# Ashgrove Groundworks Limited

Directors' report and financial statements Registered number 04941077 30 April 2019

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# **Directors' Report**

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2019. The directors consider that the company meets all of the criteria to qualify for the exemption from preparing a strategic report.

## Principal activities and business review

The company's principal activity is groundworks construction on residential housing developments.

The company made a profit before tax in the year of £269,000 (2018: profit of £260,000). At 30 April 2019 the company has net assets of of £45,000 (2018: deficit £173,000).

#### Proposed dividend

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year (2018: £nil).

#### **Directors**

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

SJ Rodden MT Taylor MJH Holden

#### Disclosure of information to auditor

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish the company's auditor is aware of such information.

#### Auditor

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office.

By order of the board

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# Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' Report and the financial statements

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.



## KPMG LLP

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# Independent auditor's report to the members of Ashgrove Groundworks Limited

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Ashgrove Groundworks Limited ("the company") for the year ended 30 April 2019 which comprise the Profit and loss account, Balance sheet, 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 30 April 2019 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.

#### The impact of uncertainties due to the UK exiting the European Union on our audit

Uncertainties related to the effects of Brexit are relevant to understanding our audit of the financial statements. All audits assess and challenge the reasonableness of estimates made by the directors, such as recoverability of debtors and related disclosures and the appropriateness of the going concern basis of preparation of the financial statements. All of these depend on assessments of the future economic environment and the company's future prospects and performance.

Brexit is one of the most significant economic events for the UK, and at the date of this report its effects are subject to unprecedented levels of uncertainty of outcomes, with the full range of possible effects unknown. We applied a standardised firm-wide approach in response to that uncertainty when assessing the company's future prospects and performance. However, no audit should be expected to predict the unknowable factors or all possible future implications for a company and this is particularly the case in relation to Brexit.

#### Going concern

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the company or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the company's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

# Independent auditor's report to the members of Ashgrove Groundworks Limited (continued)

#### Going concern (continued)

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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 a year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In our evaluation of the directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the company's business model, including the impact of Brexit, and analysed how those risks might affect the company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. We have nothing to report in these respects.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the company will continue in operation.

#### 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.

# 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 2, 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.

# Independent auditor's report to the members of Ashgrove Groundworks Limited (continued)

#### Auditor's responsibilities

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.

## 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.

Jeremy Thomas (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

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# Profit and loss account

for the year ended 30 April 2019

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Turnover Cost of sales	2	5,608 (5,132)	3,238 (2,773)
Gross profit Administrative expenses		476 (207)	465 (205)
Profit before taxation Tax on profit	3-5 6	269 (51)	260 43
Profit for the financial year		218	303

The notes form part of the financial statements.

No other gains and losses have been recognised in these financial statements other than the profit for the financial years shown above. Accordingly, a separate statement of other comprehensive income has not been presented.

The results above relate wholly to continuing operations.

Balance sheet at 30 April 2019	Note	: 2019 £000	2018 £000
		2000	1000
Fixed assets Tangible fixed assets	7	6	7
Current assets Stock	8	43	_
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	9	1,298	483
		1 241	483
		1,341	463
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,302)	(663)
Net current assets/ (liabilities)		39	(180)
Net assets/ (liabilities)		45	(173)
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	11	-	-
Profit and loss account		<u>45</u>	(173)
Shareholder's funds surplus / (deficit)		45	(173)

The notes form part of the financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 4 November 2019 and were signed on its behalf by:

SJ Rodden Director

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# Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 30 April 2019

Profit for the financial year, being total comprehensive income for the year

Balance at 30 April 2019

The year chief so supra 2019	Called up Share Capital £000	Profit and Loss Account £000	. Total Equity
Balance at 1 May 2017	· · · · -	(476)	(476)
Profit for the financial year, being total comprehensive income for the year	: -	303	303
Balance at 30 April 2018 and 1 May 2018	_	(173)	(173)

Notes
(forming part of the financial statements)

#### 1 Accounting policies

Ashgrove Groundworks Limited (the "Company") is a company limited by shares and incorporated, domiciled and registered in the UK (Wales).

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"). The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1,000.

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking, Edenstone Holdings Ltd, includes the Company in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Edenstone Holdings Ltd are available to the public and may be obtained from Building 102, Wales One Business Park, Magor, Monmouthshire, NP26 3DG. In these financial statements, the company is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purposes of this FRS) and has applied the exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the following disclosures:

- · Reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding from the beginning to end of the period;
- Cash Flow Statement and related notes; and
- Key Management Personnel compensation.

As the consolidated financial statements of Edenstone Holdings Limited include the equivalent disclosures, the Company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 102 available in respect of the disclosures required by FRS 102.11 Basic Financial Instruments and FRS 102.12 Other Financial Instrument Issues in respect of financial instruments not falling within the fair value accounting rules of Paragraph 36(4) of Schedule 1.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

Judgements made by the directors in the application of these accounting policies that have significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year are discussed in note 14.

