

Abbeyfield V.E. Limited
Annual report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021

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Strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2021

The directors present their Strategic report on the company for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Business review and principal activities

The company's principal activity during the year continued to be the management of an optical retail group. No change is planned to these activities.

The company's main income stream is generated from charging management fees to Joint Venture and franchise Vision Express stores. During the year, this income stream has recovered from the considerable reductions in the prior year in which fee concessions were given to support the stores through the initial stages of the COVID-19 period.

The results of the company show a profit before taxation of £4,062,000 (2020: loss of £94,000). The company has net assets of £11,744,000 (2020: £7,681,000).

Future developments and outlook

The Vision Express group continues to invest in its stores, equipment, product, and people, to maximise opportunities to retain and grow its customer base. As a result of our ongoing commitment to such investment, we remain confident that we will continue to maintain satisfactory returns for the foreseeable future.

The directors continue to review the performance of all stores in the Joint Venture and franchise estate to ensure that each operates under the optimum business model for that location and customer base. Notwithstanding concessions on fees charged in 2020, the company continues to charge on-going management fees to stores that remain in the estate and no significant changes are expected in the near future in this regard.

Key performance indicators (KPIs)

The total number of trading stores, Joint Venture and Franchise, at the end of December 2021 was 132, compared to 111 at the prior year end.

With this statistic, plus comments above, given the straightforward nature of the business, the company's directors are of the opinion that analysis using more KPIs does not enhance the understanding of the development, performance or position of the business.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The management of the business and the execution of the company's strategy are subject to a number of risks.

Risks are reviewed by the board, and appropriate processes put into place to monitor and mitigate them. If more than one event occurs, it is possible that the overall effect of such events would compound the possible adverse effects on the company.

The key business risks affecting the company are set out below:

Recovery of amounts owed by Joint Venture stores

The company continues to loan funds to Joint Venture companies, in which it has an investment as disclosed in note 9 to the financial statements. Whilst the company actively manages the risks associated in loans to these businesses, the ultimate recovery of these debts remains reliant on the performance of the individual Joint Venture companies.

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Strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)

National and global economic trading conditions

The overall performance of the stores from which the company derives fees, is dependent, to some degree, upon the overall national economy, although balanced by the fundamental need of customers for optical care and services. The risk of continuous difficult economic trading conditions is partly mitigated by continued management focus and tactical change to deliver services and products in line with the changing needs of the customer, and driving competitive advantage.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The financial results for the company in 2021 and especially in 2020 were significantly impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic, through the legislation and guidance introduced by the UK government in order to restrict its spread.

There is a risk that further outbreaks of this, or other, viruses will require further restrictions on trading conditions on the high street, and therefore may further impact the ability of the company to maintain its management fee income stream from Joint Ventures and franchise stores. This risk is partly mitigated by facilitating sales from e-commerce channels and a move to customer order home delivery.

Business interruption

The company has a risk associated with potential interruption to business either at the national store support centre or in its associated stores. This risk is mitigated through an effective disaster recovery plan, supplemented by appropriate insurance coverage.

On behalf of the board

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Nicholas David Coton

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Director

8 September 2022

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2021

The directors present their Annual report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Results and dividends

The company's operating profit for the year amounted to £3,635,000 (2020: loss of £231,000).

The profit for the financial year amounted to £4,063,000 (2020: loss of £88,000).

During the year the company paid dividends of £nil (2020: £nil). Dividends were received in the year of £417,000 (2020: £135,000).

Matters of strategic importance, future developments and the future outlook of the company are considered within the Strategic report.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that the directors have carried out a detailed review of the company's resources. The directors are satisfied that the company has sufficient cash flows to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Financial risk management

The company's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks that include the effects of interest rate risk, credit risk, and liquidity risk. The directors actively manage these risks by monitoring levels of risk and related costs.

