

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 1999**



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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**

The Directors submit their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 October 1999 which have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting by Charities.

**ORGANISATION AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY**

The Royal Bath and West of England Society is a registered charity. It is also a company limited by guarantee, without share capital, the guarantors being the Council members to the extent of £1 each. There were 108 (1998: 109) Council members at the Balance Sheet date.

The governing documents of the Society are the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 23 May 1994. The accounts comply with these governing documents and with current statutory requirements.

The charitable objective and principal activity of the Society is the promotion of Agriculture, Manufactures, Commerce and Rural Crafts.

The Directors who served during the year are shown below. All Directors sit on the Executive Board. In addition to this there is a Finance Committee; the Directors who also sit on this are noted with (FC):-

H E M Barnes - Chairman (FC)	
A R Davies - Vice Chairman (FC)	
R W Ash	G A Pitt-Rivers (FC)
R T Calver	R S R Sheldon (FC)
E J H Cameron (Resigned 19/08/99)	P G Snell
M H Dare (Appointed 9/11/99)	J R Speid-Soote (Appointed 25/08/99)
R O W Derby (Deceased 23/04/99)	J Vintcent (FC)
R N F Drewett	T R N Walford
C Y H Mason (Deceased 6/02/99)	E W White

The Society owns 100% of the share capital of The Bath and West Trading Co Limited, the principal activity of which is the commercial organisation of events and the provision of catering services. Mr Calver, Mr Pitt-Rivers, Mr Sheldon and Mr Vintcent are also Directors of this Company.

**FIXED ASSETS**

Information relating to changes in fixed assets is given in Notes 8 and 9 to the financial statements. The directors estimate that the current market value of the Freehold Land, based on its agricultural value, is in the region of £600,000.

**REVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CHARITY**

The Society, although not achieving such a good return as the previous year, has once again pursued its charitable objectives and encouraged the rural economy within this region. The Main Show was affected by the weather and hence attendances dropped which led to a decrease in its surplus.

The South West Dairy Show and Beef & Sheep South West again reflected the situation within the industry, attracting fewer public and exhibitors.

The sum of £35,000 in respect of Grants and Scholarships was transferred to Designated Funds to be allocated to individuals and approved projects in this region.

The Bath & West Trading Company actively marketed the showground facilities when not required by the Society and an increased contribution was made to the Society.

Although the financial outturn for the year was not as successful as in the previous year, the Society was able to invest nearly £195,000 into the infrastructure of the showground in order to improve the facilities for the Royal Bath and West Show and Specialist Shows.

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued)**

The Directors wish to record their appreciation for the continued support of its dedicated staff and the many volunteers who take an active part in the organisation of events and in putting them into effect.

During the coming year the Society will continue to support agriculture, manufactures, commerce and rural crafts within this region.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting by Charities, and include the results of both the Main Society and its wholly owned subsidiary, The Bath and West Trading Co Limited.

The results shown in the Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account on Page 3 show a fall in the combined surplus for the year. The surplus before transfers is £90,076 compared to £201,923 for the year to 31 October 1998.

The Main Show results declined this year but still contributed a surplus of £605,092, an 8% decrease on the previous year. The other specialist shows have achieved similar results to the previous year.

A contribution of £195,072 under Deed of Covenant was received from the Trading Company.

General and Administrative expenses have been carefully controlled with the main additional expenditure being consistent with budgeted costs.

The Statement of Financial Activities on Page 7 shows transfers to the Scholarship Fund of £5,000 for funding of travel costs of scholars studying agriculture and allied subjects and £30,000 to the Bath & West Grants Scheme for the support of projects coming within the Society's Charitable Objectives.

The development of a new roadway and car parking facilities is continuing. The Society's Funds now stand at £2,594,361, including Investments at a market value of £231,842 and the land at a cost of £208,283: the agricultural value of the land is approximately £600,000.

The overall result this year is disappointing compared to the previous year, however, the Society made transfers to its Scholarship Fund and Bath & West Grants Scheme to assist in the furtherance of its Charitable Objectives.

