

CHILDREN IN NEED LIMITED

DIRECTORS REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

Registered Company 2461031

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Corporate information

Year Ended 30 June 2020

Secretary

Peter Ranyard

Directors

Luke Mayhew

Peter Ranyard

Glyn Isherwood (resigned 1 April 2020)

Principal Officers

Simon Antrobus

Chief Executive

Karen Bass

Chief Operating Officer

Tommy Nagra

Director of Content

Joanne Ruddock

Director of Insight

Claire Hoyle

Commercial Director

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Directors' Report

Year Ended 30 June 2020

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020. In accordance with section 414B of the Companies Act 2006, the Company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in relation to the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Directors

The current directors are shown on Page 1. Glyn Isherwood resigned as Director on 1 April 2020.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company continues to be the sale of merchandise marketed using the Pudsey Bear brand and logo. However, the Company now charges a fee to Corporate Partners for the use of the Pudsey Bear brand and logo with income from donations being paid directly to the BBC Children in Need charity. Pudsey Bear is the official logo of BBC Children in Need Appeal.

Review of business

Sales in Children in Need Limited are derived from the sale of merchandise to the public and fundraisers through our online store and fundraising events. The sale of merchandise supports fundraiser activity in October and November and so the Company has not been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic in the financial year ended 30 June 2020. In addition, Corporate Partners purchase Children in Need product to support their fundraising activities as well as sell their own products for which a licence fee is charged by Children in Need Limited.

Turnover in the year to 30 June 2020 is £1,069k which represents a decrease of £2,360k (69%) on prior year. This is due to donations from Corporate Partner activity being paid directly to the BBC Children in Need charity rather than accounted for as licence income in the trading entity. The income accounted for to June 30 June 2020 relating to sales of own product are £560k (2019: £692k), the additional £509k is licence fee charged to Corporate Partners for the use of the brand.

Results and Dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2019: nil). The Company made an after tax profit for the period of £nil (2019: £nil).

Future developments

The directors aim to continue to pursue a growth strategy and anticipate that the next year will show a further growth in sales from continuing operations, particularly of licenced products to our corporate partners.

Going concern

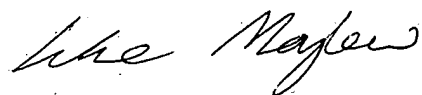
The directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and BBC Children in Need has indicated that it will not require repayment of the intercompany loan within one year from the date of signing these financial statements. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

Disclosure of information to auditors

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' Report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Directors' Report
Year Ended 30 June 2020 (continued)

By Order of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luke Mayhew', written in a cursive style.

Luke Mayhew, Director

13 October 2020

Registered Company No: 2461031

Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the company financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom accounting standards and applicable law).

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of profit or loss of the company for that period.

In preparing these 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;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue its activities.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILDREN IN NEED LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Children in Need Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 30 June 2020 which comprise the Income Statement, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Financial Position and the related notes 1 to 15, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the company's affairs as at 30 June 2020 and of its result for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report below. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and the provisions available for small entities and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILDREN IN NEED LIMITED

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemptions in preparing the Directors' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 3, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILDREN IN NEED LIMITED

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

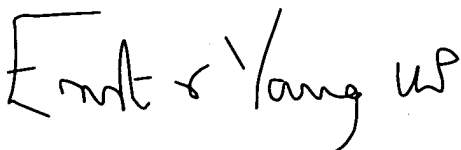
Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 4 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ernst & Young LLP' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Julian Yates (Senior statutory auditor)
for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor
Manchester
19 October 2020

Income Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	Notes	Year to 30 June 2020 £	Year to 30 June 2019 £
Turnover	2	1,069,275	3,429,282
Cost of sales		(444,601)	(451,363)
Gross profit		624,674	2,977,919
Administrative expenses		(165,595)	(251,433)
Gift Aid payment		(458,651)	(2,727,532)
Operating Profit/(Loss)	3	428	(1,046)
Interest receivable and similar income	5	726	1,046
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		1,154	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(1,154)	-
Result for the period		-	-

The profit and loss account represents the continuing operations of the company. There are no discontinued operations.