The company has both interest bearing assets and interest bearing liabilities. Interest bearing assets include amounts held on intra group loan accounts and cash balances, all of which earn interest at floating interest rates. When necessary, the company utilises overdraft facilities at floating interest rates designed to ensure the company has sufficient available funds for its operations and its required level of working capital. The directors will revisit the appropriateness of this policy should the company's operations change in size or nature.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were:

O Köksal
N Coton
M Flint
D McGhee

Directors' indemnities

As permitted by the Articles of Association, the directors have the benefit of an indemnity which is a qualifying third party indemnity provision as defined by Section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. The indemnity was in force throughout the last financial year and is currently in force. The company also purchased and maintained throughout the financial year Directors' and Officers' liability insurance in respect of itself and its directors.

Employees

It is the company's aim to create a culture of performance, engagement and involvement to attract, develop, engage and retain the best people, putting our customers first each and every day.

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

Employees (continued)

Through our workforce we aspire to reflect the diversity of our customers and the communities in which we work and it is our policy to ensure we operate a working environment which is free of discrimination on any grounds. Equal opportunity shall be given to all at every stage of the employment journey from a fair and transparent recruitment process through to training, career development and promotion. We require all of our employees to treat each other with dignity and respect, free from harassment or bullying both inside and outside the workplace.

The company places significant value on the engagement and involvement of its colleagues and has continued to focus on keeping them informed on matters affecting them as colleagues and on the various factors affecting the performance of the company. There are a variety of mechanisms implemented to achieve this, including manager and team briefings, newsletters, podcasts, video briefs, publications, road-shows, surveys, appraisals, colleague forums and attendance at annual conferences.

Investment in the training and development of our people is core to everything we do, and to ensuring we can best serve our customers now and in the future. This is delivered through our comprehensive and established training and development path throughout the business alongside external investment in professional career sponsorship.

As an employer we are committed to a fair, equitable and transparent approach to total remuneration. It is our policy to set our entry level role rates of pay ahead of statutory minimums and to provide a competitive and valued total reward package at all levels of the company governed by our Remuneration policy and salary structure and benchmarked annually.

Our policy is to fulfil our obligations under current employment legislation through an active HR department alongside appropriately trained line managers and supported by outside expert counsel.

The health, safety and wellbeing of our people is essential, therefore it is our policy to carry out our business so as to avoid causing any unnecessary or unacceptable health, safety or wellbeing risks to any of our employees.

Employment of people with disabilities

It is our policy that people with disabilities should have fair consideration for all vacancies within the company. The company is therefore committed, where possible, to ensuring that people with disabilities are supported and encouraged to apply for employment and to achieve progress once employed. They will be treated so as to ensure that they have an equal opportunity to be selected, trained and promoted. In addition, every reasonable effort is made for disabled persons to be retained in the employment of the company by investigating the possibility of making reasonable adjustments to the job, workplace or equipment.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law).

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

Statement of Directors' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements (continued)

Under company law, directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are also responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

Directors' confirmations

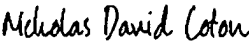
In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' report is approved:

- so far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Independent auditors

A resolution to reappoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors to the company will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting

On behalf of the board

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Director

8 September 2022

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Independent auditors' report to the members of Abbeyfield V.E. Limited

Report on the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion, Abbeyfield V.E. Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual report and financial statements (the "Annual report"), which comprise: the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021; the statement of comprehensive income and the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We remained independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Conclusions relating to going concern

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this conclusion is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of

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this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities.

With respect to the Strategic report and Directors' report, we also considered whether the disclosures required by the UK Companies Act 2006 have been included.

Based on our work undertaken in the course of the audit, the Companies Act 2006 requires us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.

Strategic report and Directors' report

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Strategic report and Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2021 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we did not identify any material misstatements in the Strategic report and Directors' report.

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The directors are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the UK tax legislation, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override or controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting of journal entries. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

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- Discussions with management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud; and
- Testing of journal entries, in particular entries posted with unexpected account combinations in relation to revenue and profits

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditors' report.

Use of this report

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

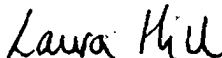
Other required reporting

Companies Act 2006 exception reporting

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not obtained all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.