#### Measurement convention

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

#### Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the directors consider to be appropriate for the following reasons.

The directors have prepared cash flow forecasts for a period of 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements which indicate that, taking account of reasonably possible downsides, the company will have sufficient funds to meet its liabilities as they fall due for that period. Consequently, the directors are confident that the company will have sufficient funds to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements and therefore have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

#### Trade and other debtors/ creditors

Trade and other debtors/ creditors are recognised initially at transaction price plus attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. If the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, for example if payment is deferred beyond normal business terms, then it is measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

#### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Stocks

Stocks and work in progress are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price (less costs to complete and sell).

#### **Turnover**

Turnover is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business. Turnover excludes value added tax.

Revenue from contracts for groundwork services is recognised when the related service is performed.

#### Interest payable

Finance costs that are directly attributable to the development of residential housing are capitalised within work in progress and expensed within cost of sales on the sale of each property included in the residential development. Other finance costs are expensed as incurred.

#### **Taxation**

Tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the profit and loss account except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided on timing differences which arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements. Deferred tax is not recognised on permanent differences arising because certain types of income or expense are non-taxable or are disallowable for tax or because certain tax charges or allowances are greater or smaller than the corresponding income or expense.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rate that is expected to apply to the reversal of the related difference, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that is it probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

#### 2 Turnover

Turnover is derived solely from groundworks construction on residential housing developments within the UK.

## 3 Expenses and auditor's remuneration

Included within profit/ loss are the following	2019 £000	2018 £000
Auditor's remuneration: Audit of these financial statements	-	-

Auditor's remuneration was borne by a fellow group company, Edenstone Homes Limited.

## 4 Directors and employees

Directors' emoluments were £107,000 (2018: £92,000). The company contributed £nil (2018: £Nil) to pension plans on behalf of the directors during the year.

#### 5 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year, analysed by category, was as follows:

	Number of employees	
	2019	2018
Management	1	1
Administration	3	3
Operations	34	19
	38	23
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:	£000	£000
Wages and salaries	1,204	907
Social security costs	127	95
Other pension costs	16	6
	1,347	1,008
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# 6 Taxation

6 Taxation	•	
Total tax recognised in the profit and loss account		
	2019	2018
	£000	£000
	2000	2000
UK corporation tax for the year	8	
Deferred tax – origination and reversal of timing differences	43	(43)
Total tax	51	(43)
1 otal tax	51	(.5)
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Reconciliation of effective tax rate		
<b>3 33</b>	2019	2018
	£000	£000
Profit for the year	218	303
Total tax	51	(43)
Profit excluding taxation	269	260
Tax using the UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2018: 19%)	51	49
Recognition of previously unrecognised tax losses	<u>-</u>	(92)
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Total tax included in profit and loss account	51	(43)
Total tax included in profit and loss account	31	(43)

At 30 April 2019, the company had tax losses of £nil (2018: £224,000) in relation to which a deferred tax asset was recognised; see note 9.

## Factors that may affect future tax charges

A reduction in the UK corporation tax rate from 20% to 19% (effective from 1 April 2017) and to 18% (effective 1 April 2020) were substantively enacted on 26 October 2015, and 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.

# 7 Tangible fixed assets

Office eq	uipment :	
	£000	
Cost At beginning of year Additions	8 -	
At end of year	8	
Depreciation At beginning of year Charge for the year	1 1	
At end of year	2	
Net book value At 30 April 2019	6	
At 30 April 2018	7	
8 Stocks		
	2019 £000	2018 £000
Raw materials	43	-
9 Debtors		
	2019 £000	2018 £000
Trade debtors Prepayments Other debtors	3 2	- 2 44
Amounts owed by fellow group companies Deferred tax	1,293	394 43
	1,298	483

Amounts owed from group undertakings have no fixed repayment date and no interest is charged.

# 10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

( (	2019 £000	2018 £000
Bank overdraft	-	17
Trade creditors	846	237
Corporation tax	9	_
Other creditors and accruals	72	34
Amounts owed to fellow group companies	375	375
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	1,302	663
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Amounts owed to group undertakings have no fixed repayment date and no interest is charged.

#### 11 Called up share capital

	2019	2018
·	£	£
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
1 Ordinary share of £1	1	1

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company.

#### 12 Related Parties

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in Section 33 of FRS102 and has therefore not disclosed transactions with other wholly owned entities within the same group.

## 13 Ultimate parent undertaking

The parent undertaking of the company which heads the largest and smallest group of undertakings for which group financial statements are drawn up, and of which the company is a member, is Edenstone Holdings Limited. The consolidated financial statements of Edenstone Holdings Limited are available to the public and may be obtained from Building 102, Wales One Business Park, Magor, Monmouthshire, NP26 3DG.

The directors consider there to be no ultimate controlling party.

#### 14 Accounting estimates and judgements

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. Management considers that there are no key sources of estimation uncertainty or critical accounting judgements.