

COMPANY NUMBER: 2931640

CHARITY NUMBER: 1039397

THE ROYAL BATH & WEST OF ENGLAND SOCIETY
(Company Limited by Guarantee)

**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1996**



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COMPANY INFORMATION

DIRECTORS:

MR H E M BARNES - CHAIRMAN	
MR A R DAVIES - VICE CHAIRMAN	
MR W H BATTEN	MR P G SNELL
MR R T CALVER	MR C W THOMAS
MR R N F DREWETT	MR T R N WALFORD
MR C MASON	MR E WHITE
MR G A PITT-RIVERS	SIR JOHN WILLS
MR R S R SHELDON	

SECRETARY:

MR D H C BATTEN

REGISTERED OFFICE:

THE SHOWGROUND
SHEPTON MALLET
SOMERSET. BA4 6QN

BANKERS:

NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK PLC
25 HIGH STREET
SHEPTON MALLET
SOMERSET. BA4 5AF

AUDITORS:

BERKELEY JACKSON
THE OLD MILL
PARK ROAD
SHEPTON MALLET
SOMERSET. BA4 5BS

SOLICITORS:

BATTENS
CHURCH HOUSE
YEOVIL
SOMERSET. BA20 1HB

INVESTMENT BROKERS:

GREIG MIDDLETON & CO LIMITED
40 QUEEN SQUARE
BRISTOL
AVON. BS1 4DU

THE ROYAL BATH & WEST OF ENGLAND SOCIETY
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors submit their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 October 1996.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES.

The Company is a registered charity and its principal activities are the promotion of Agriculture, Manufactures and Rural Crafts. Its wholly owned subsidiary undertakes the commercial organisation of events and provision of catering services.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

The directors are pleased to report both an increase in the level of turnover and surplus being earned. This is due to the Main Show and Specialist Shows being very successful in the year. Great effort is being made to ensure that the shows continue to provide its members and visitors with a varied and interesting range of attractions in the future.

The subsidiary's results have continued to improve this year due to its facilities being very actively marketed. The directors expect that the results will continue to improve in the future.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS.

The results for the year are set out in detail on Page 5.

The directors recommend that the surplus, after the transfer to designated and restricted funds, of £124,144 be transferred to General Reserves.

FIXED ASSETS.

Information relating to changes in fixed assets is given in Note 9 and 10 to the financial statements. The directors estimate that the current market value of the Freehold Land is in the region of £560,000.

During the year there were additions to the Showground Buildings including a new roadway and building refurbishment. Additions to plant and implements include office computers together with a digger and pickup truck for use by the works department.

DIRECTORS.

The directors who served during the year were:

H E M Barnes - Chairman

A R Davies - Vice Chairman

W H Batten

R T Calver

R N F Drewett

C Mason

G A Pitt-Rivers

R S R Sheldon

P G Snell

C W Thomas

T R N Walford

E White

Sir John Wills

AUDITORS.

Messrs Berkeley Jackson have expressed a willingness to continue in office. A resolution to re-appoint them as auditors will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



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D H C Batten - Secretary

Dated: 27th February 1997

**AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF
THE ROYAL BATH AND WEST OF ENGLAND SOCIETY
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We have audited the financial statements on Pages 5 to 16 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention (as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets) and the accounting policies set out on Pages 11 to 12.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND THE AUDITORS

The Companies Act 1985 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 surplus or deficit 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;
- 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 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 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.

As Auditors of the Company it is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, and to report our opinion to you.

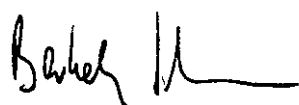
BASIS OF OPINION

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 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 and Group's affairs as at 31 October 1996 and of the Company's and the Group's surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



Berkeley Jackson
Registered Auditors and Chartered Accountants
Shepton Mallet

Dated: 27th February 1997

ROYAL BATH & WEST OF ENGLAND SOCIETY
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CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1996

