Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2002

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DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Directors

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J G Demaine

D Holcroft

P R Pashley

M A Smith

L P Tomlinson

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2002

The Directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2002.

Review of Business

The principal activity of the Company is unit trust management and acting as an Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) for an Open Ended Investment Company (OEIC). The Directors consider the position at the end of the year to be satisfactory and plan to continue the present activities during the coming year.

Results and Dividend

During the year the Company made a profit after taxation of £2,083,000 (2001: £10,741,000). An interim dividend of £8,000,000 was paid on 20 December 2002 (2001: Nil). The Directors do not propose a final dividend for 2002 (2001: Nil).

Directors

The Directors of the Company, who served during the year, are as shown below:

ID Smith

J G Demaine

D Holcroft

P R Pashley

M A Smith

L P Tomlinson

Directors' Interests in Shares

(as defined by section 325 the Companies Act 1985)

None of the Directors had an interest in the shares of the Company at any time during the year. The Directors' interests in the ordinary shares of Barclays PLC, the ultimate holding company, are shown below.

Directors' Interest in Barclays PLC ordinary Shares of 25p each

	At 1 January 2002 (a) (b)	At 31 December 2002
I D Smith	1,072	638
J G Demaine	-	-
D Holcroft	1,088	1,356
P Pashley	464	· -
M A Smith	<u>-</u>	-
L.P. Tomlinson	-	•

Beneficial interests in the table above represent shares held by Directors, either directly or through a nominee, their spouse and children under eighteen. They include any interests held through the Barclays PLC Group Share Incentive Plan (SIP).

Notes

- (a) or date appointed to the Board if later.
- (b) to aid comparison Barclays PLC ordinary shares are shown as 25p shares in all instances to reflect the 4 for 1 share split approved by shareholders on 25 April 2002.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2002

Directors' interests in ordinary Shares in Barclays PLC under option under Employee Share Option Plan (ESOP)

Director	Number at 1 January 2002 (a) (b)	Granted	Exercised	Number at 31 December2002	Date from which exercisable	Latest expiry Date
I D Smith	15,552	•	(15,552)	-		
	16,152	-	(16,152)	-		
	120,928	-	-	120,928	14/12/2002	13/12/2009
	38,720	-		38,720	17/02/2003	16/02/2010
D Holcroft	11,664			11,664	28/04/2001	27/04/2008
	13,288	-	-	13,288	25/03/2002	24/03/2009
	73,024	-	-	73,024	14/12/2002	13/12/2009
	23,232	-	-	23,232	17/02/2003	16/02/2010
P Pashley	5,912	-	-	5,912	25/03/2002	24/03/2009
	27,176	-	-	27,176	14/12/2002	13/12/2009
	7,932		-	7,932	17/02/2003	16/02/2010

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- (b) to aid comparison Barclays PLC ordinary shares are shown as 25p shares in all instances to reflect the 4 for 1 share split approved by shareholders on 25 April 2002.

Under the ESOP, options originally granted over Woolwich plc shares at market value were exercised in 2001 or exchanged, in accordance with the proposals made under the Offer to acquire Woolwich plc, for options over Barclays PLC shares. Under the rules of the ESOP, the performance conditions attached to the exercise of options were disapplied on acquisition of the Company by Barclays PLC.

Directors' interests in Shares in Barclays PLC under option under Sharesave

Director	Number at 1 January 2002 (a) (b)	Granted	Exercised	Number at 31 December2002	Date from which exercisable	Latest expiry Date
I D Smith	5,588	-	-	5,588	01/07/2003	31/12/2003
J G Demaine	5,588	-		5,588	01/11/2003	30/04/2004
D Holcroft	5,588	-		5,588	01/07/2003	31/12/2003
M A Smith	2,136	-		2,136	01/07/2005	30/04/2006
	1,636	-		1,636	01/11/2006	30/04/2007
	<u>-</u>	1,027		1,027	01/11/2009	30/04/2010
L P Tomlinson		2,714		2,714	01/11/2005	30/04/2006
P Pashley	4,000	-		4,000	01/07/2004	31/12/2004
	1,016	-		1,016	01/07/2005	31/12/2005