**RESERVES**

	1999 £	1998 £
<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>	2,594,361	2,533,947
<b>LESS: Restricted Funds</b>	(5,307)	(5,347)
<b>LESS: Designated Funds</b>	(22,440)	(37,744)
<b>LESS: Fixed Assets used for Charitable Purposes</b>	(2,045,208)	(2,020,729)
<b>FREE RESERVES</b>	<u>521,406</u>	<u>470,127</u>

These undesignated other unrestricted funds are adequate to meet immediate obligations of the Society including the continuing maintenance of buildings, together with the development, improvement and modernisation of the facilities. The Directors consider it necessary to maintain this level of reserves in real terms to meet the Society's future obligations and Charitable Objectives.

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued)**

**LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL**

Company 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 Queens Square Bristol. BS1 4DU
Company Number:	2931640
Charity Number:	1039397

**YEAR 2000 MILLENNIUM BUG**

During the year the Directors conducted a review of the potential impact of the year 2000 "millennium bug" upon the company. Most existing systems and processes appear to be millennium-compliant.

We have also assessed the possibility of year 2000-related failures in our significant suppliers and customers, of all whom inform us that they are already dealing with the problem.

It is impossible to guarantee that no year 2000 problems will remain. However, the directors feel that the company will be able to deal effectively with any failures that may occur.

**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.

Signed on Behalf of the Board



D H C Batten - Secretary

**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 3 to 15 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 9 and 10.

**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 the 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 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.

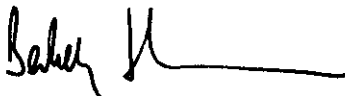
**BASIS OF OPINION**

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 1999 and of the Company's and the Group's surplus together with their Incoming Resources and Application of Resources 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

Date: 24 February 2000

**ROYAL BATH & WEST OF ENGLAND SOCIETY**  
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**CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1999**

		1999	1998
		£	£
<b>TURNOVER</b>	<i>Note 3</i>	2,479,978	2,477,699
Cost of Sales	<i>Note 3</i>	<u>(1,370,936)</u>	<u>(1,312,341)</u>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<i>Note 3</i>	1,109,042	1,165,358
Administrative Expenses	<i>Page C</i>	1,120,743	1,083,093
Other Operating Income	<i>Page B</i>	<u>(77,581)</u>	<u>(83,108)</u>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<i>Note 5</i>	65,880	165,373
Income from Fixed Asset Investments	<i>Page B</i>	7,981	8,375
Interest Receivable	<i>Page B</i>	<u>16,215</u>	<u>28,175</u>
<b>SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>		90,076	201,923
Taxation On Surplus On Ordinary Activities	<i>Note 7</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		90,076	201,923
<b>TRANSFER TO:</b>			
Designated Funds:	<i>Note 13</i>		
Scholarship Fund		(5,000)	(9,000)
Bath & West Grants Scheme		<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>(35,000)</u>
<b>RETAINED SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR TRANSFERRED TO GENERAL RESERVE</b>	<i>Note 14</i>	<u>55,076</u>	<u>157,923</u>

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

There are no other recognised gains or losses other than those shown above.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**ROYAL BATH & WEST OF ENGLAND SOCIETY**  
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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1999**

		£	1999 £	£	1998 £
<b>TURNOVER</b>	<i>Note 3</i>		1,633,768		1,778,483
Cost of Sales	<i>Note 3</i>		<u>(840,769)</u>		<u>(842,310)</u>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<i>Note 3</i>		792,999		936,173
Administrative Expenses	<i>Page C</i>	998,093		959,278	
Other Operating Income	<i>Page B</i>	<u>(272,653)</u>	<u>(725,440)</u>	<u>(190,510)</u>	<u>(768,768)</u>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<i>Note 5</i>		67,559		167,405
Income from Fixed Asset Investments	<i>Page B</i>		7,981		8,375
Interest Receivable	<i>Page B</i>		<u>14,536</u>		<u>26,143</u>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>			90,076		201,923
<b>TRANSFER TO:</b>					
<b>Designated Funds:</b>	<i>Note 13</i>				
Scholarship Fund			(5,000)		(9,000)
Bath & West Grants Scheme			<u>(30,000)</u>		<u>(35,000)</u>
<b>RETAINED SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>					
<b>TRANSFERRED TO GENERAL RESERVE</b>	<i>Note 14</i>		<u>55,076</u>		<u>157,923</u>

