

Company Registration No. 04086475 (England and Wales)

**TRINITY MIRROR NETWORK LIMITED (FORMERLY NORTHERN &
SHELL NETWORK LIMITED)**

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017



TRINITY MIRROR NETWORK LIMITED (FORMERLY NORTHERN & SHELL NETWORK LIMITED)

COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors	Mr S Fox	(Appointed 28 February 2018)
	Mr V Vaghela	(Appointed 28 February 2018)
	Reach Directors Limited	(Appointed 28 February 2018)
Company number	04086475	
Registered office	One Canada Square Canary Wharf London United Kingdom E14 5AP	
Auditor	KPMG LLP 15 Canada Square London United Kingdom E14 5GL	
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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017. On 2 March 2018, the company changed its name from Northern & Shell Network Limited to Trinity Mirror Network Limited.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the Company is unchanged from last year, and that is of a holding company for a group of companies engaged in newspaper publishing and printing, magazine publishing and the exploitation and further development of intellectual property and media assets.

Directors

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

Mr R C Desmond	(Resigned 28 February 2018)
Mr R Sanderson	(Resigned 28 February 2018)
Mr M S Ellice	(Resigned 28 February 2018)
Dr P Ashford	(Resigned 28 February 2018)
Mr D Rancombe	(Resigned 28 February 2018)
Mr R Martin	(Resigned 28 February 2018)
Mr S Fox	(Appointed 28 February 2018)
Mr V Vaghela	(Appointed 28 February 2018)
Reach Directors Limited	(Appointed 28 February 2018)

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 7.

The company recorded a profit before taxation of £4.3 million (2016: a loss of £9.2 million), after recording a profit on disposal of fixed asset investments of £18.4 million (2016: £nil) (note 3), receiving dividends of £4,000 (2016: £14.3 million) from group undertakings (note 7), recording the related return of cost on investment of £nil (2016: £6.5 million) (note 10), a foreign exchange loss of £15.5 million (2016: a gain of £29.1 million) on retranslation of amounts owed by group undertakings, a credit of £12.4 million in respect of provisions against intercompany debt (2016: a charge of £32.1 million) and a charge of £5.0 million for investment impairment losses (2016: £7.0 million).

No ordinary dividends were paid. The directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend.

Review of the period and future developments

The directors consider the result for the year to be satisfactory. It is the intention of the company to continue in its principal activity for the foreseeable future.

The risks, uncertainties and key performance indicators pertaining to the company during 2017 are discussed in the Strategic Report of Northern & Shell Limited (formerly Northern & Shell Media Group Limited), the ultimate parent of the company at the Balance Sheet date.

On 28 February 2018, Trinity Mirror Network Limited (formerly Northern & Shell Network Limited) and all entities controlled by it, were acquired by Reach plc (formerly Trinity Mirror plc). Further details of the transaction are disclosed in note 16, Events after the reporting date.

The company's net assets were £447.8 million as at 31 December 2017 (2016: £438.7 million).

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

Financial risk management

The company has not implemented specific measures to mitigate financial risks because the directors believe that the nature of the company's operations are such that it is not exposed to financial risks that might impact adversely on the financial performance of the company. The directors keep this position under constant review.

Political donations

The company made no political donations or incurred any political expenditure during the year (2016: £nil).

Auditor

The auditor, KPMG LLP, is deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of disclosure to auditor

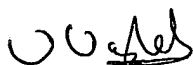
So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the directors individually have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

Going concern

The company has net current liabilities. A letter of support has been received from the ultimate parent company, Reach plc (formerly Trinity Mirror plc), stating that this company will provide financial support as necessary to enable the company to meet its obligations as and when they fall due. Accordingly, the directors are satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

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

On behalf of the board



Mr V Vaghela

Director

18 June 2018

TRINITY MIRROR NETWORK LIMITED (FORMERLY NORTHERN & SHELL NETWORK LIMITED)

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK accounting standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*.