Laura Hill (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Birmingham

8 September 2022

Abbeyfield V.E. Limited**Statement of comprehensive income
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

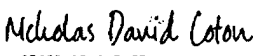
	Note	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Turnover	3	12,987	7,128
Administrative expenses		(9,352)	(7,359)
Operating profit/(loss)	5	3,635	(231)
Income from shares in group undertakings		417	135
Profit/(loss) before interest and taxation		4,052	(96)
Other interest receivable and similar income	6	29	22
Interest payable and similar expenses	7	(19)	(20)
Profit/(loss) before taxation		4,062	(94)
Tax on profit/(loss)	8	1	6
Profit/(loss) for the financial year		4,063	(88)
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the year		4,063	(88)

All results derive from continuing operations.

Abbeyfield V.E. Limited**Statement of financial position
as at 31 December 2021**

Registered number: 03104285	Note	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Fixed assets			
Investments	9	1,445	1,000
		1,445	1,000
Current assets			
Debtors	10	19,352	10,032
Cash at bank and in hand		12,434	11,010
Total current assets		31,786	21,042
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(21,431)	(14,298)
Net current assets		10,355	6,744
Total assets less current liabilities		11,800	7,744
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(56)	(63)
Net assets		11,744	7,681
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	14	-	-
Retained earnings	14	11,744	7,681
Total equity		11,744	7,681

The notes on pages 13 to 30 are an integral part of these financial statements. These financial statements on pages 10 to 30 were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 8 September 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

DocuSigned by:

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 N Cotton
 Director

Abbeyfield V.E. Limited**Statement of changes in equity
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

	Called up share capital	Retained earnings	Total equity
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance at 1 January 2020	-	7,769	7,769
Loss for the financial year	-	(88)	(88)
Total comprehensive expense for the year	-	(88)	(88)
Balance at 31 December 2020	-	7,681	7,681
 Profit for the financial year	-	4,063	4,063
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	4,063	4,063
Balance at 31 December 2021	-	11,744	11,744

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

1 Accounting policies

Company information

Abbeyfield V.E. Limited is a private company limited by shares, domiciled and incorporated in England and Wales. The company is registered in England. The registered office is Abbeyfield V.E. Limited, Mere Way, Ruddington Fields Business Park, Ruddington, Nottingham, NG11 6NZ.

The company's principal activities are disclosed in the Strategic report.

Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and under the historical cost convention.

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the group and company accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 2.

The accounting policies have been applied consistently, other than where new policies have been adopted.

Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £000, except where otherwise indicated.

Consolidated financial statements

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in section 401 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of GrandVision N.V., which prepares group financial statements which incorporate this entity. Consequently, these financial statements present the financial position and financial performance of the company as a single entity.

Reduced disclosures

In accordance with FRS102, the company has taken advantage of the exemptions from the following disclosure requirements:

- Section 7 'Statement of Cash Flows' – Presentation of a Statement of Cash Flow and related notes and disclosures.
- Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' & Section 12 'Other Financial Instrument Issues' – Carrying amounts, interest income/expense and net gains/losses for each category of financial instrument.
- Section 26 'Share Based Payments' – Share based payment expense charged to profit or loss, reconciliation of opening and closing number and weighted average exercise price of share options, how the fair value of options granted was measured, measurement and carrying amount of liabilities for cash-settled share-based payments, explanation of modifications to arrangements.
- Section 33 'Related Party Disclosures' – Compensation for key management personnel.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Reduced disclosures (continued)

The financial statements of the company are consolidated in the financial statements of GrandVision N.V., which incorporate the full consolidated statement of cash flows and details of share based payments. The consolidated financial statements of GrandVision N.V. are available from The Base, Evert van de Beekstraat 1-80, Tower C, 6th floor, 1118 CL Schiphol, The Netherlands.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that the directors have carried out a detailed review of the company's resources. The directors are satisfied that the company has sufficient cash flows to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Functional and presentational currencies

The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling which is also the functional currency of the company.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency (foreign currencies) are initially recorded at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the reporting date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction or, if the asset or liability is measured at fair value, the rate when that fair value was determined.

All translation differences are taken to profit or loss, except to the extent that they relate to gains or losses on non-monetary items recognised in other comprehensive income, when the related translation gain or loss is also recognised in other comprehensive income.

Turnover

Revenue in respect of services is recognised in the accounting period to which the services are rendered and at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable in the ordinary nature of the business. Turnover is shown net of VAT.