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All eligible employees have the opportunity to participate in Barclays Sharesave Scheme. Each participant may save up to £250 per month to purchase Barclays PLC shares at a discount. For the 2002 grant, the discount was 20% of the market value at the time the option was granted.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2002

Directors' interests in Shares in Barclays PLC under option under Incentive Share Option Plan (ISOP)

	Number held as at 1		aber held as at 1 During 2002			Information as at 31 December 2002				
	January 2	January 2002 (a) (b) Granted Exercised Lapsed								
	Target Award Shares	Maximum Number over which potentially exercisable	Target Award Shares	Maximum Number over which potentially exercisable			Target Award Shares	Maximum Number over which potentially exercisable	Date from which exercisable	Expiry Date
I D Smith									, <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,</u>	·
EP	26,000	52,000	-	-	-		- 26,000	52,000	12/03/2004	11/03/2011
EP		-	16,000	32,000	-		- 16,000	32,000	20/03/2005	19/03/2012
D Holcroft EP	18,000	36,000	-	-	-		- 18,000	36,000	12/03/2004	11/03/2011
P Pashley EP	4,000	8,000	_	-			- 4,000	8,000	12/03/2004	11/03/2011

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The ISOP has been designed to provide the opportunity for individuals to receive rewards for exceptional performance and creating higher shareholder value. Under the ISOP, participants are granted options over Barclays PLC ordinary shares which are exercisable at the market price set at the time of grant. The number of shares over which options can be exercised depends upon the performance of the holding company, Barclays PLC, against specific targets. In establishing the performance targets, the Remuneration Committee of Barclays PLC has sought to encourage excellent business performance. For the options to be fully exercisable, Barclays PLC would have to be a leading business in the sector, relative to the peer group which is composed of companies with similar business models and geographic coverage of Barclays.

For options subject to the EP performance measure, where the cumulative EP is below the target range at the end of the three year performance period, options over half of the target award shares will become exercisable. Where the cumulative EP is above the target range, the options over double the number of target award shares will become exercisable.

A relative ranking of sixth place or higher will result in those options subject to the TSR measure becoming exercisable at the third anniversary after grant. If Barclays PLC is ranked fourth, fifth or sixth in the peer group, the options will become exercisable over the target award shares. If Barclays PLC is ranked third, second or first in the peer group then the options will become exercisable over double, triple or quadruple the target award shares, respectively. However, if Barclays PLC is ranked below sixth after three years, there will be a retest on the fourth anniversary, over the full four-year period. If Barclays PLC is not ranked sixth or higher after four years, the options will lapse.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2002

Directors' interests in Shares in Barclays Global Investors UK Holdings Limited under option under Equity Ownership Plan

Director	Number at 1 January 2002	Granted	Exercised	Number at 31 December 2002
J G Demaine	116,323	75,000	-	191,323
P Pashley	-	15,000	-	15,000
M A Smith	15,000	35,000	-	50,000
L P Tomlinson	663,234	-		663,234

Barclays Global Investors UK Holdings Limited (BGIUKHL) has adopted an equity ownership plan where options are granted to certain management personnel for 'A' ordinary shares in the Company. The purpose of this long term incentive plan is to encourage key management and professional talent at Barclays Global Investors to maximise the creation of shareholder value by giving them the opportunity to have an equity ownership in BGIUKHL. It is also intended that this plan enhances the linkage between performance and rewards, thus driving value-creation for the business. Twenty million authorised 'A' ordinary shares of BGIUKHL are allotted to the plan. The portion of the authorised 'A' ordinary shares to be granted as options is determined on an annual basis.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The following statement, which should be read in conjunction with the Auditors' Report set out on Page 7, is made with a view to distinguishing for shareholders the respective responsibilities of the Directors and of the Auditors in relation to the financial statements.

The Directors are required by the Companies Act 1985 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss for the financial year.