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the result above, 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 result for the year ended stated above, and their historical cost equivalents.

Statement of Changes in Equity

At 30 June 2020

	Called-up share capital	Profit and loss account	Shareholders equity
	£	£	£
At 1 July 2019	2	14,695	14,697
Result for the year	-	-	-
At 30 June 2020	2	14,695	14,697
At 1 July 2019	2	14,695	14,697
Result for the year	-	-	-
At 30 June 2020	2	14,695	14,697

Statement of Financial Position

At 30 June 2020

	Notes	As at 30 June 2020		As at 30 June 2019	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		1,300		13,267
Current assets					
Stock	8	106,584		100,555	
Debtors	9	61,454		2,973,145	
Cash at bank and in hand		171,536		401,206	
		<u>339,574</u>		<u>3,474,906</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(326,177)</u>		<u>(3,473,476)</u>	
Net current assets /(liabilities)			13,397		1,430
Net assets			<u>14,697</u>		<u>14,697</u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	11		2		2
Profit and loss account	12		14,695		14,695
Shareholders' funds			<u>14,697</u>		<u>14,697</u>

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The financial statements on pages 8 to 16 were approved by the board of directors on 13 October 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

PETER RANYARD

Peter Ranyard)

) Directors

LUKE MAYHEW

Luke Mayhew)

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year to 30 June 2020

I Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

Children in Need Limited is a limited liability company incorporated in England. The Registered Office is Bridge House, Media City UK, Salford M50 2BH.

The Company's financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102 as it applies to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Company were authorised for issue on 13 October 2020.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The financial statements are prepared in Sterling which is the functional currency of the Company and rounded to the nearest £. The Company's presentational currency is the same as its functional currency.

Financial reporting standard 102 – reduced disclosure exemptions

The company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements in accordance with FRS 102:

- the requirements of section 4 *Statement of Financial Position* paragraph 4.12(a)(iv);
- the requirements of section 7 *Statement of Cash Flows* and section 3 *Financial Statement Presentation* paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of section 11 *Financial Instruments* paragraphs 11.39 to 11.48A; and
- the requirements of section 33 *Related Party Disclosures* paragraph 33.7

Turnover

Turnover is the combination of licensing fee charged to commercial partners for the use of the brand, and trading income for merchandise items sold at events and online. Revenue from the online sale of goods and licenced income is recognised on receipt of payment and revenue from the sale of goods to corporate partners is recognised on despatch. In both cases this is where significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer, the amount of revenue can be measured reliably and is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity (see note 2).

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2020 (continued)

Accounting policies (continued)

Cost of sales

Cost of sales represents the cost to purchase merchandise sold in support of The BBC Children in Need Appeal.

Gift Aid payment

The profit generated by Children in Need Limited is transferred via Gift Aid to the parent undertaking, BBC Children in Need (Registered charity England & Wales no. 802052 and Scotland no. SC039557) and is charged to the Profit & Loss account. Current and future Gift Aid payments are made under an operating agreement.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised, and recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided on all tangible assets at rates calculated to write off the costs of each asset on a straight line basis over its expected useful life as follows:

IT equipment and software	3 years
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Further details of fixed assets are shown in Note 7.

Stock

Stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs expected to be incurred to completion and disposal.

Short term debtors and creditors

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the Income Statement in administration expenses.

Loan from BBC Children in Need Appeal

The loan is a basic financial instrument and is recorded at fair value on both initial recognition and subsequent recognition. As the loan is repayable on demand fair value is equal to face value.

