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THE SEAMEN'S CHRISTIAN FRIEND SOCIETY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED **31 DECEMBER 2005**

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

Trustees/Directors:

Rev J S Pyper BA

M Jeffers
C H Simms
D Thornton
T Dunn
D V Knox
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A E Coomes

Secretary:

Pickerings

Registered Office:

48 South Street Alderley Edge Cheshire SK9 7ES

Registered Numbers:

Company number 378765 (England and Wales)

Charity number 209133

Auditors:

Clarke Nicklin LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

Objectives and Constitution

The Seamen's Christian Friend Society (SCFS) seeks to:

- promote and minister in every possible way to the spiritual and temporal welfare of seamen and others
 and to afford to them advice and counsel in the cause of the Christian faith, temperance and well
 being;
- · disseminate the Holy Scriptures, tracts and healthy literature among them;
- supply them with woollen and other comforts placed at the disposal of the Mission by donors;
- · employ missionaries for the visitation of ships in various ports;
- do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The charity was incorporated on 9 February 1943 (number 378765) and registered with the Charity Commission on 8 February 1967 (number 209133).

The Organisation's Structure

The SCFS operates from its Headquarters at 48 South Street, Alderley Edge, Cheshire where the Chief Executive Officer and Administrator are located. The work of mission is carried out by full time employees, part time employees and volunteers in ports of the UK, Ireland, Germany, Holland, Belgium, St Lucia and Australia. There is a close association with Seamen's Christian Friend Society - Philippines and Seamen's Christian Friend Society-Ghana, although there is no formal or legal connection with them. The SCFS recognises Galilee Mission to Seamen in the Port of Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand, as an Associate Ministry. The SCFS representation in the Netherlands is in association with the two organisations Lumen Maris and Het Havenlicht. The SCFS also operates the Merchant Navy Christian Fellowship and has close ties with the King George V Memorial Fund for Sailors and the Tyrian Trust although there is no legal connection with them.

New trustees are selected and appointed by the existing trustees based on a candidate's Christian belief and experience; sympathy for the objectives of the Society; and his or her proficiency in assisting the Society in its prosecution of those objectives.

The Society's investment policy

There are no restrictions on the charity's power of investment and strategy is reviewed annually.

Reserves policy

The trustees have established a policy whereby the income of the charity should be expended for its objects at the earliest possible time. Notwithstanding this, it is considered prudent that the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible assets held by the charity should be approximately two months of the resources expended in the year which equates to £45,000 in general funds. The trustees are aware that the free reserves have not reached this target level during the year but are encouraged by the knowledge of future legacies some of which are to be received during 2006.

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to ensure the necessary steps can be take to lessen these risks.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

Review of the year

During the year the work amongst seamen from countries around the world has continued with the main emphasis being the work of evangelism and teaching on board ship. Increasingly, this work is being augmented through the use of Bible correspondence courses. Through the Society's branch in Hamburg, there are now two correspondence courses available for worldwide distribution that relate specifically to seafarers and their difficult way of life. These courses are now available in a wide range of languages. Trustees are examining ways in which these courses might be professionally published so that they can be more easily used by other maritime charities.

The Society has continued to maintain and develop its Port Links directory which includes the contact details of ship visitors around the world (many of whom work on their own or for other organisations) and this also helps with the work of follow-up.

The SCFS continues to value the contacts it has in many ports around the world which enable the Society's missionaries to refer contacts from one port to another. This is especially valuable now that some ships spend a very short time in port. A parallel development is the growing reputation of the SCFS in various countries, and the SCFS is often approached with a view to agreeing ways of co-operating with other agencies doing a similar work elsewhere.

The Director continues to hold regular meetings with leaders from the Mission to Seafarers, the Apostleship of the Sea and the British & International Sailors' Society. These meetings are convened to discuss, inter alia, the continuing effect on access to ships brought about by the introduction of the IMO International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code implemented on 1 July 2004. As a result, the Merchant Navy Welfare Board funds a training and accreditation scheme designed to vouch for the credibility of those ship visitors who are appointed by known and trusted nautical charities. This scheme is doing much to ensure that the Society's UK and Irish missionaries continue to have satisfactory access to ships and their crew. The Society records its appreciation of all that the Merchant Navy Welfare Board is planning to do on this project and is pleased to report that full access to ships is being maintained despite the introduction of the ISPS code.