		1996		1995	
		£	£	£	£
Turnover	<i>Note 3</i>		1,857,957		1,637,356
Cost of Sales	<i>Note 3</i>		<u>(942,689)</u>		<u>(799,257)</u>
GROSS PROFIT	<i>Note 3</i>		915,268		838,099
Administrative Expenses	<i>Page C</i>	873,608		774,516	
Other Operating Income	<i>Page B</i>	<u>(71,689)</u>	<u>(801,919)</u>	<u>(58,245)</u>	<u>(716,271)</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS	<i>Note 5</i>		113,349		121,828
Income from Fixed Asset Investments	<i>Page B</i>		14,004		9,807
Interest Receivable	<i>Page B</i>		<u>15,896</u>		<u>11,637</u>
SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	<i>Note 5</i>		143,249		143,272
TAXATION ON SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	<i>Note 8</i>		<u>(105)</u>		<u>(1,478)</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR			143,144		141,794
Transfer to:					
Designated Funds:	<i>Note 14</i>				
Scholarship Fund			(8,800)		(8,800)
New Initiatives Fund			(10,000)		(2,000)
Restricted Funds:	<i>Note 14</i>				
Wilfred Cave Trust Scholarship Fund			<u>(200)</u>		<u>(200)</u>
Retained Surplus for the Financial Year transferred to General Reserve	<i>Note 15</i>		<u>124,144</u>		<u>130,794</u>

The above results derive from continuing operations; they combine the results of the parent company (the Society) and its subsidiary (the Trading Company).

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1996**

		1996		1995	
		£	£	£	£
Turnover	<i>Note 3</i>	1,527,604		1,405,732	
Cost of Sales	<i>Note 3</i>	<u>(736,860)</u>		<u>(671,355)</u>	
GROSS PROFIT	<i>Note 3</i>	790,744		734,377	
Administrative Expenses	<i>Page C</i>	757,418		687,412	
Other Operating Income	<i>Page B</i>	<u>(79,689)</u>	<u>(677,729)</u>	<u>(69,245)</u>	<u>(618,167)</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS	<i>Note 5</i>	113,015		116,210	
Income from Shares in Group Undertakings	<i>Page B</i>	5,000		-	
Income from Fixed Asset Investments	<i>Page B</i>	14,004		9,807	
Interest Receivable	<i>Page B</i>	<u>15,799</u>		<u>11,344</u>	
SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<i>Note 5</i>	147,818		137,361	
Transfer to:					
Designated Funds:	<i>Note 14</i>				
Scholarship Fund		(8,800)		(8,800)	
New Initiatives Fund		(10,000)		(2,000)	
Restricted Funds:	<i>Note 14</i>				
Wilfred Cave Trust Scholarship Fund		<u>(200)</u>		<u>(200)</u>	
Retained Surplus for the Financial Year transferred to General Reserve	<i>Note 15</i>	<u>128,818</u>		<u>126,361</u>	

The above results derive from the continuing operations of the parent company (the Society) - they exclude those of its subsidiary (the Trading Company).

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

ROYAL BATH AND WEST OF ENGLAND SOCIETY
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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET at 31 October 1996

			1996	1995
	Note	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
TANGIBLE ASSETS	9			
Freehold Land		89,987	89,987
Showground Buildings		1,482,581	1,441,991
Plant and Implements, Furniture and Fixtures		100,389	100,449
Motor Vehicles		14,132	10,238
			<u>1,687,089</u>	<u>1,642,665</u>
Investments 10		151,058	122,436
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stock	31,034	27,307	
Debtors and Prepayments 11	141,374	119,190	
Balance on Deposit Accounts	327,538	246,167	
Balance at Bank	37,446	31,772	
		537,392	424,436	
Less CREDITORS:				
Amounts falling due within One Year				
Subscriptions received in advance	18,748	18,248	
Trade Stands and Entry Fees in advance	37,662	36,131	
Creditors 12	263,765	223,839	
		320,175	278,218	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		217,217	146,218
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES				
Provision for Road Maintenance		(13,177)	(13,177)
NET ASSETS		<u>2,042,187</u>	<u>1,898,142</u>
Represented by Reserves and Funds:				
GENERAL RESERVES 15		2,008,294	1,884,150
INVESTMENT REVALUATION RESERVE 10		18,721	-
SCHOLARSHIP FUND 14		13,492	13,992
NEW INITIATIVES FUND 14		1,680	-
SOCIETY FUNDS Page 10		<u>2,042,187</u>	<u>1,898,142</u>



Approved by the Board of Directors
C. W. Thomas, CBE
Honorary Treasurer

Dated: 27th February 1997



H. E. M. Barnes, FCA
Chairman

Dated: 27th February 1997

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ROYAL BATH AND WEST OF ENGLAND SOCIETY
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BALANCE SHEET at 31 October 1996