In certain locations the group has franchised its brand to third parties. Fees charged for the use of the rights granted by the agreement and related services are recognised as revenue as the rights are used and the services are provided.

Turnover is recognised by reference to the year that it relates. Any future periods' turnover is held within the balance sheet and is released into the correct accounting year.

Investments

Interests in subsidiaries are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

The investments are assessed for impairment at each reporting date and any impairment losses or reversals of impairment losses are recognised immediately in profit or loss. A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the company. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Taxation

Taxation expense comprises current and deferred tax recognised in the reporting period. Tax is recognised in the profit and loss account, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

Current tax, including UK corporation tax and foreign tax, is the amount payable in respect of the taxable profit for the year or prior years. Taxable profit differs from total comprehensive income because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other periods. Tax is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Current tax assets are recognised when tax paid exceeds the amount of tax payable.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date, where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax assets are considered as recoverable and therefore recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits or deferred tax liabilities in the foreseeable future against which to recover carried forward tax losses and from which the future reversal of underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Employee benefits – Long-term incentives

Liabilities under long-term incentive schemes are based on an actuarial valuation and actuarial gains and losses are recognised as employee expenses with the charge being spread over the period of required employment.

Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments. The company has taken advantage of exemptions from disclosure requirements in relation to these provisions.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument, and are offset only when the company currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Financial assets

Trade debtors

Trade debtors which are receivable within one year and which do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price. Trade debtors are subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled and any impairment losses.

Where the arrangement with a trade debtor constitutes a financing transaction, the debtor is initially and subsequently measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

A provision for impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the amounts due will not be collected according to the original terms of the contract. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss for the excess of the carrying value of the trade debtor over the present value of the future cash flows discounted using the original effective interest rate. Subsequent reversals of an impairment loss that objectively relate to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities and equity

Financial instruments are classified as liabilities and equity instruments according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors payable within one year that do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled.

Where the arrangement with a trade creditor constitutes a financing transaction, the creditor is initially and subsequently measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar instrument.

Bank overdrafts

Bank overdrafts are presented within creditors' amounts falling due within one year.

Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price, including transaction costs, and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and other similar charges.

Commitments to receive a loan are measured at cost less impairment.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

De-recognition of financial assets and liabilities

A financial asset is de-recognised only when the contractual rights to cash flows expire or are settled, or substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to another party, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party. A financial liability (or part thereof) is de-recognised when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Dividends

Dividends are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the company.

2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. There are no estimates and assumptions that have a risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

3 Turnover

An analysis of the company's turnover by class of business is as follows:

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Sale of management services	12,987	7,128

An analysis of the geographical location of the company's turnover is as follows:

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
United Kingdom	12,987	7,128

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4 Employees and directors

Staff costs are borne by other group companies and recharged to the company. Costs in respect of salaries amounting to £3,690,000 (2020: £2,963,000) were recharged from Vision Express (UK) Limited in the year for time worked on behalf of the company by a monthly average of 101 (2020: 87) employees on dual employment contracts.

The monthly average number of employees (including directors) during the year was made up as follows:

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
Management and store support centre (including directors on service contracts)	101	87

Staff costs for the above persons:

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries	3,325	2,655
Social security costs	257	211
Other pension costs	108	97
	3,690	2,963

Directors' emoluments

Remuneration for directors of the company is borne by another group company, Vision Express (UK) Limited, and recharges were made for their services to the company. Directors' emoluments are allocated on a time-spent basis to each company within the group. The aggregate emoluments of the directors apportioned to the company were:

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Directors' emoluments and annual performance related bonus	261	212
Long term incentive scheme payments	132	42
Pension contributions	22	7
	415	261

Directors' emoluments were in respect of management services, and retirement benefits are accruing to two (2020: two) directors under the money purchase scheme.

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4 Employees and directors (continued)

Long term incentive scheme payments relate to directors' entitlements to securities under the GrandVision N.V. Long Term Incentive Plan. There were three directors who were accruing benefits under the long term incentive scheme during the year (2020: three).

The emoluments of the highest paid director were £193,879 (2020: £125,117), including long term incentive scheme payments and share options exercised of £54,575 (2020: £17,592). Pension contributions of £17,852 (2020: £5,348) were paid on his behalf.

