ARTHUR ANDERSEN

Blemain Group plc and subsidiary undertakings

Annual report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2000

Registered number: 2939389

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DIRECTORS

H.N. Moser

Chairman and Chief Executive

B.S. Pollock

D.L. Moser

M.B. Richards

(resigned 1 September 2000)

J.M. Shaoul

Non-Executive Director

J.E. Smith

(appointed 30 March 2000)

G.D. Beckett

(appointed 15 June 2000)

C.W. Hacking

(appointed 1 September 2000)

SECRETARY

G.D. Beckett

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Directors' report

For the year ended 30 June 2000

The directors present their annual report on the affairs of the group, together with the accounts and auditors' report, for the year ended 30 June 2000.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the group continues to be financing and property related transactions.

Business review and future developments

The directors consider the results for the year to be satisfactory and look forward to the future with confidence.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out in detail on page 5. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend, leaving £3,403,000 to be transferred to reserves.

Directors and their interests

The directors of the company who served during the year are set out on page 1.

Those directors serving at the end of the year had interests in the share capital of the company at 30 June as follows:

	Ordinary shares of £1 each
	2000 1999 Number Number
H.N. Moser	1,448,875 1,448,875
B.S. Pollock	1,300,049 1,300,049
D.L. Moser	7,251,076* 7,251,076*

^{*}Held in trust by D.L. Moser and H.N. Moser as trustees of a family settlement.

Related party transactions

Related party transactions are detailed in note 23 to the accounts.

Directors' report (continued)

Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and group and of the profit or loss of the group for that year. In preparing those accounts, 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 accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group 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 group and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Payments to suppliers

The group agrees terms and conditions for its transactions with its suppliers. Payments are then made, subject to the terms and conditions being met by the suppliers.

As the company is a holding company it has no trade creditors and accordingly no disclosure can be made of the year end creditor days.

Auditors

The directors will place a resolution before the annual general meeting to reappoint Arthur Andersen as auditors for the ensuing year.

On behalf of the Board,

So lot

G.D. Beckett

Secretary

4 October 2000



To the Shareholders of Blemain Group pic:

We have audited the accounts on pages 5 to 24 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 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts 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.

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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the company and of the group, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the group at 30 June 2000 and of the group's profit and cash flows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Arthur Andersen

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Bank House 9 Charlotte Street Manchester M1 4EU

4 October 2000

Consolidated profit and loss account

For the year ended 30 June 2000

	Notes	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Turnover	2	13,678	11,196
Cost of sales		(443)	(981)
Gross profit		13,235	10,215
Administrative expenses		(5,756)	(4,589)
Operating profit		7,479	5,626
Gain arising on disposal of investment properties		585	297
Interest receivable and similar income	3	17	13
Investment income	4	15	2
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(3,376)	(2,605)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	6	4,720	3,333
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(1,317)	(1,050)
Retained profit for the financial year	19	3,403	2,283

All activity has arisen from continuing operations. There are no recognised gains or losses, in either year, other than the retained profit for the financial year.

No consolidated note of historical cost profits and losses has been prepared as there is no material difference between the retained profit in either year if an historical cost basis had been adopted.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this consolidated profit and loss account.

Consolidated balance sheet 30 June 2000

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	Equity shareholders' funds	20	25,790	22,387

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this consolidated balance sheet.

Company balance sheet

30 June 2000

	Notes	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Fixed assets			
Investments	11	10,001	10,001
Current assets			
Debtors – amounts falling due within one year	13	51,013	36,668
Cash at bank and in hand		7	5
		51,020	36,673
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(1,021)	(674)
Net current assets		49,999	35,999
Total assets less current liabilities		60,000	46,000
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(50,000)	(36,000)
Net assets		10,000	10,000
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital	18	10,000	10,000
Equity shareholders' funds		10,000	10,000

Signed on behalf of the Board

H.N. Moser Director

4 October 2000

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this company balance sheet.

