

**NEWSQUEST LIMITED**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2019**

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2019**

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**Country of incorporation:**

A company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales.

**Registered address:**

Loudwater Mill, Station Road, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP10 9TY

## STRATEGIC REPORT

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2019.

### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

Newsquest Limited ("the company") is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Gannett U.K. Limited (collectively with other subsidiaries "the group").

The company's principal activity remains to be that of a holding and investment company and the directors expect this to continue for the foreseeable future.

The company's subsidiaries operate within the publishing and printing industry.

On 13 November 2019 the company issued 500,000,000 £0.01 ordinary shares in the company to the shareholder, Gannett U.K. Limited at par, £5,000,000. The purpose of the capital contribution was to pass a £5,000,000 investment down the group to Newsquest Media Group Limited.

Following the completion of the above transactions it was subsequently resolved on 13 November 2019 to reduce the share capital of the company by the cancellation of £5,000,000 from the £0.01 ordinary shares and to transfer this amount to the profit and loss reserve.

Subsequent to the year end, the world has been affected by the Coronavirus pandemic creating immense worldwide economic uncertainty. As a result, the directors have reduced the value of the company's investment in Newsquest Capital Limited by £5,000,000.

### KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The company is a holding company and the directors do not believe there are any key performance indicators.

### ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ANTI-BRIBERY

It is Newsquest's policy to conduct all business in an honest and ethical manner. We take a zero-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption and are committed to acting professionally, fairly and with integrity in all our business dealings and relationships wherever we operate, implementing, and enforcing effective systems to counter bribery.

We will uphold all laws relevant to countering bribery and corruption in all the jurisdictions in which we operate. We remain subject to the laws of the UK, including the Bribery Act 2010, in respect of our conduct both at home and abroad.

### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The company operates as an intermediary holding company within the Gannett Co., Inc. group of companies. All of its material transactions are with fellow group undertakings and as such its activities are dependent on the activities of the Gannett Co., Inc. group of companies as a whole.

The risks and uncertainties facing the company are linked to those of the group. A discussion of the group risks and uncertainties is contained in the annual report of Gannett Co., Inc.

### COVID 19

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought a deep economic slowdown at an unprecedented rate as broad swathes of the population stay home to slow the spread of the virus. While the pandemic has brought significant disruption, the company remains positive about its indirect operating subsidiary's ability to trade profitability after this crisis.

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE – S172 STATEMENT

The company has noted the Wates Corporate Governance Principles for large private companies, and s172 of the Companies Act 2006. Newsquest Limited's principal activity is that of a holding company and as such its strategic decisions are made by the same directors that are on the Newsquest Media Group Limited board. Details of the group's key principles of the business and comments on the actions taken around these in relation to the Wates Corporate Governance Principles are disclosed in the Strategic Report of Newsquest Media Group Limited.

This report was approved by the Board and signed on its behalf on 29 July 2020 by:



P Hunter

Director

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

This directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

## **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS**

The company has not traded during the period.

The company's principal activity continues to be that of a holding company and the directors expect this to continue for the foreseeable future.

## **DIRECTORS**

The following directors held office during the period and up to the date of signing the financial statements:

R Dickey	(resigned 7 May 2019)
A Engel	(resigned 14 April 2020)
B Wall	(resigned 30 January 2020)
H Faure Walker	
P Hunter	
P Bascobert	(appointed 30 January 2020, resigned 19 June 2020)
D Horne	(appointed 19 June 2020)
M Reed	(appointed 30 January 2020)

## **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable UK law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'.

Under company law the 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 these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 101, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; 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 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. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **COVID 19**

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought a deep economic slowdown at an unprecedented rate as broad swathes of the population have had to stay at home to slow the spread of the virus. As a group our top priorities have been to ensure the safety of our employees and for our businesses to continue to deliver trusted content to our communities during this period.

We moved quickly to implement work-from-home policies as well as implement UK government guidance in our production distribution facilities, which has allowed us to continue to provide our essential products and services. We expect the revenues of the operating subsidiaries to be significantly impacted and have taken several measures designed to mitigate the impact on our operating performance and to strengthen the balance sheet and liquidity position of the group's principal operating subsidiary, Newsquest Media Group Limited.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**COVID 19 (CONTINUED)**

We have implemented furloughs under the UK Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. Management and staff have taken pay reductions. The trustees of the Newsquest Pension Scheme have also agreed to the deferral of six months pension deficit reduction contributions into 2021. All non-essential expenditure has been cancelled.

