

Churchward plc

Directors' report and financial  
statements

Registered number 2489314

Year ended 31 December 2003



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## Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003.

### Principal activities and business review

The company is principally engaged in the retention of land and property for development purposes.

Development of the land and property continues to progress satisfactorily.

The directors anticipate that the company will continue in its present role within the Carillion Group during the next financial year.

### Profits and dividends

The loss on ordinary activities before taxation was £59,944 (2002: £329,646).

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year (2002: £Nil).

### Directors and directors' interests

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of this report were:

J Baker (appointed 5 January 2004)  
SP Eastwood  
CF Girling  
J McDonough  
RW Robinson

No directors had any beneficial interest in the share or loan capital of any subsidiary of Carillion plc.

The directors who held office at the end of the financial year and their families, other than those whose interests are disclosed in the financial statements of the immediate or ultimate holding company, had the following interests in, and options to subscribe for, ordinary shares of 50p each in Carillion plc:

	At 31 December 2003		At 1 January 2003		Share option movements in year		
	Shares	Share Options	Shares	Share Options	Granted	Exercised	Lapsed
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
SP Eastwood	15,962	128,359	13,867	122,885	38,460	2,095	30,891

No director was materially interested during the year in any contract which was significant in relation to the business of the company.

### Auditors

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985 a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG Audit Plc as auditors of the company will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board on 10 March 2004 and signed on its behalf by:

UTcr

RF Tapp  
Secretary

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## Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss for that period. In preparing those 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 accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They 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.



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## **Independent auditors' report to the members of Churchward plc**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 10.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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.

### ***Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors***

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and, as described on page 2, the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by 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 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 with the company is not disclosed.

### ***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.

### ***Opinion***

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2003 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

*KPMG Audit Plc*

**KPMG Audit Plc**  
Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditor

10 March 2004

**Profit and loss account**  
*for the year ended 31 December 2003*

	<i>Note</i>	<b>2003</b> £	<b>2002</b> £
<b>Turnover</b>		<b>35,000</b>	-
Administrative expenses		<b>(94,944)</b>	(134,335)
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<b>Operating loss on ordinary activities</b>	<i>3</i>	<b>(59,944)</b>	(134,335)
Interest payable	<i>4</i>	-	(195,311)
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<b>Loss on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>(59,944)</b>	(329,646)
Tax on operating loss	<i>5</i>	<b>17,983</b>	797,400
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<b>(Loss)/profit for the financial year</b>		<b>(41,961)</b>	467,754
Accumulated losses brought forward		<b>(15,898,946)</b>	(16,366,700)
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<b>Accumulated losses carried forward</b>		<b>(15,940,907)</b>	(15,898,946)
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There is no difference between the result as disclosed in the profit and loss account and the result on an unmodified historical cost basis in either the current or preceding financial year.

There were no recognised gains and losses in either the current or preceding financial year other than the profit or loss for those years. All amounts relate to continuing operations.

**Balance sheet**  
*at 31 December 2003*

	<i>Note</i>	<b>2003</b> £	2002 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	6	3,301,524	3,009,839
Debtors	7	1,260,353	1,259,147
		<u>4,561,877</u>	<u>4,268,986</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	(20,402,146)	(19,786,310)
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		(15,840,269)	(15,517,324)
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	9	-	(280,984)
<b>Net liabilities</b>		(15,840,269)	(15,798,308)
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	10	100,638	100,638
Profit and loss account		(15,940,907)	(15,898,946)
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>	11	(15,840,269)	(15,798,308)
<b>Analysis of shareholders' funds</b>			
Equity shareholders' funds		(15,930,269)	(15,888,308)
Non-equity shareholders' funds		90,000	90,000
		<u>(15,840,269)</u>	<u>(15,798,308)</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of directors on 10 March 2004 and were signed on its behalf by:



**SP Eastwood**  
*Director*

## Notes

*(forming part of the financial statements)*

### 1 Principal accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements:

#### *Basis of accounting*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost accounting rules and in accordance with applicable UK Accounting Standards.

#### *Basis of preparation*

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The going concern basis assumes that the company will continue to trade, since Carillion plc has indicated that it will provide or procure such funds as are necessary to enable the company to continue its development activities for a period of at least twelve months and enable the company to continue to pay its debts on this basis. Therefore, the directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

#### *Stocks*

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes appropriate overheads.

#### *Taxation*

The credit for taxation is based on the result for each year and takes into account deferred taxation, calculated in accordance with the requirements of FRS19 "Deferred taxation". Deferred tax assets or liabilities, which arise from timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and their recognition in the tax computation, are calculated on a non-discounted full provision basis.

#### *Cash flow statement*

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised 1996) the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that Carillion plc, the company's ultimate parent undertaking, includes the company's cash flows in its own published consolidated cash flow statement.

#### *Turnover*

Turnover represents the sale of completed projects and rents receivable and is all derived from the UK.

### 2 Directors' emoluments

The directors have neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2002: £Nil). The company has no employees other than the directors.