Going Concern

The directors have prepared these accounts on a going concern basis because its parent 'BBC Children in Need' has confirmed that it will not require repayment of the intercompany loan balance within one year from the date of signing these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2020 (continued)

2 Turnover

Turnover, analysed by category, was as follows:

	Year to 30 June 2020 £	Year to 30 June 2019 £
Trading	560,528	692,443
Licensing	508,747	2,736,839
	<u>1,069,275</u>	<u>3,429,282</u>

3 Operating profit/(loss)

	Year to 30 June 2020 £	Year to 30 June 2019 £
<i>Operating profit/(loss) is stated after charging:</i>		
Depreciation	11,967	11,966
Auditors' remuneration – audit of financial statements	2,000	2,000
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4 Directors and employees

The Directors received no emoluments during the year (2019: none).

The Company has no employees but is charged an administration fee from BBC Children in Need in respect of any services provided. The fee for 2020 was £134,182 (2019: £158,262).

5 Interest receivable and similar income

	Year to 30 June 2020 £	Year to 30 June 2019 £
Bank interest received	<u>726</u>	<u>1,046</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2020 (continued)

6 Taxation

A provision for taxation of £1k is required for 2020 (2019: no provision).

7 Tangible assets

	IT equipment & software
Cost	
As at 1 July 2019	74,637
Additions	-
Disposals	-
As at 30 June 2020	74,637
Accumulated depreciation	
As at 1 July 2019	61,370
Charge for the Year	11,967
Disposals	-
As at 30 June 2020	73,337
Net book value	
As at 1 July 2019	13,267
As at 30 June 2020	1,300

8 Stock

	Year to 30 June 2020 £	Year to 30 June 2019 £
Stock to be sold	106,584	100,555

Stock recognised in cost of sales during the year as an expense was £297,511 (2019: £336,215).

9 Debtors

	Year to 30 June 2020 £	Year to 30 June 2019 £
Trade debtors	61,454	2,969,293
Prepayments	-	3,852
	61,454	2,973,145

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2020 (continued)

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Year to 30 June 2020 £	Year to 30 June 2019 £
Amounts owed to group undertakings	298,031	2,945,508
Trade creditors	1,918	4,491
VAT & Tax	26,228	523,477
	<u>326,177</u>	<u>3,473,476</u>

Included within the amount owed to group undertakings of £298,031 (2019: £2,945,508) is the gift aid payment to BBC Children in Need for £458,651 (2019: £2,727,532) and an intercompany loan with BBC Children in Need for £150,000 (2019: £350,000).

11 Called up share capital

	Year to 30 June 2020 £	Year to 30 June 2019 £
Authorised		
100 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
2 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

12 Profit and loss account

	Year to 30 June 2020 £	Year to 30 June 2019 £
At 1 July 2019	14,695	14,695
Result for the year	-	-
At 30 June 2020	<u>14,695</u>	<u>14,695</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2020 (continued)

13 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	Year to 30 June 2020 £	Year to 30 June 2019 £
Opening shareholders' funds	14,697	14,697
Result for the year	-	-
Closing shareholders' funds	14,697	14,697

14 Related parties

During the year the Company entered into transactions with a related party, in the ordinary course of business. Trading balances outstanding at 30 June 2020 are as follows:

	Year to 30 June 2020 £	Year to 30 June 2019 £
Parent undertaking	298,031	2,945,508

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under paragraph 33.1a of FRS 102 not to disclose transactions with the parent undertaking as it is wholly owned.

Key Management Personnel

All principal officers who have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the company are considered to be key management personnel. The costs are borne by BBC Children in Need and details of the recharge are included note 4.

15 Ultimate parent undertaking

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of BBC Children in Need (Registered Charity number 802052 and Registered Company number 4723022).

Children in Need Limited assigns its taxable profit to BBC Children in Need through the making of corresponding payment under the provisions of HM Revenue and Customs Gift Aid Scheme.

The consolidated accounts of the group are available to the public and may be obtained from BBC Children in Need, Bridge House, Salford, M50 2BH.