The Directors consider that in preparing the financial statements on Pages 9 to 18:

- the Company has used appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, and
- that all the accounting standards which they consider to be applicable have been followed, and
- that the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The Directors have responsibility for ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Company and which enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985.

The Directors have 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.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2002

Creditors' payment policy

The Company's policy concerning the payment of creditors is to follow the CBI Prompt Payers' Code of Good Practice which states that a company should have a clear, consistent policy adhered to by the finance and purchasing departments, to settle bills in accordance with payment terms agreed with suppliers, dealing quickly with complaints and advising of disputes. Trade creditor payment days calculated in accordance with paragraph 12(3) of Schedule 7 of the Companies Act 1985 were 28 days at 31 December 2002 (2001: 29 days). As of 1 August 2002 all the company's creditor payments are made by Barclays Global Investors Services Ltd (a fellow Barclays group company).

Auditors

Following the conversion of our auditors PricewaterhouseCoopers to a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) from 1 January 2003, PricewaterhouseCoopers resigned on 11 February 2003 and the Directors appointed its successor, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, as auditors.

On 31 October 1990 an Elective Resolution was passed by the shareholders of the Company pursuant to Section 386 of the Companies Act 1985 to dispense with the obligation to appoint Auditors annually. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP have indicated their willingness to continue in office.

By order of the Board

D Holcroft Director

Watling Street Bexleyheath Kent DA6 7RR

26 March 2003

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 9 to 18, which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, and the related notes, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and the accounting policies set out on pages 11 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

The Directors' responsibilities for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards are set out in the statement of Directors' responsibilities on page 5.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. This report including the opinion has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or in to whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

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 1985. 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. The other information comprises only the Directors' Report.

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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LIMITED (Continued)

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 31 December 2002 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Southwark Towers

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31 March 2003

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

	Note	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Turnover	3	435,216	220,338
Cost of sales		(396,589)	(186,818)
Gross profit	_	38,627	33,520
Distribution costs		(971)	(3,493)
Administrative expenses		(35,444)	(15,675)
Operating profit		2,212	14,352
Other interest receivable and similar income	4	1,072	969
Interest payable and similar charges	5 _	(312)	(9)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	6	2,972	15,312
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8 _	(889)	(4,571)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		2,083	10,741
Dividends payable	9 _	(8,000)	<u>-</u>
Retained (loss)/profit for the financial year	15	(5,917)	10,741

All recognised gains and losses are included in the profit and loss account.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

There is no difference between the reported and historical cost profit in either period.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2002

	Note	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	10	169	243
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors falling due within one year Cash at bank and in hand	11	234 7,879 14,923	77 9,600 28,985
		23,036	38,662
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(13,308)	(23,078)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		9,728	15,584
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		9,897	15,827
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	-	(13)
NET ASSETS		9,897	15,814
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	14 15	1,700 8,197	1,700 14,114
Total shareholder's funds - equity	16	9,897	15,814

A statement of movement in shareholder's funds is given in note 16.

The note on Pages 11 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 9 to 18 were approved by the Board of Directors on 26 March 2003.

I D Smith

Chairman

D Holcroft

Managing Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the accounting policies set out below and in accordance with the applicable accounting standards of the Accounting Standards Board and pronouncements of the Urgent Issue Task Force.

Income recognition

Management fees receivable from the unit trusts and OEIC are calculated in accordance with the unit trust scheme particulars and are accrued on a monthly basis. Sales and transfers in of unit trusts are accounted for on the date of receipt of a completed application form.

Stocks of units

Units held by the Manager in unit trusts and shares in the OEIC are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, with any impairment in value being charged to the profit and loss account.

Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful economic lives using the following annual rates:

Office equipment	20%
Computers and similar equipment	25%
Motor vehicles	33%

The Company selects its depreciation rates carefully and reviews them regularly to take account of any changes in circumstances. When setting useful economic lives, the principal factors the Company takes into account are the expected rate of technological developments, expected market requirements for the equipment and the intensity at which the assets are expected to be used.

