

Arnold Greenwood Solicitors Limited
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2017



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**Chartered Accountants' Report to the Board of Directors on the Preparation of the
Unaudited Statutory Accounts of
Arnold Greenwood Solicitors Limited
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017**

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Arnold Greenwood Solicitors Limited for the year ended 31 December 2017 as set out on pages 2 to 9 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.icaew.com/membershandbook>.

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of Arnold Greenwood Solicitors Limited, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 1 May 2013. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of Arnold Greenwood Solicitors Limited and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Board of Directors of Arnold Greenwood Solicitors Limited, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Arnold Greenwood Solicitors Limited and its Board of Directors as a body for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Arnold Greenwood Solicitors Limited has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of Arnold Greenwood Solicitors Limited. You consider that Arnold Greenwood Solicitors Limited is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts of Arnold Greenwood Solicitors Limited. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory accounts.

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5 September 2018

Arnold Greenwood Solicitors Limited

(Registration number: 07835232)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	<u>4</u>	126,750	135,750
Tangible assets	<u>5</u>	114,222	130,421
		<u>240,972</u>	<u>266,171</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	<u>6</u>	263,451	213,599
Cash and cash equivalents		92	186
		<u>263,543</u>	<u>213,785</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>7</u>	<u>(287,420)</u>	<u>(233,211)</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(23,877)</u>	<u>(19,426)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		217,095	246,745
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	<u>7</u>	(99,034)	(98,379)
Provisions for liabilities		<u>(5,576)</u>	<u>(6,391)</u>
Net assets		<u>112,485</u>	<u>141,975</u>
Capital and reserves			
Allotted, called up and fully paid share capital		200	200
Profit and loss account		<u>112,285</u>	<u>141,775</u>
Total equity		<u>112,485</u>	<u>141,975</u>

The notes on pages 4 to 9 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2017 (continued)

For the financial year ending 31 December 2017 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

These financial statements have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and the option not to file the Profit and Loss Account has been taken.

Approved and authorised by the Board on 5 September 2018 and signed on its behalf by:

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S Pooley

Director

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L W Hughes

Director

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

1 General information

The company is a private company limited by share capital, incorporated in England and Wales.

The address of its registered office is:

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8 & 10 Highgate
KENDAL
LA9 4SX

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A - 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention except that as disclosed in the accounting policies certain items are shown at fair value.

Revenue recognition

Turnover comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and provision of services in the ordinary course of the company's activities. Turnover is shown net of sales/value added tax, returns, rebates and discounts.

The company recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured; it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity; and specific criteria have been met for each of the company's activities.

Tax

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss, except that a change attributable to an item of income or expense recognised as other comprehensive income is also recognised directly in other comprehensive income.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the company operates and generates taxable income.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences between taxable profits and profits reported in the financial statements.

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

Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

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Tangible assets

Tangible assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

The cost of tangible assets includes directly attributable incremental costs incurred in their acquisition and installation.

Depreciation

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of assets, other than land and properties under construction over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Short leasehold land and buildings	15 years straight line basis
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance basis
Office equipment	20% straight line basis

Goodwill

Positive goodwill is capitalised, classified as an asset on the balance sheet and amortised on a straight line basis over its useful economic life. It is reviewed for impairment at the end of the first full financial year following the acquisition and in other periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Amortisation

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets so as to write off the cost, less any estimated residual value, over their useful life as follows:

Asset class	Amortisation method and rate
Goodwill	20 years straight line basis

The directors reviewed the valuation of goodwill on 1 January 2015, the date on which Financial Reporting Standard 102 was implemented. At that date the directors were of the opinion that the goodwill had a remaining useful economic life to the company of at least the 17 years it had remaining under its estimated useful life of twenty years. Goodwill therefore continues to be amortised over its original twenty year estimated useful economic life.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for the sale of goods or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2017 (continued)

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Trade creditors are classified as current liabilities if the company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method where due after more than one year.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Profit and Loss Account over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the company has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Leases

Leases in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Equity instruments are measured at the fair value of the cash or other resources received or receivable, net of the direct costs of issuing the equity instruments. If payment is deferred and the time value of money is material, the initial measurement is on a present value basis.

Defined contribution pension obligation

A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the company has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

3 Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year, was 26 (2016 - 29).

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2017 (continued)

4 Intangible assets

	Goodwill £	Total £
Cost or valuation		
At 1 January 2017	180,000	180,000
At 31 December 2017	180,000	180,000
Amortisation		
At 1 January 2017	44,250	44,250
Amortisation charge	9,000	9,000
At 31 December 2017	53,250	53,250
Carrying amount		
At 31 December 2017	126,750	126,750
At 31 December 2016	135,750	135,750

5 Tangible assets

	Land and buildings £	Motor vehicles £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2017	174,649	2,867	31,726	209,242
Additions	-	-	166	166
Disposals	-	(2,867)	(272)	(3,139)
At 31 December 2017	174,649	-	31,620	206,269
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2017	57,245	2,167	19,409	78,821
Charge for the year	11,643	-	3,913	15,556
Eliminated on disposal	-	(2,167)	(163)	(2,330)
At 31 December 2017	68,888	-	23,159	92,047
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2017	105,761	-	8,461	114,222
At 31 December 2016	117,404	700	12,317	130,421

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2017 (continued)

6 Debtors

	2017 £	2016 £
Trade debtors	97,687	60,841
Other debtors	165,764	152,758
	<u>263,451</u>	<u>213,599</u>

7 Creditors

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Due within one year			
Loans and borrowings	<u>8</u>	182,281	141,740
Trade creditors		23,760	11,908
Taxation and social security		67,236	62,672
Corporation tax liability		5,295	7,602
Other creditors		8,848	9,289
		<u>287,420</u>	<u>233,211</u>

Due after one year

Loans and borrowings	<u>8</u>	<u>99,034</u>	<u>98,379</u>
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	2017 £	2016 £
After more than five years by instalments	28,660	28,600
	<u>28,660</u>	<u>28,600</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2017 (continued)

8 Loans and borrowings

	2017 £	2016 £
Current loans and borrowings		
Bank borrowings	3,216	2,626
Bank overdrafts	58,253	13,124
Other borrowings	120,812	125,990
	<u>182,281</u>	<u>141,740</u>
	2017 £	2016 £
Non-current loans and borrowings		
Bank borrowings	42,500	27,374
Other borrowings	56,534	71,005
	<u>99,034</u>	<u>98,379</u>

9 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingencies

Amounts not provided for in the balance sheet

The total amount of financial commitments not included in the balance sheet is £60,626 (2016 - £115,754). Of the total commitments, £48,000 (2016 : £96,000) relate to property leases.

10 Off-balance sheet arrangements

At 31 December 2017 the company held client monies totalling £1,538,576 (2016: £1,474,544). These were held in various client accounts in accordance with the SRA Accounts Rules 2011.

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