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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- assess the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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 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, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF TRINITY MIRROR NETWORK LIMITED (FORMERLY NORTHERN & SHELL NETWORK LIMITED)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Trinity Mirror Network Limited (formerly Northern & Shell Network Limited) ("the company") for the year ended 31 December 2017 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2017 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*; 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 are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

Going concern

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We have nothing to report in these respects.

Directors' report

The directors are responsible for the directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover that report and we do not express an audit opinion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the directors' report and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in that report for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion that report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF TRINITY MIRROR NETWORK LIMITED (FORMERLY NORTHERN & SHELL NETWORK LIMITED)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required 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; or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

Directors' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 3, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; 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; 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 they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's report

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF TRINITY MIRROR NETWORK LIMITED (FORMERLY NORTHERN & SHELL NETWORK LIMITED)

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

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.

Mark Prince (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

15 Canada Square
London
United Kingdom
E14 5GL

Date: 18 June 2018

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Notes	2017 £000	2016 £000
Administrative expenses		(8,058)	(10,017)
Profit on disposal of fixed asset investments	3	18,403	-
Operating profit/(loss)	4	10,345	(10,017)
Income from shares in group undertakings	7	4	7,841
Interest receivable from group undertakings	7	5,169	5,016
Interest payable and similar expenses	8	(11,231)	(12,054)
Profit/(loss) before taxation		4,287	(9,214)
Taxation	9	(91)	(653)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year		4,196	(9,867)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		4,196	(9,867)

The Statement of Comprehensive Income has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

The notes on pages 10 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

TRINITY MIRROR NETWORK LIMITED (FORMERLY NORTHERN & SHELL NETWORK LIMITED)

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Notes	2017 £000	£000	2016 £000	£000
Fixed assets					
Investments	10		853,934		858,899
			<u>853,934</u>		<u>858,899</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	13	93,864		98,654	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(504,948)		(518,899)	
Net current liabilities			(411,084)		(420,245)
Net assets			<u>442,850</u>		<u>438,654</u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	15		110		110
Share premium account			42,884		42,884
Capital redemption reserve			100		100
Profit and loss reserves			399,756		395,560
Total equity			<u>442,850</u>		<u>438,654</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 18 June 2018 and are signed on its behalf by:



Mr V Vaghela
Director

Company Registration No. 04086475

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Share capital £000	Share premium account £000	Capital redemption reserve £000	Profit and loss reserves £000	Total £000
Balance at 1 January 2016	110	42,884	100	405,427	448,521
Year ended 31 December 2016:					
Loss for the year	-	-	-	(9,867)	(9,867)
Balance at 31 December 2016	110	42,884	100	395,560	438,654
Year ended 31 December 2017:					
Profit for the year	-	-	-	4,196	4,196
Balance at 31 December 2017	110	42,884	100	399,756	442,850

The notes on pages 10 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

TRINITY MIRROR NETWORK LIMITED (FORMERLY NORTHERN & SHELL NETWORK LIMITED)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

1 Accounting policies

Company information

Trinity Mirror Network Limited (formerly Northern & Shell Network Limited) is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London, United Kingdom, E14 5AP.

1.1 Accounting convention

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

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £000 (unless stated otherwise).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

This company is a qualifying entity for the purposes of FRS 102, being a member of a group at the Balance Sheet date where the parent of that group prepares publicly available consolidated financial statements, including this company, which are intended to give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the group. The company has therefore taken advantage of exemptions from the following disclosure requirements:

- Section 4 'Statement of Financial Position' – Reconciliation of the opening and closing number of shares;
- Section 7 'Statement of Cash Flows' – Presentation of a statement of cash flow and related notes and disclosures;
- Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instrument Issues' – Carrying amounts, interest income/expense and net gains/losses for each category of financial instrument; basis of determining fair values; details of collateral, loan defaults or breaches, details of hedges, hedging fair value changes recognised in profit or loss and in other comprehensive income;
- Section 33 'Related Party Disclosures' – Compensation for key management personnel.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare consolidated accounts. The financial statements present information about the company as an individual entity and not about its group.