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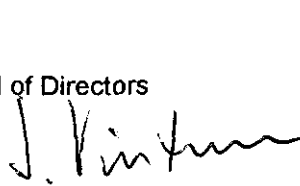
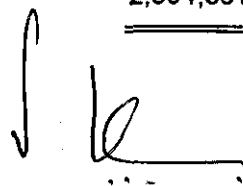


**ROYAL BATH AND WEST OF ENGLAND SOCIETY**  
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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 31 OCTOBER 1999**

	Note	£	1999 £	£	1998 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
<b>TANGIBLE ASSETS</b>	8				
Freehold Land			208,283		208,283
Showground Buildings			1,636,237		1,621,078
Plant and Implements, Furniture and Fixtures			193,088		175,160
Motor Vehicles			7,600		16,208
			<u>2,045,208</u>		<u>2,020,729</u>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	9		231,842		204,125
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stock		32,626		31,293	
Debtors and Prepayments	10	258,391		178,093	
Balance on Deposit Accounts		446,255		244,948	
Balance at Bank		12,903		173,343	
		<u>750,175</u>		<u>627,677</u>	
<b>LESS CREDITORS:</b>					
<b>Amounts falling due within One Year</b>					
Subscriptions Received In Advance		19,045		19,036	
Trade Stands In Advance		22,483		21,354	
Creditors	11	391,336		278,194	
		<u>432,864</u>		<u>318,584</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			317,311		309,093
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>2,594,361</u>		<u>2,533,947</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY FUNDS:</b>					
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>					
General Reserve	14		2,495,203		2,439,546
Investment Revaluation Reserve	15		71,411		51,310
			<u>2,566,614</u>		<u>2,490,856</u>
<b>DESIGNATED FUNDS</b>	13		22,440		37,744
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	13		5,307		5,347
<b>SOCIETY FUNDS</b>			<u>2,594,361</u>		<u>2,533,947</u>

Approved by the Board of Directors  
J Vintcent  
Honorary Treasurer  
Date: 24-2-00

H E M Barnes, FCA  
Chairman  
Date: 24-2-00

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 OCTOBER 1999**

	Note	1999		1998	
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
<b>TANGIBLE ASSETS</b>	8				
Freehold Land			208,283		208,283
Showground Buildings			1,636,237		1,621,078
Plant and Implements, Furniture and Fixtures			193,088		175,160
Motor Vehicles			7,600		16,208
			<u>2,045,208</u>		<u>2,020,729</u>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	9		231,844		204,127
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stock		32,626		31,293	
Debtors and Prepayments	10	342,816		257,313	
Balance on Deposit Accounts		199,538		244,948	
Balance at Bank		11,340		37,119	
		<u>586,320</u>		<u>570,673</u>	
<b>LESS CREDITORS:</b>					
<b>Amounts falling due within One Year</b>					
Subscriptions Received In Advance		19,045		19,036	
Trade Stands In Advance		22,483		21,354	
Creditors	11	228,283		221,992	
		<u>269,811</u>		<u>262,382</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>316,509</u>		<u>308,291</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u><u>2,593,561</u></u>		<u><u>2,533,147</u></u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY FUNDS:</b>					
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>					
General Reserve	14		2,494,403		2,438,746
Investment Revaluation Reserve	15		71,411		51,310
			<u>2,565,814</u>		<u>2,490,056</u>
<b>DESIGNATED FUNDS</b>	13		22,440		37,744
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	13		5,307		5,347
<b>SOCIETY FUNDS</b>			<u><u>2,593,561</u></u>		<u><u>2,533,147</u></u>

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Date: 24-2-00



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**ROYAL BATH AND WEST OF ENGLAND SOCIETY**  
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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1999**

