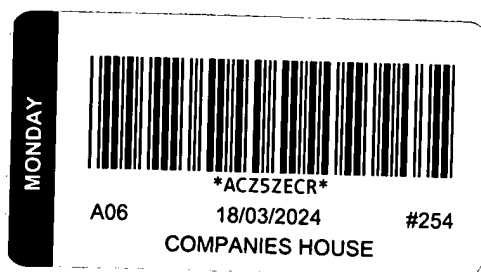


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William Collins Sons & Company Limited

**Directors' report and financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2023**



William Collins Sons & Company Limited

Directors' report For the year ended 30 June 2023

The directors present their annual report together with the unaudited financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The company is dormant and has not traded during the year.

Principal risks and uncertainties facing the business

A summary of the principal risks and uncertainties facing the company has not been completed because it is entitled to claim the exemption from preparing the business review under Section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Going concern

In line with the FRC guidance on Going Concern issued in November 2009, the directors have undertaken an exercise to review the appropriateness of the continued use of the Going Concern basis.

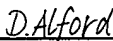
After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company and the group have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

Directors

The directors who served during the year were:

C Redmayne
S. Dowson-Collins
D. Alford

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.


D. Alford (Mar 1, 2024 17:08 GMT)

D. Alford
Director

Date: Mar 1, 2024

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Balance sheet
As at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 £000	2022 £000
Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year	3	227,989	227,989
Total current assets		227,989	227,989
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	4	(226,461)	(226,461)
Net current assets		1,528	1,528
Net assets		1,528	1,528
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	5	344	344
Profit and loss account		1,184	1,184
		1,528	1,528

The directors consider that the company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 480 of the Companies Act 2006 and members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:

D. Alford
D. Alford (Mar 1, 2024 17:08 GMT)

D. Alford
Director

Date: Mar 1, 2024

The notes on pages 3 to 4 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 June 2023

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 – 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland' ('FRS 102'), and with the Companies Act 2006.

As the company is dormant it elected to retain its accounting policies for reported assets, liabilities and equity at the date of transition to FRS 102 until there is any change to those balances or the company undertakes any new transactions (as stated in paragraph 35.10(m) of the standard).

The following principal accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.2 Going concern

The company is a dormant company and therefore does not actively trade. After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Another group company has committed to providing financial support to enable the company to meet its liabilities as they fall due. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual financial statements.

1.3 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

2. Dormant status

The company was dormant (within the meaning of Section 480 of the Companies Act 2006) throughout the year ended 30 June 2023. The company has not traded during the year or during the preceding financial year. During these periods, the company received no income and incurred no expenditure and therefore made neither profit nor loss.

3. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £000	2022 £000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	227,989	227,989
	227,989	227,989

4. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £000	2022 £000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	9,768	9,768
Other creditors	216,693	216,693
	226,461	226,461

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 June 2023

5. Share capital

	2023 £000	2022 £000
Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid		
344,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	344	344
	<u>344</u>	<u>344</u>

6. Ultimate parent company

The company's immediate parent company is HarperCollins Publishers Limited, a company incorporated in Scotland.

The ultimate parent company is News Corporation, a company incorporated in Delaware in the United States.

The largest and smallest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by News Corporation, whose principal place of business is at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY10036. The consolidated financial statements are available to the public and may be obtained from 1 London Bridge Street, London, SE1 9GF.