

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018
FOR
GARDENING EXPRESS LIMITED



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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

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GARDENING EXPRESS LIMITED
COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

DIRECTOR:

C D Bonnett

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REGISTERED NUMBER:

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AUDITORS:

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

The director presents his report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2018.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of the sale of plants via an internet based mail order system.

DIRECTOR

C D Bonnett held office during the whole of the period from 1 January 2018 to the date of this report.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The director is responsible for preparing the Report of the Director and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the director to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the director has elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the director must not approve the financial statements unless he is 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 director is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

The director is 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 him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. He is 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.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Francis James & Partners LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C D Bonnett', is written over a large, stylized circular scribble.

C D Bonnett - Director

27 September 2019

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
GARDENING EXPRESS LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Gardening Express Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 2018 which comprise the Income Statement, Balance Sheet and Notes to the Financial Statements, 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 Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of its profit 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. 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.

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 director's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the director has 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 director is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Report of the Director, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our 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 this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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 Report of the Director for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Director has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
GARDENING EXPRESS LIMITED

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 Report of the Director.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where 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 director's remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the director was not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Director.

Responsibilities of director

As explained more fully in the Statement of Director's Responsibilities set out on page two, the director is 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 director determines 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 director is 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 director either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Auditors 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 www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Auditors.

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 a Report of the Auditors 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.



David Petrassi FCCA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Francis James & Partners LLP
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27 September 2019

GARDENING EXPRESS LIMITED

INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2017 £
TURNOVER		5,373,684	3,962,940
Cost of sales		4,394,776	3,299,121
GROSS PROFIT		978,908	663,819
Administrative expenses		257,372	228,869
OPERATING PROFIT	3	721,536	434,950
Interest receivable and similar income		462	690
		721,998	435,640
Interest payable and similar expenses		36,504	61,318
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		685,494	374,322
Tax on profit		191,288	46,439
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		494,206	327,883

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2018

	Notes	2018	2017
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible assets	4	123,293	142,132
Tangible assets	5	235,190	288,156
		<u>358,483</u>	<u>430,288</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		1,296,605	738,469
Debtors	6	1,309,914	866,696
Cash at bank		1,365	43,408
		<u>2,607,884</u>	<u>1,648,573</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	1,769,977	1,376,677
		<u>1,769,977</u>	<u>1,376,677</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>837,907</u>	<u>271,896</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u><u>1,196,390</u></u>	<u><u>702,184</u></u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital		1,000	1,000
Retained earnings		1,195,390	701,184
		<u>1,196,390</u>	<u>701,184</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u><u>1,196,390</u></u>	<u><u>702,184</u></u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the director on 27 September 2019 and were signed by:



C D Bonnett - Director

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" including the provisions of Section 1A "Small Entities" and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Turnover represents the invoice value of plants supplied to customers, based upon the date of the despatch of the goods.

Goodwill

Goodwill, being the amount paid in connection with the acquisition of a business in 2005, is being amortised evenly over its estimated useful life of ten years.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on cost

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

Taxation for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the Income Statement, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current or deferred taxation assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to profit or loss in the period to which they relate.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS

The average number of employees during the year was 7 (2017 - 6).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

3. OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	58,737	71,221
Computer software amortisation	18,839	45,602
Rental of premises	39,551	-
	<u>117,127</u>	<u>116,823</u>

4. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Goodwill £	Computer software £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 January 2018			
and 31 December 2018	<u>26,500</u>	<u>188,391</u>	<u>214,891</u>
AMORTISATION			
At 1 January 2018	26,499	46,260	72,759
Amortisation for year	<u>-</u>	<u>18,839</u>	<u>18,839</u>
At 31 December 2018	<u>26,499</u>	<u>65,099</u>	<u>91,598</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2018	<u>1</u>	<u>123,292</u>	<u>123,293</u>
At 31 December 2017	<u>1</u>	<u>142,131</u>	<u>142,132</u>

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 January 2018	435,195	10,066	7,069	452,330
Additions	<u>4,999</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>497</u>	<u>5,771</u>
At 31 December 2018	<u>440,194</u>	<u>10,341</u>	<u>7,566</u>	<u>458,101</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2018	156,260	753	7,161	164,174
Charge for year	<u>56,787</u>	<u>1,918</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>58,737</u>
At 31 December 2018	<u>213,047</u>	<u>2,671</u>	<u>7,193</u>	<u>222,911</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2018	<u>227,147</u>	<u>7,670</u>	<u>373</u>	<u>235,190</u>
At 31 December 2017	<u>278,935</u>	<u>9,313</u>	<u>(92)</u>	<u>288,156</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2018	2017
	£	£
Trade debtors	4,827	104,762
Amounts owed by group undertakings	1,305,087	761,934
	<u>1,309,914</u>	<u>866,696</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2018	2017
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	626,859	16,031
Other loans	27,382	100,000
Trade creditors	444,024	305,515
Tax	236,324	46,439
Social security and other taxes	2,732	1,907
Other creditors & accruals	44,580	490,515
Directors' current accounts	370,576	369,546
Accrued expenses	17,500	46,724
	<u>1,769,977</u>	<u>1,376,677</u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

At the year end the director was owed £369,546 (In 2016 the company owed the director £159,480).

During the year the company rented its accommodation from its director. The rent paid during the year was £24,000 (2016 - £24,000).

9. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The controlling party is C D Bonnett.

GARDENING EXPRESS LIMITED

TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	2018		2017
	£	£	£
Sales		5,373,684	3,962,940
Cost of sales			
Opening stock	738,469		576,275
Purchases	2,019,721		1,442,485
Packaging, postage & carriage	1,166,156		764,593
Wages social security costs	122,099		77,050
Pensions	377		-
Hire of plant and machinery	10,125		-
Subcontractors	857,170		507,757
Internet costs	50,083		64,577
Internet & other advertising	687,630		573,221
Rent	39,551		31,632
	5,691,381		4,037,590
Closing stock	(1,296,605)		(738,469)
	4,394,776		3,299,121
GROSS PROFIT		978,908	663,819
Other income			
Deposit account interest	2		-
Commissions received	460		690
	462		690
		979,370	664,509
Expenditure			
Rates and water	2,837		-
Insurance	37,646		23,939
Light and heat	1,008		-
Directors' salaries	10,425		9,900
Directors' social security	286		-
Staff welfare	-		456
Telephone & fax	1,359		2,177
Printing & stationery	24,458		17,893
Motor & travelling expenses	4,676		11,874
Commissions on sales	-		7,080
Repairs & renewals	15,661		1,002
Cleaning and laundry	1,562		1,070
Sundry expenses	19		244
Accountancy & bookkeeping charges	19,815		17,500
Legal & professional	16,875		9,943
Entertainment	1,935		964
	138,562		104,042
Carried forward		840,808	560,467

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TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	2018		2017	
	£	£	£	£
Brought forward		840,808		560,467
Finance costs				
Bank charges	22,960		3,448	
Credit card	18,275		4,556	
Bank loan interest	4,345		-	
Loan	32,159		61,318	
		77,739		69,322
		763,069		491,145
Depreciation				
Computer software	18,839		45,602	
Plant & machinery	56,787		70,228	
Fixtures & fittings	1,918		131	
Computer equipment	31		862	
		77,575		116,823
NET PROFIT		685,494		374,322