			1996	1995
	Note	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
TANGIBLE ASSETS	9			
Freehold Land		89,987	89,987
Showground Buildings		1,482,581	1,441,991
Plant and Implements, Furniture and Fixtures		100,389	100,449
Motor Vehicles		14,132	10,238
			<u>1,687,089</u>	<u>1,642,665</u>
Investments 10		151,060	122,438
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stock	31,034		23,040
Debtors and Prepayments 11	135,110		115,991
Balance on Deposit Accounts	327,538		246,167
Balance at Bank	21,859		20,107
		515,541		405,305
Less CREDITORS:				
Amounts falling due within One Year				
Subscriptions received in advance	18,748		18,248
Trade Stands and Entry Fees in advance	37,662		36,131
Creditors 12	242,596		210,064
		299,006		264,443
NET CURRENT ASSETS		216,535	140,862
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES				
Provision for Road Maintenance		(13,177)	(13,177)
NET ASSETS		<u>2,041,507</u>	<u>1,892,788</u>
Represented by Reserves and Funds:				
GENERAL RESERVES 15		2,007,614	1,878,796
INVESTMENT REVALUATION RESERVE 10		18,721	-
SCHOLARSHIP FUND 14		13,492	13,992
NEW INITIATIVES FUND 14		1,680	-
SOCIETY FUNDS		<u>2,041,507</u>	<u>1,892,788</u>

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**STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1996**

		1996 Company	1996 Group	1995 Company	1995 Group
Retained Surplus for the Financial Year		147,818	143,144	137,361	141,794
Unrealised Surplus on Revaluation of Fixed Asset Investments	<i>Note 10</i>	18,721	18,721	-	-
Total Recognised Gains and Losses relating to the Year		166,539	161,865	137,361	141,794

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1996

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total 1996	Total 1995
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Main Show (Note 3)	1,133,646			1,133,646	1,021,213
Exhibition Events (Note 3)	162,846			162,846	214,018
Other Shows and Events (Note 3)	206,112			206,112	150,501
Subsidiary's Trading Income (Note 3)	355,353			355,353	251,624
Subscriptions and Donations (Page B)	68,767			68,767	57,969
Dividend Income (Page B)	8,562			8,562	4,849
Interest Receivable (Page B)	15,896			15,896	11,637
Miscellaneous (Page B)	2,922			2,922	276
Grants Received (Note 14)		2,500		2,500	2,700
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	1,954,104	2,500	-	1,956,604	1,714,787
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Direct Charitable Expenditure					
Main Show (Note 3)	589,685			589,685	553,988
Exhibition Events (Note 3)	42,467			42,467	55,461
Other Shows and Events (Note 3)	104,708			104,708	61,906
Subsidiary's Trading Costs (Note 3)	205,829			205,829	127,902
Grants Awarded (Note 14)		2,700	15,720	18,420	12,247
Attributable Admin Costs (Page C)	684,573			684,573	595,312
	1,627,262	2,700	15,720	1,645,682	1,406,816
Other Expenditure					
Management and Administration of the Charity (Page C)	189,035	-	1,900	190,935	181,527
Subsidiary's Tax on Trading Activities (Note 8)	105	-	-	105	1,478
	189,140	-	1,900	191,040	183,005
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (Note 4a)	1,816,402	2,700	17,620	1,836,722	1,589,821
Net Incoming/(Outgoing)					
Resources before Transfers	137,702	(200)	(17,620)	119,882	124,966
Transfers between Funds	(19,000)	200	18,800	-	-
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources	118,702	-	1,180	119,882	124,966
Gains on Investment Assets:					
Realised (Page B)	5,442	-	-	5,442	4,958
Unrealised (Note 10 i)	18,721	-	-	18,721	-
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS	142,865	-	1,180	144,045	129,924
Fund balances brought forward	1,884,150	-	13,992	1,898,142	1,768,218
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	2,027,015	-	15,172	2,042,187	1,898,142

ROYAL BATH AND WEST OF ENGLAND SOCIETY
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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1996

1. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The Company is a Company Limited by guarantee, without share capital, the guarantors being the Council members to the extent of £1 each. There were 114 (1995: 112) members at the Balance Sheet date.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

i) Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention (as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets) and applicable accounting standards. As a charity the company is required to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice No. 2 "Accounting for Charities". This statement was issued in October 1995 and is mandatory for accounting periods beginning after 1 March 1996. The company has implemented the Recommended Practice before the required date on all aspects except that at present donated assets such as books, pictures and trophies have not been capitalised in the accounts. It is the company's intention that such amounts will be included in subsequent sets of financial statements.

ii) Allocation of Expenditure

Direct charitable expenditure is expenditure which relates to the fulfilment of the charity's objectives. All other expenditure falls into either Fundraising and Publicity or Management and Administration of the charity.