In January Rev J Stewart Pyper indicated the time had come for him to step down as the Society's Chairman. Mr Mervyn Jeffers was duly appointed as Chairman on 1 January 2005 and trustees were grateful for Rev Pyper's willingness to continue as a trustee.

During the year, the Society has continued its support of associated operations in Ghana and the Philippines. It is no longer necessary for the Society to send regular support to Rotterdam, although new support is now being channelled to Bremerhaven following the appointment of a new worker there.

Auditors

Clarke Nicklin LLP will be proposed for appointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

On behalf of the Trustees

A E Coomes_	an	ne E	Coomes	_Trustee
Date:	3 11	t	2006	3

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SEAMEN'S CHRISTIAN FRIEND SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

We have audited the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

As described in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities the trustees, who are also directors of The Seamen's Christian Friend Society for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Trustees' Annual Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the charity has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding trustees' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read other information contained in the Trustees' Annual Report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the International Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2005 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, in the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Clarke Nicklin LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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Dated: 15/11/ 2006

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

Incoming Resources	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2005 £	Total 2004 £
Incoming resources from generated funds:	2	40E E42	405,613	240.000
Voluntary income Investment income	2 3	405,613 1,329	1,329	240,099 2,225
Total incoming resources		406,942	406,942	242,324
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds:				
Fundraising and publicity	4	6,517	6,517	
Charitable activities	5	255,778		•
Governance costs	6	47,418	47,418	61,593
Total resources expended	7	309,713	309,713	348,096
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		97,229	97,229	(105,772)
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		334,604	334,604	-
Gains on investment assets		5,371	5,371	1,236
Net movement in funds		437,204	437,204	(104,536)
Reconciliation of funds Total funds brought forward		300,777	300,777	405,313
Total funds carried forward		737,981	737,981	300,777

All the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above. The income for the year for Companies Act purposes comprises the net income for the year plus realised losses on investments and was £97,229 [2004 - £(105,772)].

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of the financial statements

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Note	2005	2004
Fixed assets Tangible assets Investments	10 11	786,924 27,082	461,547 21,711
Total fixed assets		814,006	483,258
Current assets Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	12	129,180 21,417	34,452 6,754
Total current assets		150,597	41,206
Liabilities Creditors: Amounts due within one year	13	68,724	60,668
Net current assets/(liabilities)		81,873	(19,462)
Total assets less current liabilities		895,879	463,796
Creditors: Amounts due after more than one year	14	157,898	163,019
Net assets		737,981	300,777
The funds of the charity: Unrestricted income funds Unrestricted income funds Revaluation reserve	15	149,181 588,800	51,952 248,825
Total charity funds		737,981	300,777

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2005).

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 3. 2006 and signed on its behalf by

A E Coomes Ann & Cooms Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of the financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

1. Accounting policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective January 2005). The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting Charities (SORP 2005), applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Companies Act 1985. The principle accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income received by way of donation and gift is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Legacies are included when receivable where the amounts can be determined with certainty and relate to events that occurred prior to the year end.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Cost of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the
 costs of trading for fundraising purposes including the charity's shop.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities
 and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such
 activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.
- Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Freehold properties are stated at valuation by the trustees at 31 December 2005. The charity has a policy and practice of regular maintenance and repair of the freehold properties. An impairment review, in accordance with FRS 11, is carried out by the Trustees at the end of each accounting period. The properties are expected to have useful economic lives exceeding fifty years. Consequently, no depreciation is charged on the properties since, in the opinion of the Trustees, neither the depreciation charge nor the accumulated depreciation to date are material.

Other tangible fixed assets are stated at cost and depreciated over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Motor Vehicles 25% reducing balance basis Computer equipment 33.3% straight line basis

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

investments

Investments are stated at market value.