These measures are essential to protect the operating businesses and in consequence the value of the holding company during this challenging time. While the pandemic has brought significant disruption, the directors remain optimistic about the ability of each entity in the UK group to trade profitably after this crisis.

**GOING CONCERN**

The company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development and position, are set out above in the Strategic Report under the sections principal activities and review of the business, and principal risks and uncertainties.

The company participates in the group's centralised treasury arrangements and so shares banking arrangements with Newsquest Media Group Limited and fellow subsidiaries. The Newsquest group continues to generate significant free cash flow.

On the basis of their assessment of the company's financial position, the company's directors have a reasonable expectation that the company will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

**DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

The directors who were members of the Board at the time of approving the Strategic Report and Directors' Report are listed on page 2. Having made enquiries of fellow directors and of the company's auditors, each of these directors confirm that:

- to the best of each directors' knowledge and belief, there is no information relevant to the preparation of their report of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- each director has taken all steps a director might reasonably be expected to have taken to be aware of relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

**AUDITORS**

Ernst & Young LLP are deemed to be reappointed in accordance with an elective resolution made under Section 386 of the Companies Act 1985 which continues in force under the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board and signed on its behalf on 29 July 2020 by:



P Hunter  
Director

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEWSQUEST LIMITED**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Newsquest Limited for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Statement of comprehensive income, the Statement of changes in equity, the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 11, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report below. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Emphasis of matter – Effects of COVID-19**

We draw attention to notes 1 and 11 of the financial statements, which describes the economic and social consequences the company is facing as a result of COVID-19 which is impacting consumer demand and personnel available for work and being able to access offices. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion 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 such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in 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 the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEWSQUEST LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 2, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors 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.

### **Auditor's 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 auditor's 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Ernst & Young LLP*

Naresh Alimchandani (Senior statutory auditor)  
for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor  
London  
30 July 2020

**INCOME STATEMENT**

**For the year ended 31 December 2019 (note 1)**

		Year ended 31 December 2019 £'000	Year ended 31 December 2018 £'000
	Notes		
Impairment of investment in subsidiary undertaking	2,5	(5,000)	-
<b>OPERATING LOSS AND LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(5,000)</b>	<b>-</b>
Income tax (charge)/credit	4	-	-
<b>LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>(5,000)</b>	<b>-</b>

All the above transactions relate to continuing operations.

There were no gains or losses for the period or the preceding period other than those included in the income statement above and therefore no separate Statement of Other Comprehensive Income has been presented.

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of the financial statements.



**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**Year ended 31 December 2019**

	Share capital £'000	Retained earnings £'000	Total £'000
At 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2017	-	15	15
Loss for the period	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Issue of shares – see note (a) below	5,000	-	5,000
Capital reduction – see note (b) below	(5,000)	5,000	-
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At 31 December 2019	-	15	15
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Note (a): On 13 November 2019, a special resolution was passed to increase the share capital by £5,000,000 through the issue of 500,000,000 special ordinary shares of £0.01 each to the shareholder, Gannett U.K. Limited.

Note (b): Following the completion of the above transaction, it was subsequently resolved on 13 November 2019 to reduce the share capital of the company by the cancellation of 500,000,000 £0.01 special ordinary shares and transfer these amounts to distributable reserves.

There is no Other Comprehensive Income in either period.

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**31 December 2019**

	Note	£'000	2019 £'000	£'000	2018 £'000
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	5		-		-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	6	15		15	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			15		15
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			15		15
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>					
Share capital	7		-		-
Retained earnings	8		15		15
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>			15		15

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of the financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 6 to 13 were approved by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf on 29 July 2020 by:



**P Hunter**  
**Director**

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### Year ended 31 December 2019

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Basis of preparation of financial statements

The company meets the definition of a qualifying entity for the purpose of FRS 101 (Financial Reporting Standard 101). The financial statements have therefore been prepared in accordance with FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'. As permitted by FRS 101, the company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to: the requirements of paragraphs 10 (d), 39 (c) and 134-136 of IAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, the requirements of paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 *Accounting policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*; the requirements of IFRS 7 *Financial Instruments*, the requirements of paragraphs 134 (d) – 134 (f) and 135 (c) – 135 (e) of IAS 36 *Impairment of Assets*, the requirements in IAS 24 *Related Party Disclosures* and the requirements of IAS 8.30 and 31 on new and not yet effective standards.

The company is included in the consolidated financial statements of Gannett Co., Inc., that are available to the public (note 10). Where relevant, equivalent disclosures are made in the consolidated accounts including the presentation of a cash flow statement, the company has taken advantage of the exemption granted by Financial Reporting Standard 101 – 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' not to present a cash flow statement. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out under the notes below.