Finance Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet at fair value and are depreciated over the shorter of the period of the lease or useful life of the asset, after taking account of estimated residual values. The finance charge element of the rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided in full in respect of timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date, except where the likelihood of a deferred tax liability crystallising in the foreseeable future is remote. Timing differences are differences between the Company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements. Deferred tax is not provided on permanent differences. Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recoverable. Deferred tax is not discounted.

Adoption of new accounting standards

A change in accounting policy has arisen from the adoption in 2002 of Financial Reporting Standard 19 'Deferred tax' (FRS 19). Previously, deferred tax was only provided on timing differences where it was considered probable that a liability to tax would crystallise. As explained in the accounting policies, deferred tax is now provided in full in respect of timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date, except where the likelihood of a deferred tax liability crystallising in the foreseeable future is remote.

There have been no other significant changes to the accounting policies as described in the 2002 Financial statements.

2 CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The Company's holding company has adopted the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard 1 ("FRS 1"), Cash Flow Statements. Accordingly the Company, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Woolwich plc, has elected to utilise the exemption provided in FRS 1 not to produce a cash flow statement.

3 TURNOVER

Turnover comprises proceeds from sale of units and shares amounting to £397,656,610 (2001: £190,344,000) and remuneration from managing the unit trusts and OEIC, amounting to £37,559,290 (2001: £29,994,000).

The directors believe the Company has one class of business, namely management of unit trusts, acting as an Authorised Corporate Director and administration, all of which wholly originate in the United Kingdom. A segmental analysis of turnover is therefore not provided.

4 INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

	2002	2001
	£'000	£'000
Interest receivable from group undertakings	-	656
Other interest receivable	1,072	313
	1,072	969

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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5	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES	2002	2001
		2002	2001
		£'000	£'000
	Finance leases	5	9
	Other interest payable	307	_
		312	9
	-		
6	PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	1	
		2002	2001
		£'000	£'000
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:		
	Auditors' remuneration:		
	Audit services	5	63
	Non-audit services	11	3
	Total auditors' remuneration	16	66
	incurred in 2002 (2001: £136,000). These have been borne by a fell-Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
	Owned assets	100	88
	Leased assets - other	10	13
	Total depreciation charge	110	101
	Wages and salaries	_	629
	Social security costs	_	78
	Other pension costs	-	70
	Total staff costs		777
	There were no employees during the year (2001: 33). As from the moved to service contracts with, and are paid by, a fellow Barclays Investors Services Ltd), their remuneration is included within tha The cost of these staff is borne by the Company through a managem recharge of £7,717,000 (2001: £964,000) an amount of £2,661,000 costs. Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after	Group company (Batt company's financial tent recharge. Of the	rclays Global al statements. management
	crediting:		
	•	165	120

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

7 DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS AND OTHER BENEFITS

	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Aggregate emoluments	246	214
Aggregate amount paid under long term incentive schemes	-	-
Company contributions to money purchase pension schemes	64	29
Company contributions to defined benefit scheme	10	14
	320	257

The emoluments of L P Tomlinson, J G Demaine and M A Smith are paid by Barclays Global Investors Services Limited, and the emoluments of I D Smith are paid by Woolwich plc, which make no recharge to the Company. Their emoluments in respect of the period since their appointments are wholly attributable to their services to Barclays Global Investors UK Holdings Limited and Woolwich plc and their subsidiaries.

The aggregate emoluments of the highest paid director were £179,974. The accrued pension of the highest paid director under the defined benefit scheme were £44,950 (2001: £41,000). There were no amounts taken up as a lump sum at 31 December 2002 (2001: nil).

Two directors are accruing retirement benefits under a defined benefit scheme. One director exercised options under the Barclays PLC Long Term Incentive Schemes during 2002.

8 TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	2002	2001
	£,000	£'000
Current taxation on income for the period	835	4,571
Adjustments in respect of prior years	54	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	889	4,571

The tax charge is based on an applicable UK corporation tax rate of 30% (2001: 30%).