Where items of expenditure fall directly within one cost category it is attributed to that category only. Where expenditure involves more than one category it is apportioned on reasonable and justifiable basis.

iii) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Purchased fixed assets are shown at cost less a provision for depreciation, except that freehold land is not depreciated.

As explained more fully above, the Company, over many years, has acquired as donations, various books, pictures, and trophies, which are not recorded in the Balance Sheet.

Depreciation, calculated on the straight line method, is expected to write off the cost less estimated residual value of the fixed assets over the course of their useful lives. The rates used during the year were as follows:

Showground Buildings	- Timber	10%
	- Concrete	10%
	- Edmund Rack Pavilion	4%
	- Other	2%
Improvements	- Over the remaining life of the Building	
Plant and Implements	-	25%
Office Furniture and Fixtures	-	25%
Motor Vehicles	-	25%

iv) Income

Annual subscriptions are accounted for as they fall due; life subscriptions are received and credited to the income and expenditure account on a straight line basis over 15 years.

Donations and grants are accounted for when received.

All other income is shown on an accruals basis, net of Value Added Tax where applicable.

v) Restricted, Designated and General Funds

The company's funds are split into a number of different categories. Unrestricted or General funds are expendable at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the objects of the charity. These funds may be designated as a separate fund but the designation has an administrative purpose only and does not restrict the discretion to apply the fund.

Restricted funds are subject to specific trusts which may be declared by the donor, specifying the manner in which the funds can be used.

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YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1996 (continued)

vi) Fixed Asset Investments

Investments are accounted for at their Market Value at the year end, except for shares in Group Companies which are stated at cost.

This is a change on the previous policy of showing them at cost and is required in order to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice No. 2 "Accounting for Charities". The result of this change in policy is an increase in the holding value of £18,721 which is shown in the Investment Revaluation Reserve. The comparative figures have not been adjusted as the effect on them is not material.

vii) Stock

Stocks of consumable items and goods for resale are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Stocks of prize cards and certificates are accounted for at cost.

viii) Operating Leases

An operating lease is a lease for the use of an asset where substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership remain with the owner who is the lessor. Charges under operating leases are charged to income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

ix) Basis of Consolidation

The group financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiary (see Note 10). Adjustments are made to exclude the results of transactions between the Company and the subsidiary. The subsidiary makes up its financial statements to the same date as the Company.

x) Pensions

The Company contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme, the assets of which are held separately from those of the Company. The scheme is independently administered. Contributions are charged to the income and expenditure account as they fall due in accordance with the scheme rules.

3. ANALYSIS OF TURNOVER AND GROSS PROFIT

	1996 COMPANY			1995 COMPANY		
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>GROSS PROFIT</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>GROSS PROFIT</u>
Main Show	1,133,646	589,685	543,961	1,021,213	553,988	467,225
Exhibition Events	187,846	42,467	145,379	234,018	55,461	178,557
Other Shows and Events	<u>206,112</u>	<u>104,708</u>	<u>101,404</u>	<u>150,501</u>	<u>61,906</u>	<u>88,595</u>
TOTAL TURNOVER/GROSS PROFIT	<u>1,527,604</u>	<u>736,860</u>	<u>790,744</u>	<u>1,405,732</u>	<u>671,355</u>	<u>734,377</u>

	1996 GROUP			1995 GROUP		
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>GROSS PROFIT</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>GROSS PROFIT</u>
Main Show	1,133,646	589,685	543,961	1,021,213	553,988	467,225
Exhibition Events	162,846	42,467	120,379	214,018	55,461	158,557
Catering and Other Organised Events	355,353	205,829	149,524	251,624	127,902	123,722
Other Shows and Events	<u>206,112</u>	<u>104,708</u>	<u>101,404</u>	<u>150,501</u>	<u>61,906</u>	<u>88,595</u>
TOTAL TURNOVER/GROSS PROFIT	<u>1,857,957</u>	<u>942,689</u>	<u>915,268</u>	<u>1,637,356</u>	<u>799,257</u>	<u>838,099</u>

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YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1996 (continued)

4. ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff Costs	Other	Depn	Total 1996	Total 1995
a) Direct Charitable Expenditure					
Main Show		589,685		589,685	553,988
Exhibition Events		42,467		42,467	55,461
Other Shows and Events		104,708		104,708	61,906
Subsidiary's Trading Costs		205,829		205,829	127,902
Grants Awarded		18,420		18,420	12,247
Attributable Admin Costs (Page C)	384,208	184,901	115,464	684,573	595,312
	<u>384,208</u>	<u>1,146,010</u>	<u>115,464</u>	<u>1,645,682</u>	<u>1,406,816</u>
Other Expenditure					
Management and Administration of the Charity (Page C)	50,000	125,766	13,269	189,035	179,204
Re Designated Funds	-	1,900	-	1,900	2,323
Subsidiary's Tax on Trading Activities	-	105	-	105	1,478
	<u>50,000</u>	<u>127,771</u>	<u>13,269</u>	<u>191,040</u>	<u>183,005</u>
TOTAL	<u>434,208</u>	<u>1,273,781</u>	<u>128,733</u>	<u>1,836,722</u>	<u>1,589,821</u>
b) Changes in Resources Available for Charity Use					
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total 1996	Total 1995
Net movement in funds for the year	142,865	-	1,180	144,045	129,924
Net increase in tangible fixed assets:					
For direct charitable purposes	(162,596)	-	-	(162,596)	(159,756)
For other purposes	(10,561)	-	-	(10,561)	-
Net movement in funds available for future activities	<u>(30,292)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,180</u>	<u>(29,112)</u>	<u>(29,832)</u>

5. OPERATING SURPLUS

	1996 Company	1996 Group	1995 Company	1995 Group
Operating surplus is arrived at after charging:				
Depreciation - Owned Assets	128,773	128,733	113,433	113,433
Auditors Remuneration	4,500	6,000	4,200	5,700
Auditors non-audit Remuneration	500	500	1,550	1,550
Operating Lease Rentals - Plant and Machinery	13,651	13,651	7,339	7,339
Profit on Sale of Investments	<u>5,442</u>	<u>5,442</u>	<u>4,958</u>	<u>4,958</u>

6. EMPLOYEE COSTS

The emoluments paid in the year (including estimated value of benefits in kind) in respect of the company's employees were as follows:

	1996 Company	1996 Group	1995 Company	1995 Group
Wages and Salaries (including estimated value of benefits in kind)	346,904	406,884	308,315	357,077
Social Security	29,300	33,335	26,153	29,356
Pensions Scheme Contributions	19,046	19,046	18,746	18,746
Pensions Paid to Former Employees	<u>3,823</u>	<u>3,823</u>	<u>3,823</u>	<u>3,823</u>
	<u>399,073</u>	<u>463,088</u>	<u>330,654</u>	<u>382,619</u>

The average number of employees, analysed by function, was:

	1996 Company	1996 Group	1995 Company	1995 Group
Direct Charitable	25	27	24	26
Management and Administration	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>31</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>32</u>

No employee earned more than £40,000

No expenses were paid or reimbursed to either directors or trustees.

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7. DIRECTORS		1996	1996	1995	1995
		<i>Company</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Group</i>
Remuneration received from the Company		<u>£NIL</u>	<u>£NIL</u>	<u>£NIL</u>	<u>£NIL</u>
8. TAXATION ON SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		1996	1996	1995	1995
		<i>Company</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Group</i>
Based on the Surplus for the year at 25%		<u>£NIL</u>	<u>£105</u>	<u>£NIL</u>	<u>£1,478</u>
9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS					
	<i>Freehold Land</i>	<i>Showground Buildings and Improvements</i>	<i>Plant and Implements, Office Furniture and Fixtures</i>	<i>Motor Vehicles</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
COST					
As at 1 November 1995	89,987	2,166,675	195,242	21,450	2,473,354
Additions	-	129,205	31,610	12,342	173,157
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31 October 1996	<u>89,987</u>	<u>2,295,880</u>	<u>226,852</u>	<u>33,792</u>	<u>2,646,511</u>
DEPRECIATION					
As at 1 November 1995	-	724,684	94,793	11,212	830,689
Charge for the year	-	88,615	31,670	8,448	128,733
On Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31 October 1996	<u>-</u>	<u>813,299</u>	<u>126,463</u>	<u>19,660</u>	<u>959,422</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
As at 31 October 1996	<u>89,987</u>	<u>1,482,581</u>	<u>100,389</u>	<u>14,132</u>	<u>1,687,089</u>
As at 31 October 1995	<u>89,987</u>	<u>1,441,991</u>	<u>100,449</u>	<u>10,238</u>	<u>1,642,665</u>
The net book value at 31 October 1996 represents Fixed Assets used for:					
Charitable Purposes					
Main and Other Shows	89,987	1,482,581	88,418	9,632	1,670,618
Other Purposes					
Management and Administration	-	-	11,971	4,500	16,471
	<u>89,987</u>	<u>1,482,581</u>	<u>100,389</u>	<u>14,132</u>	<u>1,687,089</u>

As mentioned in Note 2 iii) the company has acquired certain assets by way of donation. These include trophies together with paintings and articles of value which are valued for insurance purposes at a combined total of £156,726.

10. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - INVESTMENTS

	<i>Company</i>	<i>Group</i>
i) Transactions in the year		
Listed and Unlisted investments		
Cost at 1 November 1995	122,438	122,436
Additions at cost	28,651	28,651
Disposals at cost	(17,343)	(17,343)
Decrease in stockbrokers Client Account	(1,407)	(1,407)
Revaluation of Investments to Market Value	<u>18,721</u>	<u>18,721</u>
Market Value at 31 October 1996	<u>151,060</u>	<u>151,058</u>

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ii) Investments held at end of year		Cost	Market Value of Listed Investments at 31.10.96
No:	Listed Investments	£	£
	National Savings Deposit Bond	2,070	2,070
1,000	Unilever 5p Ordinary	9,548	12,910
9,500	8% Treasury Loan 2002/06	9,312	9,744
10,000	TR Pacific 5p Ordinary	7,072	10,700
2,200	Inchcape 25p Ordinary	11,650	6,369
5,100	Scottish Mortgage & Trust 25p Ordinary	10,821	14,063
1,400	General Accident 25p Ordinary	10,358	10,255
3,000	3 "I" Group 50p Ordinary	8,160	14,505
2,400	Mercury Euro Priv Wts to Sub for Ord	927	732
12,000	Mercury Euro Priv 25p Ordinary	11,073	12,570
1,500	B A A £1 Ordinary	7,970	7,462
600	Thorn 25p Ordinary	1,309	2,079
1,900	Cable and Wireless 25p Ordinary	8,398	9,291
9,030	Asda Group 25p Ordinary	9,995	10,610
4,000	General Electric Company 25p Ordinary	14,053	15,180
500	Glaxo Wellcome 25p Ordinary	4,477	4,820
600	E M I Group 25p Ordinary	4,869	7,245
87	Dairy Crest	-	178
	Coutts Composite Account	275	275
	Group	132,337	151,058
	Unlisted investment		
	Shares in Group undertaking at cost:		
2	The Bath & West Trading Co Ltd	2	2
	Company	132,339	151,060

iii) **Subsidiary Company**

The investment in The Bath & West Trading Co Ltd represents 100% of that Company's share capital. The Company is registered in England and its principal activity is the commercial organisation of events and provision of catering services.

The Bath & West Trading Company has a 100% subsidiary, Westex Events Limited. The company is registered in England and its principal activity is the commercial organisation of events but has not traded since its incorporation.

The Royal Bath and West of England Society has a 100% indirect interest in the Company.

11. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	1996 Company	1996 Group	1995 Company	1995 Group
Trade Debtors	72,143	77,243	50,502	52,961
Other Debtors	8,937	10,101	20,734	20,734
Prepayments and Accrued Income	54,030	54,030	44,755	45,495
	135,110	141,374	115,991	119,190

12. CREDITORS

	1996 Company	1996 Group	1995 Company	1995 Group
Trade Creditors	133,525	138,263	114,322	120,751
Other Taxation and Social Security	38,775	46,651	28,493	32,861
Corporation Tax	-	19	-	1,478
Other Creditors	5,265	5,265	4,959	4,959
Accruals and Deferred Income	65,031	73,567	62,290	63,790
	242,596	263,765	210,064	223,839

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13. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Capital

The Company and Group had, at 31 October 1996, uncontracted Capital Commitments amounting to £100,000 in respect of:-

	£
Development of No. 2 Horse Ring	35,000
Roads, Drainage & Sewers	25,000
Toilets in Stable Area	20,000
Refurbish Farm Food Fair	10,000
Works Yard and Barn	10,000

Operating Leases

There are commitments for annual payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	1996		1995	
	<i>Company and Group</i>		<i>Company and Group</i>	
	Land and Buildings	Other	Land and Buildings	Other
Leases expiring:				
Within One Year	NIL	531	NIL	753
In the Second to Fifth Years inclusive	<u>NIL</u>	<u>11,948</u>	<u>NIL</u>	<u>7,647</u>
	<u>NIL</u>	<u>12,479</u>	<u>NIL</u>	<u>8,400</u>