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Consolidated cash flow statement

For the year ended 30 June 2000

	Notes	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Net cash outflow from operating activities	24a	(10,230)	(6,869)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	24c	(3,188)	(2,393)
Taxation		(1,231)	(468)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	24¢	363	847
Net cash outflow before financing		(14,286)	(8,883)
Financing	24c	13,869	8,956
(Decrease) increase in cash in year	24b	(417)	73
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt For the year ended 30 June 2000		2000	1999
		£'000	£'000
Decrease (increase) in cash in year		417	(73)
Cash inflow from increase in debt and lease financing		13,869	8,956
Cash used to increase current asset investments	_	(228)	-
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows		14,058	8,883
New finance leases		112	12
Other non-cash movements	_	(21)	-
Movement in net debt in year	_	14,149	8,895
Net debt, beginning of year		36,725	27,830
Net debt, end of year	-	50,874	36,725

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this cash flow statement.

30 June 2000

1 Accounting policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year is set out below.

a) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investment properties and listed investments, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards including SSAP 19 which, unlike the detailed rules of the Companies Act, does not require depreciation of freehold and long leasehold investment properties. In addition, grants received in respect of investment properties under construction have been deducted from the cost of such assets, which is also not in accordance with the detailed rules of the Companies Act 1985. The lack of depreciation and treatment of grants are necessary to give a true and fair view for the reasons explained below in the investment properties accounting policy note.

b) Basis of consolidation

The group accounts consolidate the accounts of Blemain Group plc and all its subsidiary undertakings made up to 30 June 2000. The results of subsidiaries acquired or sold are consolidated for the periods from or to the date on which control passed. The acquisition method of accounting has been adopted for the consolidation of:

Spot Finance Limited
Manor Golf Club Limited
Phone-a-loan Limited
Classic Car Finance Limited
Morgancrest Properties Limited
Cresthaven Properties Limited
Sterling Properties Limited
General Allied Properties Limited
Privileged Properties (Northern) Limited
Northwestern Properties & Developments Limited
Privileged Estates Limited
Provincial & Northern Limited
Heywood Finance Limited
Heywood Leasing Limited

Goodwill arising on acquisitions in the year ended 30 June 1998 and earlier periods was written off to reserves in accordance with the accounting standard then in force. As permitted by the current accounting standard the goodwill previously written off has not been reinstated in the balance sheet. On disposal or closure of a previously acquired business, the attributable amount of goodwill previously written off to reserves is included in determining the profit or loss on disposal.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

b) Basis of consolidation (continued)

Merger accounting has been used for the consolidation of:

Blemain Finance Limited
Briar Hill Court Limited
Cheshire Mortgage Corporation Limited
Factfocus Limited
Harpmanor Limited
Jerrold Mortgage Corporation Limited
Lancashire Mortgage Corporation Limited
Monarch Recoveries Limited
Supashow Limited

Under this method any difference arising on consolidation is treated as a reduction in reserves.

In the company's accounts, investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost. Dividends received and receivable are credited to the company's profit and loss account.

No profit and loss account is presented for Blemain Group plc as permitted by section 230 of the Companies Act 1985. The company's profit for the financial year, determined in accordance with the Act, was £Nil (1999 - £Nil).

c) Investment properties

A valuation of investment properties is made annually as at the balance sheet date by the directors, at open market value based on a sample of valuations conducted by external chartered surveyors. Changes in the market value of investment properties are accounted for by way of a movement in revaluation reserve and are included in the statement of total recognised gains and losses unless a deficit (or its reversal) on an individual investment property is expected by the directors to be permanent, in which case the change in market value is charged (credited) to the profit and loss account. On disposal, the cumulative revaluation surpluses or deficits are transferred from the revaluation reserve to the profit and loss account reserve.

Additions to investment properties under development comprise construction costs excluding attributable interest incurred in bringing a project to its present state of completion.