		Unrestricted Funds *	Restricted Funds *	Designated Funds *	Total 1999	Total 1998
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
Main Show	<i>Note 3</i>	1,314,377	-	-	1,314,377	1,352,675
Exhibition Events	<i>Note 3</i>	126,496	-	-	126,496	224,159
Other Shows and Events	<i>Note 3</i>	192,895	-	-	192,895	201,649
Net Income from Trading Subsidiary	<i>Page 8</i>	195,072	-	-	195,072	107,402
Subscriptions and Donations	<i>Page B</i>	73,941	-	-	73,941	68,183
Dividend Income	<i>Page B</i>	7,645	-	-	7,645	4,569
Interest Receivable	<i>Page B</i>	14,536	260	-	14,796	26,461
Miscellaneous	<i>Page B</i>	26	-	-	26	25
Grants Received	<i>Note 13</i>	-	1,500	-	1,500	6,630
Gains on Disposal of Tangible Fixed Assets	<i>Page B</i>	3,614	-	-	3,614	14,900
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<u>1,928,602</u>	<u>1,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,930,362</u>	<u>2,006,653</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>						
Main Show	<i>Note 3</i>	709,285	-	-	709,285	693,810
Exhibition Events	<i>Note 3</i>	26,223	-	-	26,223	34,923
Other Shows and Events	<i>Note 3</i>	105,261	-	-	105,261	113,577
Grants Awarded	<i>Note 13</i>	-	1,800	50,304	52,104	40,821
Attributable Admin Costs	<i>Page C</i>	992,240	-	-	992,240	953,637
		<u>1,833,009</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>50,304</u>	<u>1,885,113</u>	<u>1,836,768</u>
<b>Other Expenditure</b>						
Management and Administration of the Charity	<i>Page C</i>	5,853	-	-	5,853	5,641
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<i>Note 4a</i>	<u>1,838,862</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>50,304</u>	<u>1,890,966</u>	<u>1,842,409</u>
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing)</b>						
Resources Before Transfers		89,740	(40)	(50,304)	39,396	164,244
Transfers Between Funds		(35,000)	-	35,000	-	-
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources</b>		<u>54,740</u>	<u>(40)</u>	<u>(15,304)</u>	<u>39,396</u>	<u>164,244</u>
<b>Gains on Investment Assets:</b>						
Realised	<i>Page B</i>	336	-	-	336	3,806
Unrealised	<i>Note 9i</i>	20,682	-	-	20,682	20,760
<b>NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS</b>		<u>75,758</u>	<u>(40)</u>	<u>(15,304)</u>	<u>60,414</u>	<u>188,810</u>
Fund Balances Brought Forward		<u>2,490,856</u>	<u>5,347</u>	<u>37,744</u>	<u>2,533,947</u>	<u>2,345,137</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>2,566,614</u></u>	<u><u>5,307</u></u>	<u><u>22,440</u></u>	<u><u>2,594,361</u></u>	<u><u>2,533,947</u></u>

\* (Note 2 v)

**ROYAL BATH AND WEST OF ENGLAND SOCIETY**  
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**NET INCOME FROM TRADING ACTIVITIES OF SUBSIDIARY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1999**

As described in Note 9 ii the company has a 100% subsidiary, the Bath & West Trading Co Limited. A summary of the subsidiary's trading results is shown below. Audited financial statements have been filed with the Registrar of Companies.

	1999 £	1998 £
Turnover	886,210	739,216
Cost of Sales	<u>(530,167)</u>	<u>(470,031)</u>
Gross Profit	356,043	269,185
Wage Costs	<u>(59,880)</u>	<u>(56,520)</u>
	296,163	212,665
Administrative Expenses	(102,770)	(107,295)
Interest Receivable and Similar Income	1,679	2,032
Taxation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Profit	195,072	107,402
Charitable Payment to Royal Bath and West Of England Society Under Deed of Covenant	<u>(195,072)</u>	<u>(107,402)</u>
Retained in Subsidiary	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

**ROYAL BATH AND WEST OF ENGLAND SOCIETY**  
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**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1999**

**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 108 (1998: 109) 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, Accounting by Charities.

**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 an item of expenditure falls directly within one cost category it is attributed to that category only. Where expenditure involves more than one category it is apportioned on a 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.