### 3 Operating loss on ordinary activities

	2003 £	2002 £
<i>Operating loss on ordinary activities is stated</i>		
<i>after charging</i>		
Auditors' remuneration – audit work	2,000	1,750



## Notes (continued)

### 4 Interest payable

	2003 £	2002 £
Interest payable on bank loans and overdrafts	-	148
Interest payable to group undertakings	-	195,163
	<u>-</u>	<u>195,311</u>

### 5 Taxation

#### (a) Analysis of taxation credit in the year

	2003 £	2002 £
<i>UK taxation</i>		
Group relief	(17,983)	(98,400)
	<u>(17,983)</u>	<u>(98,400)</u>
Total current taxation on loss on ordinary activities	<u>(17,983)</u>	<u>(98,400)</u>
<i>Deferred taxation</i>		
Origination of timing differences	-	(699,000)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(699,000)</u>
Total deferred taxation	<u>-</u>	<u>(699,000)</u>
Total taxation on loss on ordinary activities	<u>(17,983)</u>	<u>(797,400)</u>

#### (b) Reconciliation of current taxation credit

The UK standard rate of corporation tax for the year is 30% (2002: 30%). The actual tax rate differs to the standard rate for the reasons set out below:

	2003 £	2002 £
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(59,944)	(329,646)
	<u>(59,944)</u>	<u>(329,646)</u>
Tax on loss on ordinary activities at UK standard rate of corporation tax of 30% (2002: 30%)	(17,983)	(98,894)
Other timing differences	-	494
	<u>(17,983)</u>	<u>(98,400)</u>
Current tax credit for the year	<u>(17,983)</u>	<u>(98,400)</u>

### 6 Stocks

	2003 £	2002 £
Development work in progress	3,301,524	3,009,839
	<u>3,301,524</u>	<u>3,009,839</u>

## Notes (continued)

### 7 Debtors

	2003 £	2002 £
Trade debtors	518,620	459,869
Other tax and social security	24,750	1,878
Group tax relief	17,983	98,400
Deferred tax asset	699,000	699,000
	<u>1,260,353</u>	<u>1,259,147</u>
The deferred tax asset comprises:		
Other timing differences	<u>699,000</u>	<u>699,000</u>

### 8 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2003 £	2002 £
Trade creditors	8,279	5,297
Amounts owed to group undertakings	20,055,198	19,671,578
Accruals and deferred income	-	51,750
Other creditors	57,685	57,685
Subordinated loan (refer note 9)	280,984	-
	<u>20,402,146</u>	<u>19,786,310</u>

### 9 Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2003 £	2002 £
Subordinated loan	-	280,984

The terms of the allotment of "A" ordinary shares is governed by a shareholders' agreement which requires applicants for the "A" ordinary shares to apply for a percentage of shares in nominal value (the relevant percentage) and to state the amount in cash they are prepared to subscribe for such relevant percentage.

On acceptance by the board, the relevant percentage of "A" ordinary shares is allotted and issued to the applicant against receipt of the par value of such shares in cash and the balance of the amount to be subscribed in cash as an interest free subordinated loan.

The terms of the subordinated loan are such that it can only be utilised either to:

- capitalise such amount of subordinated loan as is required to issue and allot as fully paid such further "A" ordinary shares as are necessary to retain the shareholders' relevant percentage following the allotment of any new shares; or
- pay up any premium on the "A" ordinary shares held by the shareholder on the earliest of the termination of the shareholders' agreement; a winding up of the company; or the date when the board resolves that no further shareholders are invited to subscribe, such premium being the balance of the subordinated loan at that time.

## Notes (continued)

### 10 Share capital

	2003 £	2002 £
<i>Authorised:</i>		
250,000 "A" ordinary shares of 10p each	25,000	25,000
180,000 "B" 1% non-cumulative preference shares of £1 each	180,000	180,000
	<hr/> 205,000 <hr/>	<hr/> 205,000 <hr/>
<i>Allotted:</i>		
106,384 "A" ordinary shares of 10p each	10,638	10,638
90,000 "B" 1% non-cumulative preference shares of £1 each	90,000	90,000
	<hr/> 100,638 <hr/>	<hr/> 100,638 <hr/>
<i>Called up and partly paid:</i>		
102,660 "A" ordinary shares (2.5p paid)	2,566	2,566
90,000 "B" 1% non-cumulative preference shares of £1 each (25p paid)	22,500	22,500
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<i>Called up and fully paid:</i>		
3,724 "A" ordinary shares of 10p each	372	372
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The company's principal shareholder is Carillion Construction Limited (holding 97.5% of "A" ordinary shares), which is incorporated in Great Britain.

The "B" 1% non-cumulative preference shares of £1 each have the right to a fixed non-cumulative preferential dividend payable on 30 June and 31 December at the rate of 1% per annum in respect of the six month period ending on those dates. The company has not declared a dividend during the year.

The "B" 1% non-cumulative preference shares do not carry any voting rights. Proceeds available on the winding up of the company are to be utilised to repay the nominal value of the "B" shares together with any arrears deficiency or accruals of the preferential dividends on the "B" shares up to the date of liquidation. Thereafter the assets of the company belong to the holders of the equity share capital.

### 11 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2003 £	2002 £
(Loss)/profit for the financial year	(41,961)	467,754
Shareholders' funds at beginning of year	(15,798,308)	(16,266,062)
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Shareholders' funds at end of year	(15,840,269)	(15,798,308)
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### 12 Related party disclosures

As a greater than 90% subsidiary of Carillion plc the company has taken advantage of the exemption under Financial Reporting Standard 8 not to provide information on related party transactions with other undertakings within the Carillion plc group. Note 13 gives details of how to obtain a copy of the published financial statements of Carillion plc.

## **Notes** *(continued)*

### **13 Controlling and parent companies**

The company's immediate controlling company is Carillion Construction Limited, its immediate parent company, whilst the company's ultimate controlling company is Carillion plc, its ultimate parent company, both of which are registered in England and Wales.

Copies of the group financial statements for Carillion plc are available from Birch Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 4HY.