## **REGISTERED NUMBER: 11861159 (England and Wales)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 **FOR NEWBURY NEWS AND MEDIA LTD** 

23/12/2023

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## COMPANY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

**DIRECTORS:** 

D S Fordham

R J Fowler

P G Fowler

The Honourable E R Iliffe

**SECRETARIES:** 

D J Gray

W C F Shepherd

**REGISTERED OFFICE:** 

Newspaper House

Faraday Road Newbury Berkshire RG14 2AD

**REGISTERED NUMBER:** 

11861159 (England and Wales)

**AUDITORS:** 

Haines Watts

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

The Lightbox 87 Castle Street

Reading Berkshire RG1 7SN

## **NEWBURY NEWS AND MEDIA LTD (REGISTERED NUMBER: 11861159)**

## BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2023

| FIXED ASSETS                             | Notes | £       | 2023<br>£        | £       | 2022<br>£ |
|--|-------|---------|------------------|---------|-----------|
| Investments                              | 4     |         | 2,933,041        |         | 2,933,041 |
| CURRENT ASSETS                           |       |         |                  |         |           |
| Debtors                                  | 5     | -       |                  | - 30    |           |
| Cash at bank                             |       | 225     |                  | 259     | ·         |
| •  |       | 225     |                  | 289     |           |
| CREDITORS                                |       |         |                  |         |           |
| Amounts falling due within one year      | 6     | 188,512 |                  | 185,326 |           |
| NET CURRENT LIABILITIES                  |       |         | (188,287)        |         | (185,037) |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT<br>LIABILITIES |       |         | 2,744,754        |         | 2,748,004 |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES                     | 1     |         |                  |         |           |
| Called up share capital                  | 8     |         | 1,000            |         | 1,000     |
| Share premium                            |       |         | 2,757,293        |         | 2,757,293 |
| Retained earnings                        |       |         | <u>(13,539</u> ) |         | (10,289)  |
| SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS                      |       |         | 2,744,754        |         | 2,748,004 |

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

In accordance with Section 444 of the Companies Act 2006, the Income Statement has not been delivered.

The Honourable E R lliffe - Director

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### 1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Newbury News And Media Ltd is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

The ultimate parent company is lliffe Media Group Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales, which is the parent undertaking of the smallest group which includes the company and for which group financial statements are prepared. A copy of the group financial statements are available from 62 Winship Road, Milton, Cambridge, CB24 6PP.

#### 2. 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.

#### **Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Directors have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. Based on these assessment the Directors have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

#### Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less accumulated impairment.

#### **Debtors**

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

#### **Creditors**

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### **Taxation**

Taxation for the year comprises current 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 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.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

## Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

Whilst there are pension costs in the profit and loss the company does not operate a pension scheme. This is because all the pension costs are recharged back to its subsidiary.

## 3. **EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS**

The average number of employees during the year was NIL (2022 - 1).

#### 4 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

| 4. | FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS  | u           | Shares in<br>group<br>ndertakings<br>£ |
|----|--|-------------|--|
|    | COST   |             |  |
|    | At 1 April 2022<br>and 31 March 2023                                   |             | 2,933,041                              |
|    | NET BOOK VALUE   |             |  |
|    | At 31 March 2023   |             | 2,933,041                              |
|    | At 31 March 2022   |             | 2,933,041                              |
| 5. | DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR                           |             |  |
|    |  | 2023<br>£   | 2022<br>£                              |
|    | Amounts owed by participating interests                                | <u> </u>    | 30                                     |
| 6. | CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR                         |             |  |
|    |  | 2023<br>£   | 2022<br>£                              |
|    | Amounts owed to group undertakings                                     | 182,012     | 175,075                                |
|    | Other creditors  | 6,500       | 10,251                                 |
|    |  | 188,512     | 185,326                                |
| 7. | LEASING AGREEMENTS   |             |  |
|    | Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due | as follows: |  |
|    | 3 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·                                | 2023<br>£   | 2022<br>£                              |
|    | Within one year  | 12,750      | 11,900                                 |
|    | Between one and five years   | 18,750      | 30,742                                 |
|    |  | 31,500      | 42,642                                 |

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### 8. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

| Number: | ued and fully paid: Class: | Nominal | 2023         | 2022  |
|---------|----------------------------|---------|--------------|-------|
|         | •                          | value:  | £            | £     |
| 510     | Ordinary A                 | £1      | 510          | 510   |
| 490     | Ordinary B                 | £1      | <u>490</u>   | 490   |
|         |                            |         | <u>1,000</u> | 1,000 |

### 9. DISCLOSURE UNDER SECTION 444(5B) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

The Report of the Auditors was unqualified.

Martin Thomas FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Haines Watts

#### 10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The company has taken advantage of exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

#### 11. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The immediate parent company is lliffe Media Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.

The Directors consider there to be no ultimate controlling party as the company is under the control of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors are jointly elected by the Ordinary A and Ordinary B shareholders.

The ultimate parent company is lliffe Media Group Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales, which is the parent undertaking of the smallest group which includes the company and for which group financial statements are prepared. A copy of the group financial statements are available from 62 Winship Road, Milton, Cambridge, CB24 6PP.