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 on an accruals basis; 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 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.

**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.

**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.

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**viii) Operating Lease**

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 9ii). 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**

	1999 Company			1998 Company		
	Income	Expenditure	GROSS PROFIT	Income	Expenditure	GROSS PROFIT
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Main Show	1,314,377	709,285	605,092	1,352,675	693,810	658,865
Exhibition Events	126,496	26,223	100,273	224,159	34,923	189,236
Other Shows and Events	192,895	105,261	87,634	201,649	113,577	88,072
<b>TOTAL TURNOVER/GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>1,633,768</b>	<b>840,769</b>	<b>792,999</b>	<b>1,778,483</b>	<b>842,310</b>	<b>936,173</b>

	1999 Group			1998 Group		
	Income	Expenditure	GROSS PROFIT	Income	Expenditure	GROSS PROFIT
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Main Show	1,314,377	709,285	605,092	1,352,675	693,810	658,865
Exhibition Events	86,496	26,223	60,273	184,159	34,923	149,236
Catering & Other Organised Events	886,210	530,167	356,043	739,216	470,031	269,185
Other Shows and Events	192,895	105,261	87,634	201,649	113,577	88,072
<b>TOTAL TURNOVER/GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>2,479,978</b>	<b>1,370,936</b>	<b>1,109,042</b>	<b>2,477,699</b>	<b>1,312,341</b>	<b>1,165,358</b>

**4. ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	Staff Costs	Other	Depn	Total 1999	Total 1998
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>a) Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>					
Main Show	21,631	687,654	-	709,285	693,810
Exhibition Events	34,484	(8,261)	-	26,223	34,923
Other Shows and Events	-	105,261	-	105,261	113,577
Grants Awarded	-	52,104	-	52,104	40,821
Attributable Administration Costs	513,817	311,104	167,319	992,240	953,637
	<u>569,932</u>	<u>1,147,862</u>	<u>167,319</u>	<u>1,885,113</u>	<u>1,836,768</u>
<b>Other Expenditure</b>					
Management and Administration of the Charity	-	5,853	-	5,853	5,641
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>569,932</u>	<u>1,153,715</u>	<u>167,319</u>	<u>1,890,966</u>	<u>1,842,409</u>

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**b) Changes in Resources Available for Charity Use**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 1999 £	Total 1998 £
Net movement in funds for the year	75,758	(40)	(15,304)	60,414	188,810
<b>LESS:</b>					
<b>Net increase in tangible fixed assets:</b>					
For direct charitable purposes	(24,479)	-	-	(24,479)	(270,926)
<b>Net movement in funds available for future activities</b>	<u>51,279</u>	<u>(40)</u>	<u>(15,304)</u>	<u>35,935</u>	<u>(82,116)</u>

**5. OPERATING SURPLUS**

	1999 Company £	1999 Group £	1998 Company £	1998 Group £
Operating surplus is arrived at after charging:				
Depreciation - Owned Assets	167,319	167,319	152,233	152,233
Auditors' Remuneration	5,000	6,500	5,000	6,500
Auditors' Non-Audit Remuneration	2,170	2,170	3,076	3,076
Operating Lease Rentals - Plant and Machinery	19,668	19,668	18,046	18,046
Profit on Sale of Investments	336	336	3,806	3,806
Profit on Disposal of Tangible Fixed Assets	3,614	3,614	14,900	14,900

**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:

	1999 Company £	1999 Group £	1998 Company £	1998 Group £
Wages and Salaries	501,096	568,265	514,249	578,261
Social Security	45,555	50,266	46,080	50,587
Pensions Scheme Contributions	26,546	26,546	25,946	25,946
Pensions Paid to Former Employees	3,063	3,063	3,823	3,823
	<u>576,260</u>	<u>648,140</u>	<u>590,098</u>	<u>658,617</u>

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

	1999 Company	1999 Group	1998 Company	1998 Group
<b>Direct Charitable</b>				
Show and Event Organisation	31	31	31	31
Support	7	7	7	7
	<u>38</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>38</u>
<b>Non Charitable</b>	-	5	-	5
	<u>38</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>43</u>

During the year ex-gratia gifts were paid to three employees totalling £24,000 (1998: one employee £1,500). The number of employees whose emoluments exceeded £40,000 was as follows:

	1999 Company	1999 Group	1998 Company	1998 Group
£40,001 - £50,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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No expenses were paid or reimbursed to Directors.