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

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet. Those held under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Those held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives or the lease term, whichever is shorter.

The interest element of these obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability.

Branches

Branches, which are non-autonomous, are included in full in the financial statements.

Pensions

The Society operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable for the year are charged to revenue.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of property and investment assets at market value.

2. Voluntary Income

	2005 £	2004 £
Donations	240,733	169,750
Covenants	5,658	825
Deputations	20,057	20,186
King George V Merchant Seamen's Memorial Fund	2,849	2,752
Legacies	136,316	46,586
	405.040	0.40.000
	405,613	240,099

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

3.	Investment Income		
		2005 £	2004 £
	Dividend income Bank interest	1,262 67	1,245 980
		1,329	2,225
4.	Fundraising and Publicity	2005 £	2004 £
	Magazine costs	6,517	5,325
5.	Charitable Activities	2005 £	2004 £
	Salaries and National Insurance Pension costs Home costs Motor expenses Travel expenses Postage, printing and stationery Telephone Literature Other operating costs Contribution overseas Depreciation of motor vehicles: Owned Held under hire purchase contracts Depreciation of computer equipment – owned Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	148,049 7,575 785 15,730 17,650 5,858 4,740 9,248 2,181 33,460 4,499 3,974 2,029	135,362 6,673 701 14,685 19,375 4,935 5,582 12,606 4,836 59,052 5,999 5,299 5,291 782
		255,778	281,178

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

6.	Governance Costs				
-				2005 £	2004 £
	Administration fees			21,785	21,783
	Postage, printing and stationery			8,238	9,809
	Travel expenses			2,147	2,356
	Sundry expenses Auditors remuneration:			4,712	12,895
	Audit services			4,200	4,164
	Non-audit services			-	1,245
	Professional fees			-	4,151
	Rent			4,125	4,183
	Hire purchase interest			2,211	1,007
				47,418	61,593
	•				
7 .	Total Resources Expended				
		Fund Raising activities	Charitable activities	Governance costs	Total £
	Magazines	6,517	-	-	6,517
	Salaries and National Insurance	-	148,049	-	148,049
	Pension costs	-	7,575	-	7,575
	Home costs	-	785	-	785
	Motor expenses	-	15,730	-	15,730
	Travel expenses	-	17,650	2,147	19,797
	Postage, printing and stationery	-	5,858	-	5,858
	Telephone	-	4,740	-	4,740
	Literature	-	9,248	-	9,248
	Other operating costs	-	2,181	-	2,181
	Contribution overseas Depreciation of motor vehicles:	-	33,460	-	33,460
	Owned	-	4,499	-	4,499
	Held under hire purchase contracts	•	3,974	-	3,974
	Depreciation of computer equipment	-	2,029	<u>-</u>	2,029
	Administration fees	-	-	21,785	21,785
	Postage, printing and stationery	-	-	8,238	8,238
	Sundry expenses	-	-	4,712	4,712
	Auditors remuneration	-	-	4,200	4,200
	Rent	÷	-	4,125	4,125
	Hire purchase interest		-	2,211	2,211
		6,517	255,778	47,418	309,713
		 			

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

8. Trustees' Remuneration

No trustees received any remuneration during the year.

Out of pocket expenses were reimbursed to trustees as follows:

	2005	2004	2005	2004
	Number	Number	£	£
Travel	4	4	1,652	1,163

During the year, accounting and administrative services were supplied by Pickerings, a firm which acts as the Company Secretary. Under a twelve-month contract, fees for these services are deposited with the firm in advance. The amount of such fees in advance at the year end was £27,658 (2004 - £20,619).

One of the partners of the firm, Michael J Wilson acts as Chief Executive Officer of the Society and his remuneration is included in salaries.