At the Balance Sheet date, Trinity Mirror Network Limited was a wholly owned subsidiary of Northern & Shell Limited and the results of Trinity Mirror Network Limited are included in the consolidated financial statements of Northern & Shell Limited which are available from its registered office, The Northern & Shell Building, Number 10 Lower Thames Street, London, EC3R 6EN.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption provided in section 33.1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102 from the requirement to disclose transactions with other wholly owned group members of Northern & Shell Limited.

On 28 February 2018, Trinity Mirror Network Limited and all entities controlled by it, were acquired by Reach plc (formerly Trinity Mirror plc). Further details of the transaction are disclosed in note 16, Events after the reporting date.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

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1.2 Going concern

The company has net current liabilities. A letter of support has been received from the ultimate parent company, Reach plc (formerly Trinity Mirror plc), stating that this company will provide financial support as necessary to enable the company to meet its obligations as and when they fall due. Accordingly, the directors are satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

1.3 Fixed asset investments

Interests in subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities 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.

1.4 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand are basic financial assets and 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.

1.5 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.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in profit or loss.

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1 Accounting policies

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Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the company transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, 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.

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified 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.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.6 Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs. Dividends payable on equity instruments are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the company.

1.7 Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

Current tax

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the profit and loss account because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date, and any adjustment to tax payable/receivable in respect of previous years.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Deferred tax

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the standard enacted rate of corporation tax in the UK of 17% (2016: 17%). Deferred tax is charged or credited in the profit and loss account, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity.

1.8 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation are included in the profit and loss account for the period.

2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The directors consider the judgement associated with these financial statements to be over the carrying value of investments.

3 Disposal of fixed asset investments

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Profit on disposal of fixed asset investments	18,403	-

On 25 May 2017, the company transferred 100 ordinary shares of £1.00 each, comprising the entire issued share capital of Northern & Shell Ventures Limited, to Northern & Shell Limited (formerly Northern & Shell Media Group Limited), the company's immediate parent undertaking at the time of the transfer, at fair value for a consideration of £18.4 million. The profit on disposal of fixed asset investments was £18.4 million (note 10).

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4 Operating profit/(loss)

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Operating profit/(loss) for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Exchange losses/(gains)	15,468	(29,050)
Profit on disposal of fixed asset investments (note 3)	18,403	-
Impairment of fixed asset investments	-	7,000
(Decrease)/increase in provision against intercompany debt	(7,410)	32,068

5 Auditor's remuneration

Auditor's remuneration of £4,000 in respect of the audit of these financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 (2016: £4,000) is borne by a fellow group undertaking. There were no non audit services.

6 Directors' remuneration

All directors who served during the year were employed by other group companies and were remunerated for the qualifying services they provided to them. The value ascribed to these qualifying services in 2017 is £nil (2016: £nil).

There were no employees during the year other than the directors.

7 Interest receivable and similar income

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Interest income		
Interest receivable from group undertakings	5,169	5,016
Income from fixed asset investments		
Income from shares in group undertakings	4	14,342
Total income	5,173	19,358

During the year, the company received dividends of £4,000 (2016: £14.3 million) from Northern & Shell Insurance Limited, a subsidiary undertaking, at the Balance Sheet date.

Income from shares in group undertakings in the above table is presented by way of a return of cost on investment of £nil (2016: £6.5 million) and income from shares in group undertakings of £4,000 (2016: £7.8 million) in the profit and loss account.

8 Interest payable and similar expenses

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Interest payable to group undertakings	11,231	12,054

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9 Taxation

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Current tax		
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	91	24
Group tax relief	-	446
	<u>91</u>	<u>470</u>
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	-	183
	<u>-</u>	<u>183</u>
Total tax charge	<u>91</u>	<u>653</u>

A reduction in the UK Corporation Tax rate from 20% to 19% (effective from 1 April 2017) was substantively enacted on 26 October 2015. An additional reduction to 17% (effective 1 April 2020) was substantively enacted on 6 September 2016. This will reduce the company's future current tax charge accordingly.

