GUILDFORD & WEST SURREY BUSES LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2000

Company No. 2157220



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COMPANY INFORMATION

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J A Ray R A Bowler

Secretary D P Turner

Company number 2157220

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2000

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the Company for the year ended 31st December 2000.

Principal activities and review of business

The Company did not trade during the year ended 31st December 2000.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 4. The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (1999: £Nil).

The Directors consider the state of the Company's affairs to be satisfactory and there have been no material changes since the balance sheet date.

Directors

The Directors who held office during the year were:

S P Lonsdale

J A Ray

R A Bowler

(Appointed 27th July 2000)

Directors' interests

None of the Directors had any interest in the share capital of the Company during the year.

S P Lonsdale and J A Ray are also directors of the ultimate parent company, ARRIVA plc, and their interests in the share capital of that company are disclosed in its Directors' Report.

The interests of R A Bowler in the ordinary share capital of ARRIVA plc are shown in the Directors' Report of the intermediate parent company, ARRIVA Passenger Services Limited.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss for that period.

The Directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently. They also confirm that reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2000 and that applicable accounting standards have been followed.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the inancial position of the Company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act .985. 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.

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Auditors

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The Company has elected to dispense with the requirement to appoint auditors annually.

By order of the Board

D P Turner, Secretary 20th March 2001

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GUILDFORD & WEST SURREY BUSES LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 7 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 6.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report. As described on page 1, this includes responsibility for preparing the financial statements, in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and 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 United Kingdom 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 is not disclosed.

We read the other information contained in the Annual Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

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 the 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 31st December 2000 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Newcastle upon Tyne 10th September 2001

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2000

	1	Notes	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Operating profit			_	-
Interest receivable and similar income		2	18	-
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation			18	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities			-	-
Profit for the financial year		6	18	-

The Company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the profit and loss account, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained profit for the year stated above, and their historical cost equivalents.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2000

-	Notes	2000 £'000	2000 £'000	1999 £'000	1999 £'000
Current assets					
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	3	133 124		281	
		257		281	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	-		(42)	
Net current assets			257		239
Total assets less current liabilities		_	257		239
Capital and reserves					
Called up equity share capital Profit and loss account	5 6		- 257		239
		•		-	
Equity shareholders' funds	7	:	257	_	239

The financial statements on pages 4 to 7 were approved by the Board on 20th March 2001 and signed on its behalf by:

S P Lonsdale Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2000

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, using the accounting policies set out below and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Cash flow statement

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary and the ultimate parent company has prepared a group cash flow statement. Accordingly, under FRS 1, the Company is exempt from preparing a cash flow statement.

Deferred taxation

Provision is made on a liability basis for tax deferred by timing differences to the extent that there is a reasonable probability that the tax deferral will crystallise in the forseeable future.

2	Interest receivable and similar income	2000	1999
	Bank interest receivable	£'000 18	£'000
	2-24 400,000 1000		
3	Debtors	2000	1999
		£'000	£'000
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	133	195
	Corporation tax	<u>.</u>	86
		133	281
4	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2000	1999
		£'000	£'000
	Bank overdraft	-	42

The Company is party to an unlimited multi-lateral guarantee involving the bank borrowings of ARRIVA plc and other group undertakings.

5	Called up share capital	2000	1999
		£'000	£'000
	Authorised		
	1,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	1	1
		 	
	Allotted and fully paid		
	2 Allotted, called up and fully paid ordinary shares of £1 each	-	
			

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6	Reserves At 1st January 2000 Profit for the year		Profit and loss account £'000
	At 31st December 2000		257
7	Reconciliation of movement in equity shareholders' funds	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
	Profit for the financial year	18	-
	Increase in equity shareholders' funds Opening equity shareholders' funds	18 239	239
	Closing equity shareholders' funds	257	239

8 Ultimate parent company

The ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party is ARRIVA plc, a company which is registered in England and Wales, and which has prepared group accounts incorporating the results of Guildford & West Surrey Buses Limited. Copies of these accounts can be obtained from Admiral Way, Doxford International Business Park, Sunderland, SR3 3XP.

Transactions with other companies in the ARRIVA Group are not specifically disclosed as the company has taken advantage of the exemption available under FRS 8 "Related Party Disclosures" for wholly-owned subsidiaries.