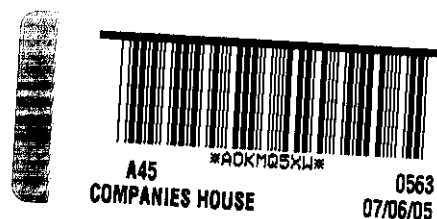


Blackwell Publishers (Holdings) Limited

Registered Number: 3162902

Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2004



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Director

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(Resigned 19 December 2004)

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Directors' report

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004.

Results and dividends

The company did not trade in the year. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2003 - £nil).

Directors and their interests

The directors during the year are listed on page 1.

No director held an interest in the shares of the company at 31 December 2004.

The interests of the directors in the shares of Blackwell Publishing (Holdings) Limited, the company's ultimate parent undertaking, are disclosed in the financial statements of that company.

On behalf of the board


Director

03 JUN 2005

Balance sheet

at 31 December 2004

	Notes	2004 £	2003 £
Current assets			
Cash in hand		2	2
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	2	2	2
Profit and loss account	3	-	-
Equity shareholders' funds	3	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

For the year ended 31 December 2004 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 and preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the board on



Director

03 JUN 2005

Notes to the financial statements

at 31 December 2004

1. Accounting policy

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

2. Share capital

	<i>Authorised</i>		<i>Authorised</i>	
	<i>2004</i>		<i>2003</i>	
	£		£	
1,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	2		2	
	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>	

	<i>Authorised</i>		<i>Allotted, called up and fully paid</i>	
	<i>2004</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2003</i>
	<i>No.</i>	<i>No.</i>	£	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

3. Reconciliation of shareholders' funds and movements on reserves

	<i>Share capital</i>	<i>Profit and loss account</i>	<i>Total</i>
	£	£	£
At 1 January 2004	2	2	2
At 31 December 2004	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

4. Ultimate parent undertaking

The company's ultimate parent company and controlling party is Blackwell Publishing (Holdings) Limited. Blackwell Publishing (Holdings) Limited is the parent undertaking of the largest and smallest group of undertakings of which the company is a member, and for which group financial statements are prepared.

Copies of these financial statements can be obtained from the company's registered office.

5. Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS 8, as a wholly owned subsidiary of Blackwell Publishing (Holdings) Limited, not to disclose transactions with other members of the Blackwell Publishing (Holdings) Limited group.