There is Directors' and officers' liability insurance with cover totalling £1 million. The premium charged in these accounts for this cover is £1,768 (1998: £1,766).

**7. TAXATION ON SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES**

There are no tax liabilities for the year due to the Company's charitable status.

**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS  
COMPANY AND GROUP**

	<i>Freehold Land</i>	<i>Freehold Showground Buildings and Improvements</i>	<i>Plant and Implements, Office Furniture and Fixtures</i>	<i>Motor Vehicles</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<b>COST</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
As at 1 November 1998	208,283	2,646,799	362,353	42,037	3,259,472
Additions	-	124,526	64,858	5,500	194,884
Disposals	-	-	-	(12,343)	(12,343)
<b>As at 31 October 1999</b>	<b>208,283</b>	<b>2,771,325</b>	<b>427,211</b>	<b>35,194</b>	<b>3,442,013</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
As at 1 November 1998	-	1,025,721	187,193	25,829	1,238,743
Charge for the Year	-	109,367	46,930	11,022	167,319
On Disposals	-	-	-	(9,257)	(9,257)
<b>As at 31 October 1999</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,135,088</b>	<b>234,123</b>	<b>27,594</b>	<b>1,396,805</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
As at 31 October 1999	208,283	1,636,237	193,088	7,600	2,045,208
As at 31 October 1998	208,283	1,621,078	175,160	16,208	2,020,729

The net book value at 31 October 1999 represents Fixed Assets used entirely for Charitable Purposes.

The Company, over a considerable number of years, acquired assets by way of donations. The directors consider it impractical to obtain reasonable estimates of their original cost and so have not capitalised such items. The items involved are Cups and Trophies, together with Paintings and other articles of value which have a combined insurance valuation of £193,094 (1998: £173,083). The Company also has a specialist library which is held at Bath University and is valued in the region of £61,700.

**9. INVESTMENTS**

	<i>Company</i>	<i>Group</i>
<b>i) Transactions in the year</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Listed and Unlisted Investments		
Valuation at 1 November 1998	179,857	179,855
Additions at Cost	37,959	37,959
Disposals at Valuation	(21,732)	(21,732)
Revaluation of Investments to Market Value	20,682	20,682
<b>Market Value of Investments at 31 October 1999</b>	<b>216,766</b>	<b>216,764</b>
Cash Held in Investment Portfolio	15,078	15,078
	<b>231,844</b>	<b>231,842</b>



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Share Holdings which individually represent more than 5% of the Society's Investments are:-

No. of Shares	Investments	Market Value £
2,321	Unilever 1.4p Ordinary	13,102
5,100	Scottish Mortgage and Trust 25p Ordinary	20,655
12,000	Mercury Euro Priv 25p Ordinary	19,710
1,900	Cable and Wireless 25p Ordinary	13,519
2,500	General Electric Company 5p Ordinary	16,638
8,400	Legal and General 2.5p Ordinary	14,280
1,475	Lloyds TSB Group 25p Ordinary	12,405
1,900	3 "i" Group 50p Ordinary	14,469
750	Glaxo Wellcome 25p Ordinary	13,470
2,200	BP Amoco 25p Ordinary	13,002
7,770	Liontrust Asset 1p Ordinary	13,792
700	Energis 50p Ordinary	13,594

**ii) Subsidiary Company**

The investment in The Bath & West Trading Co Limited 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 Subsidiary has been included in these consolidated financial statements.

The Bath & West Trading Co Limited 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.

