

Herstmonceux Castle Enterprises Limited

Registered number 02902475

Directors' report and financial statements

For the year ended 30 April 2013

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HERSTMONCEUX CASTLE ENTERPRISES LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors	A Montgomery (resigned 31 August 2013) D Baldwin (resigned 16 March 2013) P Bowers (appointed 31 August 2013) B Trenowden A Harrison B Stanley
Company secretary	A Montgomery (resigned 31 August 2013) P Bowers (appointed 31 August 2013)
Registered number	02902475
Registered office	Herstmonceux Castle Hailsham BN27 1RN
Independent auditor	Mazars LLP Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor Times House Throwley Way Sutton Surrey SM1 4JQ

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HERSTMONCEUX CASTLE ENTERPRISES LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2013

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2013

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 the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the 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 the 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 judgments and accounting 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,
- 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 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 the 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.

Principal activities

The principal activities of Herstmonceux Castle Enterprises Limited (HCE) remained unchanged during the year. The company's income is derived from the general day to day running of Herstmonceux Castle and its grounds.

Business review

Trading conditions continued to prove challenging for the company, with the recession continuing to have a direct impact on revenue, compounded by the poor weather in the summer of 2012.

The re-organisation of the shop led to an immediate improvement in its performance. While turnover was substantially down on last year, part-time operation and concentration on book sales to students and popular lines to visitors to the estate resulted in break-even, a much improved performance compared to the significant loss made last year. Sales and overall results in the bar were broadly comparable to last year.

In common with other tourist attractions in the area, the poor summer weather in 2012 led to visitor revenue both at the gate and in the tea room falling substantially compared to last year, with a consequent reduction in profits in these areas. Conference and function income was almost similar to 2012, but associated accommodation income rose substantially.

Overall, the company's results showed a slight improvement over 2012, and early indications are that this improvement is continuing into 2013/14. The directors, while not complacent, are confident that the company's performance in 2013/14 will continue the improvement begun this year.

HERSTMONCEUX CASTLE ENTERPRISES LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2013

Directors

The directors who served during the year were

A Montgomery (resigned 31 August 2013)
D Baldwin (resigned 16 March 2013)
P Bowers (appointed 31 August 2013)
B Trenowden
A Harrison
B Stanley

Provision of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that

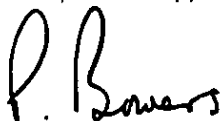
- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any information needed by the company's auditor in connection with preparing its report and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information

Auditor

The auditor, Mazars LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006

In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006

This report was approved by the board on **27 SEPTEMBER 2013** and signed on its behalf



P Bowers
Director

HERSTMONCEUX CASTLE ENTERPRISES LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDER OF HERSTMONCEUX CASTLE ENTERPRISES LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Herstmonceux Castle Enterprises Limited for the year ended 30 April 2013 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 1, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors. This report is made solely to the company's member as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's member those matters we are required to state to it 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 member as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 April 2013 and of its loss for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on the other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDER OF HERSTMONCEUX CASTLE ENTERPRISES LIMITED

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where 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 and the Directors' Report in accordance with the small companies' regime

N J Wakefield

Nicola Wakefield (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Mazars LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

Times House
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Surrey
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Date 28 October 2013

HERSTMONCEUX CASTLE ENTERPRISES LIMITED

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2013

	Note	2013 £	2012 £
Turnover	1	475,023	486,690
Cost of sales		(144,761)	(150,010)
Gross profit		330,262	336,680
Administrative expenses		(349,511)	(360,869)
Operating loss	2	(19,249)	(24,189)
Interest receivable and similar income	3	39	29
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(19,210)	(24,160)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities		-	-
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation		(19,210)	(24,160)
Loss brought forward		(45,184)	(21,024)
Loss carried forward		(64,394)	(45,184)

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements

HERSTMONCEUX CASTLE ENTERPRISES LIMITED

Registered number 02902475

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2013

	Note	£	2013 £	£	2012 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	4		13,077		18,912
Current assets					
Stocks		33,206		48,884	
Debtors	5	29,830		28,505	
Cash at bank		72,262		40,390	
		<u>135,298</u>		<u>117,779</u>	
Creditors , amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>(202,769)</u>		<u>(171,875)</u>	
Net current liabilities			<u>(67,471)</u>		<u>(54,096)</u>
Net liabilities			<u>(54,394)</u>		<u>(35,184)</u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	7		10,000		10,000
Profit and loss account			<u>(64,394)</u>		<u>(45,184)</u>
Shareholder's deficit			<u>(54,394)</u>		<u>(35,184)</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on
27 September 2013



P Bowers
Director

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements

HERSTMONCEUX CASTLE ENTERPRISES LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2013

1 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

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the parent charity has expressed its continued support for the company. The directors have considered a period in excess of twelve months in making their assessment that the company is a going concern

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds of its size

1.2 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases

Plant & machinery	-	20% p a straight line
Furniture & fittings	-	20% p a straight line
Equipment	-	20% p a straight line

1.3 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks

1.4 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Profit and Loss Account on a straight line basis over the lease term

1.5 Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the company in respect of goods and services supplied during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2013

2 Operating loss

The operating loss is stated after charging

	2013 £	2012 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned by the company	8,727	8,687
Auditor's remuneration	4,126	4,134
Auditor's remuneration - non-audit	1,250	1,300
Hire of plant and machinery - rentals payable under operating leases	1,523	1,481
	<u>15,626</u>	<u>15,602</u>

During the year, no director received any emoluments (2012 - £NIL)

3 Interest receivable

	2013 £	2012 £
Bank deposit interest	39	29
	<u>39</u>	<u>29</u>

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant & machinery £	Fixtures & fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 May 2012	57,102	17,787	74,889
Additions	3,071	-	3,071
Disposals	(895)	-	(895)
At 30 April 2013	<u>59,278</u>	<u>17,787</u>	<u>77,065</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 May 2012	38,190	17,787	55,977
Charge for the year	8,727	-	8,727
On disposals	(716)	-	(716)
At 30 April 2013	<u>46,201</u>	<u>17,787</u>	<u>63,988</u>
Net book value			
At 30 April 2013	<u>13,077</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,077</u>
At 30 April 2012	<u>18,912</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,912</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2013

5 Debtors

	2013 £	2012 £
Trade debtors	19,389	12,385
Other debtors	10,441	16,120
	<u>29,830</u>	<u>28,505</u>

6 Creditors Amounts falling due within one year

	2013 £	2012 £
Trade creditors	27,473	26,420
Amounts owed to parent charity	99,139	89,745
Social security and other taxes	2,881	2,724
Other creditors	73,276	52,986
	<u>202,769</u>	<u>171,875</u>

7. Share capital

	2013 £	2012 £
Allotted, called up and fully paid 10,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

8 Related party transactions

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bader International Study Centre. The ultimate controlling party is Queen's University, Canada. The company has taken advantage of the FRS 8 exemption not to disclose other intra-group transactions.

9 Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bader International Study Centre, a company limited by guarantee.

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by Queen's University, incorporated in Canada. The consolidated accounts of this company are available to the public and may be obtained from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.

The smallest group in which the results of the company are consolidated are those of its parent, Bader International Study Centre, Herstmonceux Castle, Hailsham, East Sussex, BN27 1RN.