14. DESIGNATED FUNDS

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the directors for specific purposes:

	Balance (1.11.95)	New Designations	Utilised	Balance (31.10.96)
Scholarship Fund	13,992	8,800	9,300	13,492
New Initiatives Fund	0	10,000	8,320	1,680
	<u>13,992</u>	<u>18,800</u>	<u>17,620</u>	<u>15,172</u>

Scholarship Fund:

The company allocates funds from general reserves to the scholarship fund to cover the £2,800 (1995: £3,000) World Scholarship, £1,500 (1995: £800) European Scholarship, £1,000 Art Scholarship and £2,300 (1995: £1,650) Special Scholarships. The scholarships are used to fund the scholars travel costs to allow for the studying agriculture and allied industries. The fund also covers the costs of administering the scholarship awards made by the company. Awards are made to candidates selected from applications received.

New Initiatives Fund:

The company allocates funds from the general reserves to the new initiatives fund to cover support for projects carried on by third parties which are identified as coming within the company's Charitable Objectives. £10,000 was allocated in the financial year.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Wilfred Cave Trust Scholarship Fund:

The fund receives an annual grant of £2,500 (1995: £2,500) from the Wilfred Cave Trust which is then administered by the company as the Wilfred Cave Scholarship. The awards of £2,700 are made to fund worldwide travel incurred by the scholar in studying low cost farm production.

15. GENERAL RESERVES

	1996 <i>Company</i>	1996 <i>Group</i>	1995 <i>Company</i>	1995 <i>Group</i>
Brought forward	1,878,796	1,884,150	1,752,435	1,753,356
Retained Surplus for the Year	128,818	124,144	126,361	130,794
Carried forward	<u>2,007,614</u>	<u>2,008,294</u>	<u>1,878,796</u>	<u>1,884,150</u>

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MAIN SHOW		1996		1995	
		Company and Group		Company and Group	
		£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Show Receipts					
Admissions - Gates	450,383		406,120	
Flower Show and Art Exhibition	8,876		6,253	
Grandstand	2,467		1,671	
Caravan Parks	1,386	463,112	1,430	415,474
Entry Fees: Trade Stands	407,230		359,085	
Stock and Competitions	53,314	460,544	52,357	411,442
Catering Concessions		62,348		64,934
Water Installation		2,700		2,700
Catalogue and Programme Sales and Advertising		2,769		2,086
Sponsorship		136,232		120,250
Main Show Minor Items		5,941		4,327
			1,133,646		1,021,213
EXPENDITURE					
Services and Hiring					
Agricultural Contractor	8,074		8,473	
Car Park Contractor and Hire	15,194		14,778	
Gate Contractor	12,000		11,440	
Caravans and Staff Accommodation	375		814	
Police, Fire, Ambulance and Messengers	20,220		19,711	
Security	15,416		16,188	
Public Address Equipment	13,652		13,887	
Cleaning Contractor	11,892		10,877	
Requisite and Refuse Collections	13,558		12,738	
Furniture and Plant	29,454		31,196	
Signs and Plans	6,989		7,446	
Temporary Buildings and Tentage	111,341		102,672	
Country Sports and the Farmer	10,308		8,351	
			268,473		258,571
Other Expenses					
Advertising and Publicity	61,741		60,309	
Farming for the Family and Art Section	3,171		2,050	
Catering and Entertaining	47,103		40,276	
Cups	3,358		4,674	
Competitions and Demonstrations	16,309		13,567	
Bedding and Forest Fibre	2,833		3,930	
Miscellaneous	6,639		4,148	
Music and Ring Events	38,134		31,020	
Printing and Stationery	25,930		23,104	
Prizes	61,998		59,336	
Steam Engines	3,798		4,092	
Judges and Stewards	25,431		24,299	
Casual Assistance	24,767		24,612	
		321,212	589,685	295,417	553,988
NET SURPLUS FOR MAIN SHOW			543,961		467,225