In accordance with SSAP 19 no depreciation or amortisation is provided in respect of freehold investment properties and leasehold investment properties with over 20 years to run. The requirement of the Companies Act 1985 is to depreciate all properties, but that requirement conflicts with the generally accepted accounting principle set out in SSAP 19. The directors consider that, as these properties are not held for consumption but for investment to depreciate them would not give a true and fair view, and that it is necessary to adopt SSAP 19 in order to give a true and fair view. If this departure from the Act had not been made the profit for the financial year would have been decreased by depreciation. However, the amount of depreciation cannot reasonably be quantified, because of the lack of analysis of the cost/value as between land and buildings.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

c) Investment properties (continued)

Grants received in respect of investment properties under construction have been deducted from the cost of such assets. This is not in accordance with Schedule 4 to the Companies Act 1985, which requires assets to be shown at their purchase price or production cost and hence grants would be shown as deferred income. This departure from the requirements of the Act is, in the opinion of the directors, necessary to give a true and fair view as no provision is made for depreciation and any grants would not be taken to the profit and loss account. The effect of this departure is that the net book value of investment properties is £3,368,178 (1999 - £3,368,178) lower than it would otherwise have been.

d) Other tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are shown at cost or valuation net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold buildings 2% straight-line on valuation/cost

Fixtures and fittings 15% straight-line on cost

Motor vehicles 25% reducing balance on cost

Office equipment 20% straight-line on cost Computer equipment 33% straight-line on cost

e) Other fixed asset listed investments

Investments in listed companies are stated at market value.

f) Other investments

Other investments are stated at the lower of cost and estimated net realisable value.

g) Stocks

Properties and goods held for resale are valued at the lower of cost and estimated net realisable value. Net realisable value is based on the estimated sales price after allowing for all further costs of completion and disposal.

h) Leased assets

Assets held under leasing arrangements that transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are included in the balance sheet and depreciated in accordance with the group's normal accounting policies. The present value of future rentals is shown as a liability. The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account, over the period of the agreement in proportion to the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

Rentals in respect of all other leases are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

i) Pension benefits

The group operates two defined contribution pension schemes. The pension cost represents contributions payable in the year.

j) Taxation

Corporation tax payable is provided on taxable profits at the current rate.

Deferred taxation (which arises from differences in the timing of the recognition of items, principally depreciation, in the accounts and by the tax legislation) has been calculated on the liability method. Deferred taxation is provided on timing differences which will probably reverse, at the rates of tax likely to be in force at the time of the reversal. Deferred tax is not provided on timing differences which, in the opinion of the directors, will probably not reverse. However, the amount of all deferred tax, including that which will probably not reverse, is shown in note 17.

k) Turnover

Turnover consists of proceeds of properties disposed of which were previously held for resale, interest recoverable on loans and related commissions on money lending agreements, property disposal proceeds, rental income and the invoiced value (excluding VAT) for goods and services supplied to third parties.

The interest credit to the profit and loss account is calculated on a straight-line basis pro-rata to repayments recoverable on an accruals basis.

The sale proceeds of part exchanged houses are not included in turnover.

2 Segmental analysis

Segmental analysis of the group's turnover, results and net assets has not been disclosed as in the opinion of the directors this would be seriously prejudicial to the interests of the group.

3 Interest receivable and similar income

	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Bank interest	7	12
Other interest	10	1
	17	13

4 Investment income		
	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Income from listed investments	15	2
5 Interest payable and similar charges		
	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Bank loans and overdrafts	3,338	2,540
Hire purchase	4	4
Other loans	-	9
Other interest	34	52
	3,376	2,605
6 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging (crediting):		
	2000	1999
Auditors' remuneration	£,000	£'000
- for audit services	24	24
- for non-audit services	24	24
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	24	27
- owned	135	120
- held under hire purchase contracts	18	30
Profit on sale of fixed assets	(46)	(20)
Operating lease rentals	V/	()
- land and buildings	86	75
Staff costs (see note 7)	2,699	2,083

