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# **UNAUDITED**

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## INFORMATION FOR FILING WITH THE REGISTRAR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

# SHERRARDS SOLICITORS LLP REGISTERED NUMBER: OC352466

# BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

Fixed assets	Note		2021 £		2020 £
Tangible assets	6		220,232		338,429
			220,232		338,429
Current assets					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	7	2,729,548		3,018,126	
Cash at bank and in hand	8	1,691,088		4,675	
		4,420,636		3,022,801	
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	9	(1,783,992)		(1,633,918)	
Net current assets			2,636,644		1,388,883
Total assets less current liabilities			2,856,876		1,727,312
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10		(633,908)		-
			2,222,968		1,727,312
Net assets		-	2,222,968	-	1,727,312
Represented by: Loans and other debts due to members within one year					
Other amounts	12		1,617,968		1,097,312
			1,617,968		1,097,312
Members' other interests					
Members' capital classified as equity		605,000	605,000	630,000	630,000
		-	2,222,968	=	1,727,312
Total members' interests					
Loans and other debts due to members	12		1,617,968		1,097,312
Members' other interests			605,000		630,000

# SHERRARDS SOLICITORS LLP REGISTERED NUMBER: OC352466

# BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED) AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

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

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, as applied by The Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008.

The Members acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, as applied by The Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008, with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

The entity has opted not to file the profit and loss account in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small LLPs regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Members and were signed on their behalf by:

### A P McMillin

**Designated Member** 

Date: 8 November 2021

The notes on pages 4 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

Sherrards Solicitors LLP has no equity and, in accordance with the provisions contained within the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Limited Liability Partnerships", has not presented a Statement of Changes in Equity.

# RECONCILIATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	due to am men					Members' other interests Loans and other debts in due to members less any amounts due from members in debtors			Members' other interests Loans and othe due to members amounts due		
	Members' capital (classified as equity) £	Other reserves £	Total £	Other amounts £	Total £	Total £					
		1,436,030	1,436,030	-	-						
Profit for the year available for discretionary division among members						1,436,030					
Members' interests after profit for the year	630,000	1,436,030	2,066,030	849,349	849,349	2,915,379					
Other division of profits	-	(1,436,030 )	(1,436,030 )	1,436,030	1,436,030	-					
Drawings	-	-		(1,188,067 )	(1,188,067 )	(1,188,067)					
Amounts due to members				1,097,312	1,097,312						
Balance at 31 March 2020	630,000	-	630,000	1,072,312	1,072,312	1,702,312					
		2,145,274	2,145,274	-	-						
Profit for the year available for discretionary division among members						2,145,274 					
Members' interests after profit for the year	630,000	2,145,274	2,775,274	1,072,312	1,072,312	3,847,586					
Other division of profits	-	(2,145,274 )	(2,145,274 )	2,145,274	2,145,274	-					
Amounts introduced by members	25,000	-	25,000	-	-	25,000					
Repayment of capital	(50,000)	-	(50,000 )	-	-	(50,000)					
Drawings	-	-	-	(1,599,618 )	(1,599,618 )	(1,599,618)					
Amounts due to members				1,617,968	1,617,968						
Balance at 31 March 2021	605,000		605,000	1,617,968	1,617,968	2,222,968					

There are no existing restrictions or limitations which impact the ability of the members of the LLP to reduce the amount of Members' other interests.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

#### 1. General information

Sherrards Solicitors LLP is a limited liability partnership incorporated in England & Wales under the Companies Act 2006. The address of the registered office is given on the information page. The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Members' report on page 1.

### 2. Accounting policies

### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland; Companies Act 2006, FRC Abstracts and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Limited Liability Partnerships".

These financial statements are prepared under the going concern basis. Accounting policies have been applied consistently over the financial year.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the entity's accounting policies (see note 3).

#### 2.2 Revenue

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the LLP and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes. The following criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

### Rendering of services

Revenue from a contract to provide services is recognised in the period in which the services are provided in accordance with the stage of completion of the contract when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the LLP will receive the consideration due under the contract;
- the stage of completion of the contract at the end of the reporting period can be measured reliably; and
- the costs incurred and the costs to complete the contract can be measured reliably.

## 2.3 Operating leases: the LLP as lessee

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the lease term, unless another systematic basis is representative of the time pattern of the lessee's benefit from the use of the leased asset.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

### 2.4 Government grants

Grants are accounted under the accruals model as permitted by FRS 102. Grants relating to expenditure on tangible fixed assets are credited to profit or loss at the same rate as the depreciation on the assets to which the grant relates. The deferred element of grants is included in creditors as deferred income.