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EXHIBITION EVENTS		1996 Company £	1996 Group £	1995 Company £	1995 Group £
Hire of Showground	187,846	162,846	234,018	214,018
		<u>187,846</u>	<u>162,846</u>	<u>234,018</u>	<u>214,018</u>
Advertising and Publicity	(3,965)	(3,965)	(8,783)	(8,783)
Expenditures - Other	(38,502)	(38,502)	(46,678)	(46,678)
		<u>145,379</u>	<u>120,379</u>	<u>178,557</u>	<u>158,557</u>
CATERING AND ORGANISED EVENTS		1996 Company	1996 Group	1995 Company	1995 Group
Turnover	-	355,353	-	251,624
Cost of Sales	-	(201,562)	-	(121,612)
Marketing	-	(4,267)	-	(6,290)
		<u>-</u>	<u>149,524</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>123,722</u>
OTHER OPERATING INCOME		1996 Company	1996 Group	1995 Company	1995 Group
Donation from The Bath & West Trading Co Ltd	8,000	-	11,000	-
Subscriptions and Third Party Donations	68,767	68,767	57,969	57,969
Miscellaneous	2,922	2,922	276	276
		<u>79,689</u>	<u>71,689</u>	<u>69,245</u>	<u>58,245</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME		1996 Company	1996 Group	1995 Company	1995 Group
Income from Fixed Asset Investments		8,562	8,562	4,849	4,849
Profit on Sale of Investments		5,442	5,442	4,958	4,958
		<u>14,004</u>	<u>14,004</u>	<u>9,807</u>	<u>9,807</u>
Income from Group Undertakings		5,000	-	-	-
		<u>19,004</u>	<u>14,004</u>	<u>9,807</u>	<u>9,807</u>
INTEREST RECEIVABLE		1996 Company	1996 Group	1995 Company	1995 Group
		<u>15,799</u>	<u>15,896</u>	<u>11,344</u>	<u>11,637</u>
OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS		1996 Company	1996 Group	1995 Company	1995 Group
South West Dairy Show	90,881	90,881	85,819	85,819
Societys' Conferences	1,992	1,992	2,776	2,776
Beef and Sheep South West	8,531	8,531	-	-
		<u>101,404</u>	<u>101,404</u>	<u>88,595</u>	<u>88,595</u>

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		1996 Company	1996 Group	1995 Company	1995 Group
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		£	£	£	£
Depreciation:					
Showground Buildings	88,615	88,615	81,205	81,205
Office Furniture and Equipment	17,539	17,539	12,194	12,194
Motor Vehicles	8,448	8,448	5,363	5,363
Plant and Implements	14,131	14,131	14,671	14,671
		<u>128,733</u>	<u>128,733</u>	<u>113,433</u>	<u>113,433</u>
Salaries, Wages and Pensions	<u>370,193</u>	<u>434,208</u>	<u>330,654</u>	<u>382,619</u>
Other:					
Audit	4,500	6,000	4,200	5,700
Bank Interest and Charges	4,018	4,835	5,078	5,639
Council Grants and Subscriptions	5,484	6,078	4,435	4,766
Ex Gratia Payments to Former Employees	5,250	5,250	-	-
Heat and Light	15,938	24,790	19,445	26,237
Insurance	29,488	36,898	28,353	33,357
Legal and Professional Fees	2,504	5,225	5,136	8,179
Library	286	318	370	390
Miscellaneous	37,259	41,359	30,083	31,649
Postage and Telephone	29,312	37,060	30,958	36,682
Printing and Stationery	19,853	22,023	22,153	25,022
Rates	35,148	43,976	21,146	25,054
Repairs and Renewals	44,131	49,424	47,939	50,526
Planned Showground Maintenance	5,000	5,000	-	-
Transport and Machinery Fuel and Repairs	10,788	11,955	11,076	11,643
Travelling and Subsistence	9,533	10,476	12,953	13,620
		<u>258,492</u>	<u>310,667</u>	<u>243,325</u>	<u>278,464</u>
TOTAL:		<u>757,418</u>	<u>873,608</u>	<u>687,412</u>	<u>774,516</u>

ALLOCATED BETWEEN:

DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE	684,573	595,312
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHARITY	189,035	179,204
	<u>873,608</u>	<u>774,516</u>

	Direct Charitable	Management & Admin	TOTAL	Direct Charitable	Management & Admin	TOTAL
Depreciation	115,464	13,269	128,733	95,876	17,557	113,433
Salaries, Wages and Pensions	384,208	50,000	434,208	332,619	50,000	382,619
Other	184,901	125,766	310,667	166,817	111,647	278,464
	<u>684,573</u>	<u>189,035</u>	<u>873,608</u>	<u>595,312</u>	<u>179,204</u>	<u>774,516</u>