7 Staff costs

The average monthly number of employees, including executive directors was:

	2000 Number	1999 Number
Management and administration		
- full time	88	73
- part time	11	7
	99	80
	2000	1999
	£'000	£,000
Their aggregate remuneration comprised:		
Wages and salaries	2,235	1,671
Social security costs	236	158
Other pension costs	228	254
	2,699	2,083
Directors' remuneration:		
	2000	1999
	£'000	£'000
Emoluments	670	610
Company contributions to defined contribution pension schemes	204	253
	874	863

The emoluments of the highest paid director were £656,000 (1999 - £605,000) including £200,000 (1999 - £207,000) of company contributions to a defined contribution pension scheme. In both years three of the directors were members of defined contribution pension schemes operated by group companies.

8 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

	1,317	1,050
Adjustment in respect of prior years' current taxation	(131)	(42)
Corporation tax	1,448	1,092
	2000 £'000	1999 £'000

9 Investment properties

Group	Freehold investment properties £'000
Beginning of year	9,345
Additions at cost	657
Disposals	(893)
End of year	9,109

Those investment properties where construction and development work have been completed were revalued at 30 June 2000 by the directors.

If investment properties had not been revalued, they would have been included in the balance sheet at £8,467,000 (1999 - £8,698,000).

Grants of £3,368,178 (1999 – £3,368,178) have been credited against the freehold investment properties on a cumulative basis.

10 Other tangible fixed assets

Group	Freehold land and buildings £'000	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £'000	Motor vehicles £'000	Total £'000
Cost or valuation				
Beginning of year	727	422	496	1,645
Additions	144	137	217	498
Disposals		<u>-</u>	(73)	(73)
End of year	871	559	640	2,070
Depreciation				
Beginning of year	42	291	277	610
Charge	19	71	63	153
Disposals		_	(39)	(39)
End of year	61	362	301	724
Net book value				
Beginning of year	685	131	219	1,035
End of year	810	197	339	1,346

10 Other tangible fixed assets (continued)

The net book value of tangible fixed assets includes £144,000 (1999 - £79,000) in respect of assets held under hire purchase contracts.

Freehold land and buildings are held by a subsidiary undertaking. In 1993 such assets held were valued on the basis of open market value by members of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. The directors consider that there is no material variation between the 1993 valuation ascribed of £692,000 and the current valuation. The remaining cost of £179,000 represents post 1993 additions at cost.

If the freehold land and buildings had not been revalued they would have been included in the balance sheet at the following amounts:

			2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Cost			443	443
Depreciation			(23)	(20)
			420	423
11 Fixed asset investments				
	Grou	p	Compar	ıy
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	£'000	£,000	£'000	£'000

11 Fixed asset investments (continued)

a) Subsidiary undertakings

Principal trading subsidiaries	Shares and voting rights	Principal activities
Blemain Finance Limited	100%	Financier
Lancashire Mortgage Corporation Limited	100%	Financier
Factfocus Limited	100%	Financier and property transactions
Harpmanor Limited	100%	Financier
Supashow Limited	100%	House builder
Briar Hill Court Limited	100%	Rental of residential flats
Jerrold Mortgage Corporation Limited	100%	Financier
Spot Finance Limited	100%	Financier
Cheshire Mortgage Corporation Limited	100%	Financier
Monarch Recoveries Limited	100%	Debt recovery
Manor Golf Club Limited	75%	Golf club operator
General Allied Properties Limited	100%	Property investment
Privileged Properties (Northern) Limited	100%	Property investment
Provincial & Northern Limited	100%	Property investment
Northwestern Properties & Developments		
Limited	100%	Property investment
Heywood Finance Limited	90%	Hire purchase finance
Privileged Estates Limited	100%	Property investment
Heywood Leasing Limited	90%	Leasing finance
Sterling Properties Limited	100%	Property management

All the above subsidiaries are incorporated in Great Britain and are registered and operate in England and Wales.