The actual charge for the year can be reconciled to the expected charge/(credit) for the year based on the profit or loss and the standard rate of tax as follows:

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Profit/(loss) before taxation	<u>4,287</u>	<u>(9,214)</u>
Expected tax charge/(credit) based on the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.25% (2016: 20.00%)	825	(1,843)
Tax effect of expenses that are not deductible in determining taxable profit	(4,969)	7,814
Adjustments in respect of prior years	91	22
Effect of change in corporation tax rate	-	(21)
Dividend income	(1)	(1,568)
Deferred tax asset not recognised	(29)	(3,751)
Group relief not paid for	<u>4,174</u>	<u>-</u>
Taxation for the year	<u>91</u>	<u>653</u>

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10 Fixed asset investments

	Notes	2017 £000	2016 £000
Investments in subsidiaries	11	853,934	858,899

Impairment testing:

The company's policy is to carry out annual reviews of its investments. Based on operating results for the subsidiary undertakings, future forecasts and their net assets, the directors consider that the investments' carrying amount exceeded the recoverable amount. (2016: £7.0 million impairment loss recognised within administrative expenses in the profit and loss account (note 4)).

The recoverable amount of investments has been assessed with reference to its value in use which is calculated as the net present value of future cash flows using a post-tax discount rate of 8% (2016: 8%) as well as a terminal growth rate of 0%, which related to the group as at the Balance Sheet date.

In 2016, the company received dividend income of £14.3 million from Northern & Shell Insurance Limited, its immediate subsidiary undertaking (note 7). The dividend income is presented in the financial statements by way of a return of cost on investment of £6.5 million and dividend income of £7.8 million in the profit and loss account. The return of cost on investment represents the permanent diminution of value generated by the payment of the dividend from its subsidiary undertaking.

Movements in fixed asset investments

	Shares in group undertakings £000
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2017	1,462,148
Disposals (note 3)	-
At 31 December 2017	1,462,148
Impairment	
At 1 January 2017	603,249
Impairment losses	4,965
At 31 December 2017	608,214
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2017	853,934
At 31 December 2016	858,899

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11 Subsidiaries

Details of the company's subsidiaries at 31 December 2017 are as follows:

Name of undertaking and country of incorporation or residency	Nature of business	Class of shareholding	% Held	
			Direct	Indirect
Beaverbrook Newspapers Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
Blackfriars Leasing Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
Broughton Printers Limited *	United Kingdom	Printing	Ordinary	100.00
Burginhal 677 Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
Daily Express Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
Daily Star Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
Export Magazine Distributors Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
Express Newspapers	United Kingdom	Publishing	Ordinary	100.00
Express Newspapers Pension Trustees Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
Express Newspapers Properties Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
Express Printers Manchester Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
Express Property Management Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
Trinity Mirror Digital 1 Limited (formerly Northern & Shell Digital Limited)	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
Trinity Mirror Distribution Limited (formerly Northern & Shell Distribution Limited)	United Kingdom	Magazine distributor	Ordinary	100.00
TM Leasing Limited (formerly Northern & Shell Leasing Limited)	United Kingdom	Leasing assets	Ordinary	100.00
TM Magazines Limited (formerly Northern & Shell Magazines Limited)	United Kingdom	Publishing	Ordinary	100.00
Trinity Mirror Marketing LLC (formerly Northern & Shell Marketing LLC)	United States of America	Publishing	Ordinary	100.00
TM Media Holdings Limited (formerly Northern & Shell Media Holdings Limited)	United Kingdom	Holding company	Ordinary	100.00
Trinity Mirror Media Limited (formerly Northern & Shell Media Limited)	United Kingdom	Holding company	Ordinary	100.00

