint share allotments consecutively)

| Shareholder details | | Shares and share class allotted | |
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| Name WH SMITH PLC | | Class of shares allotted £1 Ordinary | Number allotted 20,800,000 |
| Address GREENBRIDGE ROAD, SWINDON, WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND | | | |
| UK Postcode SN3 3RX | | | |
| Name Address UK Postcode | | Class of shares allotted | Number allotted |
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Please enter the number of continuation sheets (if any) attached to this form

Signed



Date

7/3/01

A director / secretary / administrator / administrative receiver / receiver-manager / receiver

Please delete as appropriate

Please give the name, address, telephone number and, if available, a DX number and Exchange of the person Companies House should contact if there is any query.

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| MR C A WHITE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, WH SMITH PLC, GREENBRIDGE ROAD, | |
| SWINDON, WILTSHIRE, SN3 3LD | |
| Tel (01793) 562446 | |
| DX number | DX exchange |