##### COVID 19

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought a deep economic slowdown at an unprecedented rate as broad swathes of the population have had to stay at home to slow the spread of the virus. As a group our top priorities have been to ensure the safety of our employees and for our businesses to continue to deliver trusted content to our communities during this period.

We moved quickly to implement work-from-home policies as well as implement UK government guidance in our production distribution facilities, which has allowed us to continue to provide our essential products and services. We expect the revenues of the operating subsidiaries to be significantly impacted and have taken several measures designed to mitigate the impact on our operating performance and to strengthen the balance sheet and liquidity position of the group's principal operating subsidiary, Newsquest Media Group Limited.

We have implemented furloughs under the UK Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. Management and staff have taken pay reductions. The trustees of the Newsquest Pension Scheme have also agreed to the deferral of six months pension deficit reduction contributions into 2021. All non-essential expenditure has been cancelled.

These measures are essential to protect the operating businesses and in consequence the value of the holding company during this challenging time. While the pandemic has brought significant disruption, the directors remain optimistic about the ability of each entity in the UK group to trade profitably after this crisis.

##### Going concern

The company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development and position, are set out in the Strategic Report under the sections principal activities and review of the business, and principal risks and uncertainties.

The company participates in the group's centralised treasury arrangements and so shares banking arrangements with Newsquest Media Group Limited and fellow subsidiaries. The Newsquest group continues to generate significant free cash flow.

On the basis of their assessment of the company's financial position, the company's directors have a reasonable expectation that the company will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

##### Accounting period

The balance sheet for 2019 and 2018 has been drawn up as at 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 respectively.

##### Significant accounting policies

##### Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost, less provision, if appropriate, for any impairment in value other than a temporary impairment in value.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**Year ended 31 December 2019**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Significant accounting policies (continued)**

*Investments (continued)*

The carrying value of its investment is reviewed for impairment in periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. The recoverable amount is the net asset value of its subsidiary undertaking.

**Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the period. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates.

**2. OPERATING LOSS**

Operating loss is stated after charging:

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Impairment of investment in subsidiary undertaking	5,000	-

Fees for audit services for the entire Newsquest group of companies totalling £546,000 (2018 - £531,630) were borne by Newsquest Media Group Limited in the current and prior period.

**3. EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS**

The company had no employees in the period.

The directors receive no remuneration for their qualifying services to the company (2018 - £nil). All emoluments and pension payments made by related companies to directors are dealt with in the accounts of Newsquest Media Group Limited.

**4. TAXATION**

**(a) Tax (charged)/credited in the income statement**

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
<b>Current income tax charge:</b>		
UK corporation tax at 19.00% (2018 – 19.00%)	-	-
Adjustment in respect of current income tax in prior period	-	-
<b>Total Income tax (charge)/credit reported in the income statement all relating to continuing operations</b>	-	-

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
<b>(b) Reconciliation of the total tax (charge)/credit:</b>		
Loss from continuing activities before taxation	(5,000)	-
Tax on the losses on ordinary activities at the standard UK rate of corporation tax of 19.00% (2018 – 19.00%)	950	-
Tax effect of amounts which are not deductible/(taxable) in calculating taxable income:		
Tax effect of items that are not deductible or not taxable in determining taxable loss	(950)	-
<b>Total income tax (charge)/credit reported in the income statement</b>	-	-

The entity does not have any deferred tax.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**For the year ending 31 December 2019**

**4. TAXATION (CONTINUED)**

**(c) Change in corporation tax rate**

A corporation tax rate of 19% applies for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020. In the March 2020 Budget, the Chancellor reversed the corporation tax reduction from 19% to 17% which would have been effective from 1 April 2020. The corporation tax rate will now remain at 19%.

**5. INVESTMENTS**

	<b>Investments in subsidiary undertakings £'000</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2019	644,377
Capital contribution	5,000
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At 31 December 2019	649,377
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<b>Provisions</b>	
At 1 January 2019	644,377
Investment write down	5,000
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At 31 December 2019	649,377
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<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018	-
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On the 14 November 2019 the company received from Gannett U.K. Limited and made a capital contribution of £5,000,000 to its subsidiary, Newsquest Capital Limited.

Subsequent to the year end, the world has been affected by the Coronavirus pandemic creating immense worldwide economic uncertainty, as a result, the directors have impaired the company's investment in Newsquest Capital Limited by £5,000,000.