5 Operating profit/(loss)

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Operating lease rental expense	82	76
Operating lease rental income	(82)	(76)

Auditors' remuneration of £9,000 (2020: £9,000), relating to audit services, has been borne by Vision Express (UK) Limited, another group company. There were no non-audit fees in either the current or prior year.

6 Other interest receivable and similar income

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Joint Ventures loan interest	29	16
Interest on amounts owed by group undertakings	-	6
	29	22

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	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Interest on bank loans and overdrafts	1	-
Interest on amounts owed to related parties	14	17
Interest on amounts owed to group undertakings	4	3
	19	20

8 Tax on profit/(loss)

Analysis of tax during the year

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Current tax		
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(7)	-
Total current tax credit	(7)	-
Deferred tax (note 11)		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	-	(6)
Adjustments in respect of prior years	6	-
Total deferred tax	6	(6)
Total tax on profit/(loss)	(1)	(6)

Abbeyfield V.E. Limited**Notes to the financial statements
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The total tax credit for the year is lower (2020: lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.00% (2020: 19.00%). The differences are explained below:

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Profit/(loss) before taxation	4,062	(94)
Profit/(loss) before taxation multiplied by the standard rate of tax at 19.00% (2020: 19.00%)	772	(18)
Effects of:		
Non-taxable dividend income	(79)	(26)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	4	38
Group relief claimed for nil charge	(697)	-
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(1)	-
Total tax credit	(1)	(6)

As part of the March 2021 Budget, it was announced that from 1 April 2023 the main rate of Corporation Tax rate would increase from 19% to 25%. This change became substantively enacted on 24 May 2021, and so its effect is reflected in these financial statements.

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9 Investments

	£'000
Cost	
At 1 January 2021	1,132
Additions	529
Disposals	(84)
At 31 December 2021	1,577
Impairment	
At 1 January 2021	132
At 31 December 2021	132
Net book amount	
At 31 December 2021	1,445
At 31 December 2020	1,000

The additions in the year relate to the acquisition of 'A' shares in Clapham Common V.E. Limited and Brentwood V.E. Limited. The disposals in the year relate to the sale of 'A' shares in Clapham Common V.E. Limited.

The impairment relates to the non-trading company Stirling V.E. Limited.

There are no other investments whose result or financial positions affect the figures in the company's financial statements. The investment consists of shares in group undertakings. The directors consider the value of investments to be supported by their underlying assets and value in use.

A full list of subsidiary and other related undertakings is below.

Investments at cost	Country of Incorporation	% of holding	Class of shares	% of holding	Class of shares	Principal activity
Andover V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Ashbourne V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Ashby de la Zouch V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Ashford Town V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Aylesbury V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Ayr V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Banbury V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Bangor V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Barnet Town V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Barnet V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Barnstaple V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Beeston V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Berkhamsted V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Berwick upon Tweed V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer

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9 Investments (continued)

Investments at cost	Country of Incorporation	% of holding	Class of shares	% of holding	Class of shares	Principal activity
Beverley Town V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Bexley Heath V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Bicester V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Birmingham Fort V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Bishops Stortford V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Blackburn V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Boston V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Boston Town VE Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Bournemouth V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Bracknell V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Bradford V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Brentwood V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Bude V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Burton upon Trent V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Bury St Edmunds V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Bury V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Buxton V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Camberley V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Camden V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Chatham V.E. Limited (formerly Canterbury V.E. Limited)	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Cheltenham V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Chester Le Street V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Chesterfield V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Chichester Town V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Chiswick V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Clapham Common V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Congleton V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Corby V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Crewe V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Doncaster VE Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Ealing V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
East Grinstead V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Eastbourne V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Edgware V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Enfield V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Falkirk V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Fareham V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Farnham V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Gainsborough V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Glasgow Byers Road V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Glasgow Fort V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Gloucester V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Godalming V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Goring by Sea (Batemans) Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Greenock V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Halifax V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Harborne V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Harlow V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Haslemere V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Hemel Hempstead V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Hereford VE Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
High Wycombe V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer

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Investments at cost	Country of Incorporation	% of holding	Class of shares	% of holding	Class of shares	Principal activity
Hinckley V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Hitchin V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Hornchurch V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Horsham V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Hounslow V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Huntingdon V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Jersey V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Kettering V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Kettering Town VE Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Kidderminster V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Kings Lynn V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Kingston V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Kirkcaldy V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Leamington Spa V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Lewisham V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Lichfield V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Lisburn V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Livingston V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Llandudno V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Londonderry V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Loughborough V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Loughton V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Lowestoft V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Luton V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Macclesfield V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Maidenhead V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Mansfield V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Market Harborough V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Morpeth Town V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Newbury V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Newton Abbey V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Newton Abbott V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Northwich V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	50%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Nuneaton V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Penrith V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Perth V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Petersfield Town V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Petersfield V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Poole V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Rayleigh V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Reigate VE Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Rochdale V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	50%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Rotherham V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Rugby V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Ruislip V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Salisbury V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Scunthorpe V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Sherborne V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Shrewsbury V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Southend V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Southport V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Spalding V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer

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9 Investments (continued)

Investments at cost	Country of Incorporation	% of holding	Class of shares	% of holding	Class of shares	Principal activity
St Albans V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
St Helens V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Stafford V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Staines V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Stamford V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Stevenage V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Stirling Town V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Stirling V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Stockton V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Stratford Upon Avon Optical Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Sutton Coldfield V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Swiss Cottage V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Tamworth V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Tamworth V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Taunton V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Torquay V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Truro V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Tunbridge Wells Kent V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Uckfield V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Watford V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Welwyn Garden City V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Welwyn GC V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
West Bridgford V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Westwood Cross V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Weymouth V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Widnes V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Wilmslow V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Wimbledon V.E. limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Winchester V.E. limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Witney V.E. limited	United Kingdom	20%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Woking (Batmans) Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Woking V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Wood Green V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Worthing V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer
Yarm V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Non trading
Yeovil V.E. Limited	United Kingdom	-	Ordinary A	100%	Ordinary B	Optical retailer

All subsidiaries are registered at the following address: Mere Way, Ruddington Fields Business Park, Ruddington, Nottingham, NG11 6NZ.

No shares in Abbeyfield V.E. Limited are held by or on behalf of any of these entities.

Within all of these investments (known as 'investee undertakings') which have both 'A' and 'B' ordinary shares:

Both the 'A' and 'B' ordinary shares have voting rights. The 'B' ordinary shares entitle the holders to appoint 'B' directors, including the chairman. The 'B' ordinary shares do not entitle the holders to receive a dividend, with the exception of Andover V.E. Limited, Ashby de la Zouch V.E. Limited, Halifax V.E. Limited, Hitchin V.E. Limited, Morpeth Town V.E. Limited, and Sutton Coldfield V.E. Limited, whereby the 'B' ordinary shares entitle the holders to receive a percentage of any dividends. On a winding up the 'A' and 'B' ordinary shares rank *pari passu*.

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	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade debtors	183	218
Amounts owed by group undertakings	10,499	3,901
Amounts owed by related parties (note 16)	7,260	4,136
Corporation tax	7	-
Deferred tax (note 11)	-	6
Prepayments and accrued income	311	224
	18,260	8,485
Amounts falling due after more than one year		
Amounts owed by related parties (note 16)	1,061	1,527
Deferred tax (note 11)	1	1
Prepayments and accrued income	30	19
	19,352	10,032

All amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured and repayable on demand. Amounts owed by group undertakings are non-interest bearing, except for an amount of £10,219,000 (2020: £3,774,000) which bears interest at an average rate of nil% (2020: 0.14%), based on LIBOR less 0.15%.

Amounts owed by related parties are non-interest bearing, except for an amount of £1,222,000 (2020: £1,645,000) which bears interest at LIBOR plus 2%. Amounts owed by related parties are unsecured and repayable on demand, except for an amount of £1,822,000 (2020: £2,383,000) which consists of individual balances due for repayment at various points until 2024.