Grants of a revenue nature are recognised in the Profit and Loss Account in the same period as the related expenditure.

#### 2.5 Interest income

Interest income is recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

#### 2.6 Finance costs

Finance costs are charged to profit or loss over the term of the debt using the effective interest method so that the amount charged is at a constant rate on the carrying amount. Issue costs are initially recognised as a reduction in the proceeds of the associated capital instrument.

#### 2.7 Borrowing costs

All borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the year in which they are incurred.

### 2.8 Intangible assets

## Goodwill

Goodwill represents the difference between amounts paid on the cost of a business combination and the acquirer's interest in the fair value of its identifiable assets and liabilities of the acquiree at the date of acquisition. Subsequent to initial recognition, Goodwill is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is amortised on a straight line basis to the Profit and Loss Account over 10 years which the members believe is its useful economic life.

### 2.9 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

## 2.9 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Long-term leasehold property - 5-10 years straight line St Albans; 5 years straight line

London

Fixtures and fittings -5 years straight line
Office equipment -3 years straight line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

#### 2.10 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.

## 2.11 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.

#### 2.12 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.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.13 Financial instruments

The LLP only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of the future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade debtors and creditors, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received. However, if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or in case of an out-right short-term loan that is not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially at the present value of future cash flows discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost, unless it qualifies as a loan from a director in the case of a small company, or a public benefit entity concessionary loan.

### 3. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year. The nature of estimation means the actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. In the accounts amounts recoverable on long term contracts is carried at unbilled time based on charge out rates less a provision where the members believe such time will not be recoverable.

#### 4. Employees

The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the year was 60 (2020 - 83).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

# 5. Intangible assets

	Goodwill
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2020	29,712
At 31 March 2021	29,712
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Amortisation	
At 1 April 2020	29,712
At 31 March 2021	29,712
Net book value	
At 31 March 2021	
At 31 March 2020	

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

# 6. Tangible fixed assets

	Long-term leasehold property £	Fixtures and fittings	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2020	509,408	336,302	779,246	1,624,956
Additions	-	269	26,315	26,584
At 31 March 2021	509,408	336,571	805,561	1,651,540
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2020	331,578	251,020	703,929	1,286,527
Charge for the year on owned assets	50,085	47,634	47,062	144,781
At 31 March 2021	381,663	298,654	750,991	1,431,308
Net book value				
At 31 March 2021	127,745	37,917	54,570	220,232
At 31 March 2020	177,830	85,282	75,317	338,429
The net book value of land and buildings may be further a	nalysed as follow	/s:		
			2021 £	2020 £
Long leasehold			127,745	177,830
			127,745	177,830

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

7.	Debtors		
		2021 £	2020 £
	Trade debtors	825,794	1,505,305
	Other debtors	27,848	27,848
	Prepayments and accrued income	576,268	514,382
	Amounts recoverable on contracts	1,299,638	970,591
		2,729,548	3,018,126
8.	Cash and cash equivalents		
		2021 £	2020 £
	Cash at bank and in hand	1,691,088	4,675
	Less: bank overdrafts	•	(275,067)
		1,691,088	(270,392)
9.	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2021	2020
		£	£
	Bank overdrafts	-	275,067
	Bank loans	364,842	278,261
	Trade creditors	184,538	300,715
	Other taxation and social security	654,881	367,689
	Accruals and deferred income	579,731 	412,186
		1,783,992	1,633,918
10.	Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		
		2021 £	2020 £
	Bank loans	633,908	-
		633,908	

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

11.	Loans		
	Analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:		
		2021	2020
	Amounts falling due within one year	£	£
	Bank loans	364,842	278,261
		364,842	278,261
	Amounts falling due 1-2 years		
	Bank loans	180,562	-
		180,562	
	Amounts falling due 2-5 years		
	Bank loans	453,346	-
		453,346	
		998,750	278,261

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

### 12. Loans and other debts due to members

	2021 £	2020 £
Other amounts due to members	(1,617,968)	(1,097,312)
	(1,617,968)	(1,097,312)
Loans and other debts due to members may be further analysed as follows:		
	2021 £	2020 £
Falling due within one year	(1,617,968)	(1,097,312)
	(1,617,968)	(1,097,312)

Loans and other debts due to members rank equally with debts due to ordinary creditors in the event of a winding up.

# 13. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 March 2021 the LLP had future minimum lease payments due under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods:

	2021 £	2020 £
Not later than 1 year	389,063	389,063
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	1,475,219	1,475,219
Later than 5 years	842,989	957,571
	2,707,271	2,821,853

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