The wholly owned trading subsidiary companies of Newsquest Limited (all of which are incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales except for those marked with an asterisk which are registered in Scotland) at 31 December 2019 are as follows:

<b>Name of company</b>	<b>Nature of business</b>
Newsquest Capital Limited <sup>1</sup>	Holding company
Newsquest Media Group Limited	Holding company, printing and publishing
Newsquest Printing (Glasgow) Limited*	Holding company
Newsquest Specialist Media Limited	Publishing
Newsquest (Clyde & Forth Press) Limited*	Publishing
Sopress Investments Limited	Investment holding company

<sup>1</sup> Owned directly by the company.

The dormant subsidiary companies of Newsquest Limited (all of which are wholly owned indirectly and incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales except those marked with an asterisk which are registered in Scotland\* and Northern Ireland\*\*) at 31 December 2019 are as follows:

<b>Name of Company</b>	<b>Name of Company</b>
Forest Machine Journal Limited*	Newsquest Media (Southern) Limited
Newsquest (Berkshire) Limited*	Newsquest (York) Limited
Newsquest (Essex) Limited	This is Essex Limited
Newsquest (Herald & Times) Limited*	Newsquest (Midlands South) Limited
Newsquest (Herts and Bucks) Limited	LocaliQ Limited
Newsquest (London & Essex) Limited	William Trimble Limited**
Newsquest (Oxfordshire & Wiltshire) Limited	WP Publishing
Newsquest Pension Trustee Limited	

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**For the year ending 31 December 2019**

**5. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

The below list of dormant subsidiary companies of Newsquest Limited (all of which were wholly owned indirectly and incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales) were dissolved during 2019 with the exception of the entity asterisked \*\*\*, for which strike off paperwork was filed at Companies House prior to year end, with confirmation of dissolution received on 7 January 2020:

Name of Company	Name of Company
CN Group Limited	J.Catherall & Co.(Printers), Limited
Cumbrian Newspapers Limited***	CN Group Property Limited
Furness Newspapers Limited	

**6. DEBTORS**

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Amounts owed by group undertakings	15	15

**7. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL**

	2019 £	2018 £
<b>Authorised:</b>		
18,933,738,206 ordinary shares of 1p each (2018: 18,933,738,206 ordinary shares of 1p each)	189,337,382	189,337,382
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid:</b>		
1 ordinary share of 1p (2018: 1 ordinary share of 1p each)	-	-

On 13 November 2019, a special resolution was passed to increase the share capital by £5,000,000 through the issue of 500,000,000 special ordinary shares of £0.01 each to the shareholder, Gannett U.K. Limited.

Following the completion of the above transaction, it was subsequently resolved on 13 November 2019 to reduce the share capital of the company by the cancellation 500,000,000 £0.01 special ordinary shares and transfer these amounts to distributable reserves.

**8. RESERVES**

	Share capital £'000	Retained earnings £'000	Total £'000
At 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2017	-	15	15
Loss for the period	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Issue of shares – see note (a) below	5,000	-	5,000
Capital reduction – see note (b) below	(5,000)	5,000	-
At 31 December 2019	-	15	15

Note (a): On 13 November 2019, a special resolution was passed to increase the share capital by £5,000,000 through the issue of 500,000,000 special ordinary shares of £0.01 each to the shareholder, Gannett U.K. Limited.

Note (b): Following the completion of the above transaction, it was subsequently resolved on 13 November 2019 to reduce the share capital of the company by the cancellation 500,000,000 £0.01 special ordinary shares and transfer these amounts to distributable reserves.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**For the year ending 31 December 2019**

**9. RELATED PARTIES**

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary included in the consolidated financial statements of its ultimate parent company. These financial statements are publicly available, therefore, the company has taken advantage of the exemption under paragraph 8 (k) of FRS 101 not to disclose transactions with fellow wholly owned subsidiaries.

**10. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY**

The company's ultimate parent and controlling company is Gannett Co., Inc., a company incorporated in the United States of America. The intermediate parent and controlling company in the United Kingdom is Gannett U.K. Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. The immediate parent is Gannett U.K. Limited. The consolidated financial statements of Gannett Co., Inc. comprise the largest group of which the company is a member that prepares consolidated financial statements. The annual report and consolidated financial statements of Gannett Co., Inc. can be obtained from the Secretary, Gannett Co., Inc., 7950 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, Virginia 22107 or online at [www.gannett.com](http://www.gannett.com) investor relations.

**11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

There are no events subsequent to the year end to disclose other than the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic – see note 1. Subsequent to the year end, the world has been affected by the Coronavirus pandemic creating worldwide economic uncertainty, as a result, the directors have impaired the company's investment in Newsquest Capital Limited by £5,000,000.