Abbeyfield V.E. Limited**Notes to the financial statements
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The deferred tax asset is analysed as follows:

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
As at 1 January	7	1
(Charged)/credited to statement of comprehensive income (note 8)	(6)	6
As at 31 December	1	7

Of the deferred tax asset of £1,000 (2020: £7,000), £nil (2020: £6,000) is expected to reverse within 12 months. The elements of deferred taxation are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Fixed asset timing differences	1	1
Losses	-	6
Total deferred tax asset	1	7

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Trade creditors	25	32
Amounts owed to group undertakings	3,927	1,016
Amounts owed to related parties (note 16)	17,313	13,061
Taxation and social security	142	171
Accruals and deferred income	24	18
	21,431	14,298

Amounts owed to group undertakings are non-interest bearing, except for an amount of £498,000 (2020: £494,000) which bears interest at 0.75%, and an amount of £466,000 (2020: £nil) which bears interest at an average rate of 2.18% (2020: nil%) based on the average borrowing costs of the group plus 0.25%. Amounts owed to related parties are non-interest bearing, except for individual balances exceeding £60,000 which bear interest at the Bank of England base rate. All amounts owed to group undertakings and related parties are unsecured, and repayable on demand.

Abbeyfield V.E. Limited**Notes to the financial statements
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	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Accruals and deferred income	56	63

14 Called up share capital and retained earnings

	2021	2020
	£	£
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
50 (2020: 50) 'A' ordinary shares of £1 each	50	50
50 (2020: 50) 'B' ordinary shares of £1 each	50	50
	100	100

Ordinary share rights

Both the 'A' and 'B' ordinary shares have voting rights. The 'B' ordinary shares entitle the holders to appoint three 'B' directors, including the chairman.

On a winding up the 'A' and 'B' ordinary shares rank pari passu.

Reserves

Reserves of the company represent the following:

Retained earnings

Cumulative profit and loss net of distributions to owners.

Dividends

No dividends were either paid or proposed in the year (2020: £nil).

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15 Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Amounts due:		
Within one year	-	56
	-	56

16 Related party transactions

During the accounting year ended 31 December 2021 Abbeyfield V.E. Limited entered into service and interest transactions with a number of Joint Venture companies which are predominantly 50% owned, and Joint Venture partners. The specific shareholdings of each Joint Venture company is disclosed in note 9.

The value of the intercompany trading for the invoicing of service fees amounted to £11,286,000 (2020: £6,009,000), payments to ophthalmic contractors immediately recharged amounted to £3,579,000 (2020: £2,446,000), interest receivable amounted to £29,000 (2020: £16,000) and interest payable amounted to £14,000 (2020: £17,000). An amount of £1,324,000 (2020: £923,000) is owed by the investee undertakings as at 31 December 2021 and held within debtors.

In addition to the intercompany trading for service fees, Abbeyfield V.E. Limited entered into financing transactions with a number of Joint Venture companies and Joint Venture partners. An amount of £6,997,000 (£5,936,000 within one year and £1,061,000 after more than one year) (2020: £4,740,000 (£3,213,000 within one year and £1,527,000 after more than one year)) is owed by the related parties as at 31 December 2021 and held within debtors. An amount of £17,313,000 (2020: £13,061,000) is owed to the investee undertakings as at 31 December 2021 and held within creditors.

In the year, Abbeyfield V.E. Limited received dividend income from Joint Venture companies of £417,000 (2020: £135,000).

17 Ultimate parent and controlling company

The immediate parent and controlling party of the company is Vision Express (UK) Limited, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom. A copy of their financial statements can be obtained from Mere Way, Ruddington Fields Business Park, Ruddington, Nottingham, NG11 6NZ.

With effect 1 July 2021, the ultimate parent and controlling party is EssilorLuxottica S.A.. Prior to 1 July 2021 the ultimate parent and controlling party was HAL Trust, a trust under Bermuda Law.

The largest group in which results of the company are consolidated is that headed by EssilorLuxottica S.A. whose financial statements are available to the public from 147, rue de Paris – 94220 Charenton-le-Pont – France.

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17 Ultimate parent and controlling company (continued)

The smallest group in which results of the company are consolidated is that headed by GrandVision N.V., whose financial statements are available to the public from The Base, Evert van de Beekstraat 1-80, Tower C, 6th floor, 1118 CL Schiphol, The Netherlands.

18 Events after the end of the reporting period

There were no events after the reporting year which require disclosure or which lead to adjustment of the financial statements.