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TM North America Limited (formerly Northern & Shell North America Limited) **	United Kingdom	Publishing	Ordinary	100.00
TM Publishing 1 plc (formerly Northern & Shell plc)	United Kingdom	Publishing	Ordinary	100.00
TM Titles Limited (formerly Northern & Shell Titles Limited)	United Kingdom	Holding of trademarks	Ordinary	100.00
Trinity Mirror Videos Limited (formerly Northern & Shell Videos Limited)	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
Trinity Mirror Worldwide Limited (formerly Northern & Shell Worldwide Limited)	United Kingdom	Intellectual property exploitation	Ordinary	100.00
Trinity Mirror Finance Limited (formerly Northern and Shell Finance Limited)	United Kingdom	Treasury	Ordinary	100.00
OK Magazines Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
OK Magazines Trading Co Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
OK! Magazine Holdings Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
Scottish Express Newspapers Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
Sightline Publications Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
Sunday Express Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
The Green Magazine Company Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
TM Tower Management Services Limited (formerly The Northern & Shell Tower Management Services Limited)	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
Tower Magazines Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
United Magazines Publishing Services Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00
West Ferry Leasing Limited	United Kingdom	Leasing assets	Ordinary	100.00
West Ferry Printers Limited	United Kingdom	Printing	Ordinary	100.00
West Ferry Printers Pension Scheme Trustees Limited	United Kingdom	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00

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11 Subsidiaries

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* Denotes the company ceased its principal activity in 2015.

** Denotes operates a branch in the United States of America, of which the principal trade and assets were disposed during 2011.

With the exception of the entities noted below, the above subsidiary undertakings are 100% owned and incorporated in the United Kingdom, with a registered office at One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5AP.

Scottish Express Newspapers Limited is 100% owned and incorporated in the United Kingdom, with a registered office at One Central Quay, Glasgow, Scotland, G3 8DA.

Trinity Mirror Marketing LLC is 100% owned and incorporated in the United States of America, with a registered office at 101 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 934, New York, New York, 10013.

There were no changes in ownership or class of shares held during the year.

12 Joint ventures

Details of the company's joint ventures at 31 December 2017 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held	
				Direct	Indirect
Independent Star Limited	Republic of Ireland	Publishing	Ordinary		50.00
Iberian Ediciones Limited *	United Kingdom	Publishing	Ordinary		50.00

* Denotes operates a branch in Spain. The company is currently in voluntary liquidation.

Independent Star Limited is 50% owned and incorporated in the Republic of Ireland, with a registered office at Level 1, Independent House, 27-32 Talbot Street, Dublin 1.

Iberian Ediciones Limited is 50% owned and incorporated in the United Kingdom, with a registered office at 26-28 Bedford Row, London, WC1R 4HE.

There were no changes in ownership or class of shares held during the year.

13 Debtors

	2017	2016
	£000	£000
Amounts falling due within one year		
Amounts due from group undertakings	79,240	83,938
Amounts due from group undertakings with respect to group relief	14,624	14,716
	<u>93,864</u>	<u>98,654</u>

Amounts due from group undertakings carry interest at 2% above base rate, are unsecured and repayable on demand. Amounts owed by dormant group undertakings, included in amounts due from group undertakings, and amounts due from group undertakings with respect to group relief are non-interest bearing, unsecured and repayable on demand.

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14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Amounts due to group undertakings	504,948	518,899

Amounts due to group undertakings carry interest at 2% above base, are unsecured and repayable on demand. Amounts owed to dormant group undertakings, included in amounts due to group undertakings, are non interest bearing, unsecured and repayable on demand.

15 Share capital

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Ordinary share capital		
Issued and fully paid		
110,006 Ordinary of £1 each	110	110

16 Events after the reporting date

The interest in Independent Star Limited was sold to Northern & Shell Limited on 6 February 2018 for a consideration of £4.5 million.

On 28 February 2018, the acquisition of 100% of the equity in Trinity Mirror Network Limited (formerly Northern & Shell Network Limited), was completed by Reach plc (formerly Trinity Mirror plc). The company's ultimate parent undertaking is now Reach plc.

17 Controlling party

The immediate parent undertaking is Reach plc (formerly Trinity Mirror plc).

The ultimate controlling party and the ultimate parent undertaking is Reach plc (formerly Trinity Mirror plc).

At the Balance Sheet date, the smallest and largest groups into which these accounts are consolidated is Northern & Shell Limited (formerly Northern & Shell Media Group Limited), a company registered in England. Copies of its financial statements can be obtained from: The Northern & Shell Building, Number 10 Lower Thames Street, London, EC3R 6EN, United Kingdom.