The overall tax charge is explained in the following table:

	2002	2001
	£'000	£'000
Tax charge at average UK corporation tax rate of 30%	892	4,594
Prior year adjustment	54	-
Other items	(57)	(23)
	889	4,571
Effective rate %	29.9%	29.9%

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

9 DIVIDENDS

	Equity dividends of Interim dividend: 4	-	shares:			2002 £'000 	2001 £'000
10	TANGIBLE FIXE	ED ASSET	rs				
		Equipn	nent	Motor ve	hicles	Total Fixed	Assets
		2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001
		£'000	£'000	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	Cost						
	At 1 January	767	657	83	93	850	750
	Additions	96	110	11	9	107	119
	Disposals	(587)	_	(61)	(19)	(648)	(19)
	At 31 December	276	767	33	83	309	850
	Accumulated						
	At 1 January	580	492	27	19	607	511
	Charge for the						
	year	100	88	10	13	110	101
	Disposals	(553)	-	(24)	(5)	(577)	(5)
	At 31 December	127	580	13	27	140	607
	Net book value At 31 December	140		20		170	
	2002	149		20		<u>169</u>	
	At 31 December						
	2001		187		56	<u> </u>	243

The net book value included £20,000 (2001: £56,000) in respect of motor vehicles held under finance leases, on which the depreciation charge was £10,000 (2001: £13,000).

11 DEBTORS

2002	2001
£'000	£'000
7,800	9,334
63	161
16	105
7,879	9,600
	£'000 7,800 63 16

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

12	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2002	2001
		£'000	£'000
	Banks loans and overdrafts	-	1,257
	Trade creditors	4,302	5,803
	Finance leases	20	45
	Amounts due to group companies	6,585	5,176
	Corporation tax payable	938	6,380
	Other creditors	268	107
	Accruals and deferred income	1,195	4,310
		13,308	23,078
13	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	•	
		2002	2001
		£'000	£'000
	Finance leases	-	13
	Payable:		
	In more than one year but not more than two years	-	13
14	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
		2002	2001
		£'000	£'000
	Authorised:		
	2,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	2,000	2,000
	Allotted and fully paid:		
	1,700,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,700	1,700

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

15 RESERVES

	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Profit & Loss Account		
At 1 January	14,114	3,373
Retained (loss)/profit for the financial year	(5,917)	10,741
At 31 December	8,197	14,114

16 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS

	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Profit for the financial year	2,083	10,741
Dividends	(8,000)	-
	(5,917)	10,741
Opening shareholders' funds	15,814	5,073
Closing shareholders' funds	9,897	15,814

17 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard 8 ("FRS 8"), Related Party Disclosures not to disclose transactions with other group companies since the Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Woolwich plc and of its ultimate holding company Barclays PLC, the consolidated financial statements of which are publicly available. Except as disclosed below, during the period there have been no transactions with related parties other than group companies.

During the year, transactions undertaken in Unit Trust and OEIC Funds managed by the Company by directors and key management of the Company, the directors of Woolwich plc and Barclays PLC and members of their close family were as follows:

	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Sales by the Company	61	97
Repurchases by the Company	3_	2

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

The Woolwich Unit Trusts and Barclays Global Investors OEIC, managed by Woolwich Unit Trust Managers Limited, fall within FRS 8's definition of related parties. During the year, annual management fees net of rebates, totalling £36,950,000 (2001: £28,925,000) were receivable by the company from the Woolwich Unit Trusts and Barclays Global Investors OEIC. In addition the Company received £12,794 (£2001: £26,000) of income from its holdings in the trusts and OEIC, and £609,000 (2001: £1,070,000) of registration fees in respect of the management of the Trusts' and OEIC unit/share registers. At the year end £2,650,575 was receivable from the Unit Trusts and OEIC in respect of these transactions (2001: £1,962,000).

18 ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

The parent undertaking of the smallest group that presents group accounts is Woolwich plc. The ultimate holding company and the parent company of the largest group that presents group accounts is Barclays PLC. Both companies are incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. Barclays PLC's and Woolwich plc's statutory accounts are available from the Group Corporate Secretariat, 54 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3AH.