The above are direct holdings with the exception of Spot Finance Limited and Manor Golf Club Limited which are held by Blemain Finance Limited and Jerrold Mortgage Corporation Limited respectively.

a) Subsidiary undertakings

In addition to the above, the group also holds 100% of the ordinary shares and voting rights in Phone-a-Loan Limited, Morgancrest Properties Limited, Classic Car Finance Limited and Cresthaven Properties Limited, which are all dormant companies.

b) Other investments

Other investments are listed investments stated at market value.

12 Stocks				
			2000	1999
			£'000	£'000
Properties - work in progress			426	564
Properties held for resale			447	599
Goods for resale		_	9	7
		-	882	1,170
13 Debtors				
	Group		Compa	
	2000 £'000	1999 £'000	2000	1999
	£ 000	£ 000	£'000	£,000
Amounts falling due within one year:				
Trade debtors	28,472	20,915	-	-
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	51,003	36,658
Amounts owed by related companies	146	297	10	10
ACT recoverable	29	21	-	-
Other debtors	271	249	-	_
Prepayments and accrued income	140	130		_
·	29,058	21,612	51,013	36,668
Amounts falling due after more than one year:				
Trade debtors	41,685	30,511	<u>-</u>	
				-

Trade debtors include amounts due in respect of loans provided during the normal course of business. Amounts owed by related companies are in respect of Tennisview Limited, Basilgrove Limited, Sedgewick House Properties Limited and Centrestand Limited, companies in which H.N. Moser is a director and shareholder (see note 23).

70,743

52,123

51,013

36,668

14 Current asset investments

	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Listed investments at market value	246	2
Other investments at cost .	36	32
Provision		(1)
	282	33

15 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group)	Compai	ny
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Secured loans (see note 16)	-	100	-	-
Bank overdrafts	1,082	707	109	-
Obligation under hire purchase contracts	47	26	-	-
Debt due within one year	1,129	833	109	-
Trade creditors	234	212	-	_
Amount owed to group undertakings	-	-	400	317
Amounts owed to related companies	85	68	<u>.</u>	-
Corporation tax	2,219	2,061	-	-
Other taxation and social security	149	34	-	-
Other creditors	864	895	1	1
Accruals and deferred income	1,804	1,234	511	356
	6,484	5,337	1,021	674

Amounts due to related companies are in respect of Tennisview Limited, Regency Securities and Investments Limited and Sedgewick House Properties Limited, companies in which H.N. Moser is a director and shareholder (see note 23).

16 Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

·	Group		Company	
	2000 £'000	1999 £'000	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Secured loans repayable within five years Obligation under hire purchase agreements due within	50,000	36,000	50,000	36,000
one to two years	72	12	-	_
Corporation tax	73	145	-	-
	50,145	36,157	50,000	36,000

16 Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year (continued)

The secured loans are repayable as follows:

	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Due within one year	-	100
Between two and five years	50,000	36,000
	50,000	36,100

The secured loans are secured on a fixed and floating charge on the assets of the Group.

17 Provision for liabilities and charges

Group deferred taxation comprises:

Amoun'	Amounts provided	
2000	1999	
£'000	£,000	
Accelerated capital allowances 14	14	

Unprovided deferred tax of £240,000 (1999 - £240,000) arises in respect of tax which would be payable if fixed assets were disposed at the current net book value. No provision has been made for this amount since the directors do not intend to dispose of these assets.

18 Share capital

	2000	1999
	£'000	£'000
Authorised, allotted, called-up and fully paid		
10,000,002 ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000

19 Reserves				
	Merger	Capital	Revaluation	Profit and
	reserve	reserve	reserve	loss account
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Group				
At 30 June 1999	(9,645)	48	770	21,214
Retained profit for the financial year	-	-	-	3,403
Transfer		-	(8)	8
At 30 June 2000	(9,645)	48	762	24,625
20 Reconciliation of movements in group equity shareho	olders' funds			
			2000	1999
			£'000	£'000
Retained profit for the financial year			3,403	2,283
Opening shareholders' funds			22,387	20,104
Closing shareholders' funds			25,790	22,387

21 Guarantees and financial commitments

Capital commitments

There are no group capital expenditure commitments at 30 June 2000 (1999 - £Nil).