**10. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS**

	1999 Company £	1999 Group £	1998 Company £	1998 Group £
Trade Debtors	53,187	165,044	82,172	128,524
Other Debtors	35,117	36,836	12,385	12,385
Prepayments and Accrued Income	44,512	56,511	37,184	37,184
Amounts due from Group Undertakings	210,000	-	125,572	-
	<u>342,816</u>	<u>258,391</u>	<u>257,313</u>	<u>178,093</u>

**11. CREDITORS**

	1999 Company £	1999 Group £	1998 Company £	1998 Group £
Trade Creditors	128,223	289,776	83,458	130,428
Other Taxation and Social Security	19,508	19,508	33,618	40,907
Other Creditors	-	3	-	3
Accruals and Deferred Income	80,552	82,049	104,916	106,856
	<u>228,283</u>	<u>391,336</u>	<u>221,992</u>	<u>278,194</u>

**12. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**

**Capital**

The Company and Group had, at 31 October 1999, authorised and contracted Capital Commitments amounting to £71,800 and authorised but not contracted Capital Commitments of £92,200 (1998: £273,046) all of which were included last year but projects withheld. The projects all related to showground improvements.

**Operating Leases**

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

	1999 Company and Group		1998 Company and Group	
	Land and Buildings £	Other £	Land and Buildings £	Other £
Leases expiring:				
Within One Year	-	1,584	-	-
In the Second to Fifth Years inclusive	-	19,068	-	17,916
	<u>-</u>	<u>20,652</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,916</u>

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**13. 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 (1.11.98) £	New Designations £	Utilised £	Balance (31.10.99) £
Scholarship Fund	17,235	5,000	9,675	12,560
Bath & West Grants Scheme	14,878	30,000	34,998	9,880
Road Maintenance Fund	5,631	-	5,631	-
	<u>37,744</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>50,304</u>	<u>22,440</u>

**Scholarship Fund:**

The Company allocated funds from general reserves to the scholarship fund to cover four scholarships made up of £5,700 Research and World Scholarships (1998: £2,000 World Scholarship) and £1,000 (1998: £1,000) Art Scholarship. The scholarships are used to fund the scholars travel costs to allow for the studying of agriculture and allied industries. A Research Scholarship has also been instigated and this is envisaged to be the way in which the scholarships will be awarded in the future. The fund also covers the costs of administering the scholarship awards made by the Company. Awards are made to candidates selected from applications received.

**Bath & West Grants Scheme:**

The Company allocated funds from the general reserves of £30,000 (1998: £35,000) to the Bath & West Grants Scheme. This Scheme covers support for projects carried on by third parties which are identified as coming within the Company's Charitable Objectives. Sixteen (1998: Eleven) Bath & West Grants Scheme awards were made during the year.

**Road Maintenance Fund:**

The Company allocated funds from the general reserves for the maintenance of the roads within the showground. During the year £5,631 (1998: £7,546) was spent on this maintenance work.

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	Balance (1.11.98) £	Income £	Utilised £	Balance (31.10.99) £
Wilfrid Cave Trust Scholarship Fund	-	1,500	1,500	-
Bishop Henderson Appeal Fund	5,347	260	300	5,307
	<u>5,347</u>	<u>1,760</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>5,307</u>

**Wilfrid Cave Trust Scholarship Fund:**

The fund received grants of £1,500 (1998: £2,500) from the Wilfrid Cave Trust which is then administered by the Company as the Wilfrid Cave Scholarship. One award of £1,500 (1998: £2,500) was made.

**The Bishop Henderson Appeal Fund:**

The fund exists to assist a nominated school from the Diocese of Bath and Wells to visit the Main Show.

**14. GENERAL RESERVE**

	1999 Company £	1999 Group £	1998 Company £	1998 Group £
Brought forward	2,438,746	2,439,546	2,278,681	2,279,481
Retained Surplus for the Year	55,076	55,076	157,923	157,923
Transfer from Investment Revaluation Reserve of Gains Released in the Year	581	581	2,142	2,142
Carried forward	<u>2,494,403</u>	<u>2,495,203</u>	<u>2,438,746</u>	<u>2,439,546</u>

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**15. INVESTMENT REVALUATION RESERVE**

	<b>£</b>
Balance brought forward	51,310
Less: Release of Unrealised Gains on shares sold in the year to the General Reserve	(581)
Add: Increase in Market Valuation	<u>20,682</u>
Balance carried forward	<u><u>71,411</u></u>