22 Operating lease commitments

The payment which the group is committed to make in the next year under an operating lease is as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Land and buildings, lease expiring				
- after five years	75	75		

23 Related party transactions

The group had the following balances with related parties at the year end.

Balance due to		Balance due from	
2000	1999	2000	1999
£,000	£,000	£,000	£'000
36	36	-	
-	-	13	6
23	23	31	190
18	-	92	92
7	7	<u> </u>	_
84	66	136	288
	2000 £'000 36 - 23 18 7	2000 1999 £'000 £'000 36 36 23 23 18 - 7 7	2000 1999 2000 £'000 £'000 £'000 36 36 - 13 23 23 31 18 - 92 7 7 -

Amounts due to and from related companies are in respect of Tennisview Limited, Centrestand Limited, Sedgewick House Properties Limited, Basilgrove Limited and Regency Securities and Investments Limited, companies which H.N. Moser is a director and shareholder.

The following transactions took place in the year ended 30 June 2000:

- i) The group received £158,735 of a loan to Sedgewick House Properties Limited, on which interest of £77,371 was charged.
- ii) The group recharged net expenses of £7,097 to Centrestand Limited for costs that related to that company but were suffered by the Blemain Group.
- iii) The group received £17,641 of income that related to Basilgrove Limited.

The following transactions took place in the year ended 30 June 1999:

- i) The group received a further loan of £1.4 million from Blemain Finance Pension Fund on 10 September 1998. The loan was repaid on 21 December 1998 and interest was charged at £42,589.
- ii) The group loaned Basilgrove Limited a further £30,000.
- iii) The group recharged £18,000 to Sedgewick House Properties Limited for costs that related to that company, but were suffered by the Blemain Group.

24 Cash flow information				
a) Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash outflow fr	om operating acti	vities		
			2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Operating profit			7,479	5,626
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets			153	150
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets			(46)	(20)
Profit on disposal of current asset investments			(21)	-
Decrease in stocks			288	918
Increase in debtors			(18,620)	(13,656)
Increase in creditors			537	113
Net cash outflow from operating activities			(10,230)	(6,869)
b) Analysis of net debt			045	
	Beginning of		Other non-cash	End of
	year	Cash flow	changes	year
	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cash at bank and in hand	87	(42)	-	45
Overdrafts	(707)	(375)	-	(1,082)
Decrease in cash in year	(620)	(417)	-	(1,037)
Finance leases	(38)	31	(112)	(119)
Loans due after one year	(36,000)	(14,000)	-	(50,000)
Loans due within one year	(100)	100	-	-
Current asset investments	33	228	21	282
	(36,105)	(13,641)	(91)	(49,837)
Net debt	(36,725)	(14,058)	(91)	(50,874)
c) Analysis of cash flows				
			2000	1999
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			£'000	£'000
Investment income			15	2
Interest received			17	13
Interest element of finance lease payments			(4)	(4)
Interest paid			(3,216)	(2,404)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and ser	vicing of finance		(3,188)	(2,393)

24 Cash flow information (continued)		
	2000	1999
Capital expenditure and financial investment	£'000	£,000
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(386)	(91)
Purchase of investment properties	(657)	(384)
Sale of fixed asset investments	76	11
Sales of tangible fixed assets	80	24
Sales of investment properties	1,478	1,287
Purchase of current asset investments	(3,400)	-
Sale of current asset investments	3,172	-
Net cash inflow from capital expenditure and financial investments	363	847
Financing	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Proceeds from new borrowings	14,000	9,000
Repayment of loans	(100)	
Capital element of finance lease rental payments	(31)	(44)
Net cash inflow from financing	13,869	8,956