9. Employee Emoluments

	2005	2004
Salaries Social security costs	£ 139,821 8,228	£ 128,016 7,346
Pension costs	7,575 	6,673
No employee earned more than £50,000 per annum (2004 – £nil)	155,624	142,035
		_
Average number of employees	9	7

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

10.	Tangible Fixed Assets	Freehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment	Total £
	Cost or valuation At 1 January 2005 Additions Revaluations	425,396	90,696		531,955 1,275 334,604
	At 31 December 2005	760,000	90,696	17,138	867,834
	Depreciation At 1 January 2005 Charge for the year		56,807 8,473	13,601 2,029	70,408 10,502
	At 31 December 2005	•	65,280	15,630	80,910
	Net book value At 31 December 2005	760,000	25,416	1,508	786,924
	At 31 December 2004	425,396	33,889	2,262	461,547

Property has been revalued by the trustees based on local property valuations.

The historical cost of the freehold property is £179,765 (2004 - £179,765).

Fixed assets, included in the above, which are held under hire purchase contracts are as follows:

	Motor vehicles £
Cost	_
At 1 January 2005	20,795
Additions	-
At 31 December 2005	20,795
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Depreciation	5 200
At 1 January 2005 Charge for the year	5,299 3,974
charge for the year	
At 31 December 2005	9,273
At 31 December 2003	9,213
Net book value	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
At 31 December 2005	11,522
At 31 December 2004	15,496

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

11.	Investments		2005 £	2004 £
	Market value as at 1 January 2005 Net investment gains/(losses)		21,711 5,371	20,475 1,236
	Market value as at 31 December 2005		27,082	21,711
	Historical cost		11,425	11,425
	Investments in individual entities held at 31 value are:		5% of the p	oortfolio by
	D 10 1 10 11 10	£		
	Royal Bank of Scotland Pic Co-operative Bank Pic British Aerospace Pic	3,387 9,048 14,647		
	All investments held are listed UK Securities			
12.	Debtors			
			2005	2004
	Due within one year		£	£
	Debtors		125,368	29,930
	Prepayments		3,812	4,522
			129,180	34,452
13.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one	vear		
		•	2005 £	2004 £
	Bank overdraft		13,872	_
	Social security and other taxes		6,581	6,579
	Other creditors		35,500	35,500
	Hire purchase contracts		5,121	3,973
	Accruals		7,650 ———	14,616
			68,724	60,668

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

14.	Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	2005 £	2004 £
	Hire purchase contracts Loans (unsecured)	5,273 152,625	10,394 152,625
		157,898	163,019
15.	Secured Debts	2005 £	2004 £
	The following secured debts are included within creditors:		
	The following secured debts are included within creditors: Hire purchase contracts Bank overdraft	10,394 13,872	14,367 -

The above debts are secured by way of a floating charge over the assets of the charity.

16. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

•	Analysis of Not Assets Buttoon Funds	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £
	Fund Balances at 31 December 2005 are represented by:		
	Tangible fixed assets	786,924	786,924
	Investments	27,082	27,082
	Current assets	150,597	150,597
	Current liabilities	(68,724)	(68,724)
	Long term liabilities	(157,898)	(157,898)
	Total Net Assets	737,981	737,981
	Unrealised gains included above		
	On tangible fixed assets	574,379	574,379
	On investment assets	14,421	14,421
		588,800	588,800
	Reconciliation of Movement on Revaluations Reserve Prope	rty Investments	Total
	Unrealised gains at 1 January 2005 239,7	•	248,825
	Net gains arising on revaluations in year 334,6	5,371	339,975
	 -		
	Unrealised gains at 31 December 2005 574,3	379 14,421	588,800
			

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

17.	Statement of Funds	At 1 Jan 2005	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2005
		£	£	£	£	£
	Revaluation fund	248,825	339,975	-	_	588,800
	General fund	51,952	406,942	(309,713)	-	149,181
						
	Total Unrestricted Funds	300,777	746,917	(309,713)	-	737,981

18. Connected Charities

The King George V Memorial Fund for Sailors ("the fund") is a connected charity which operates from the same address. The directors of The Seamen's Christian Friend Society are also trustees of the fund.

Creditors due after more than one year include a loan of £145,419 (2004 - £145,419) from the fund.

All investment income earned by the fund is donated to The Seamen's Christian Friend Society.

19. Status of the Society

The Society is a company limited by guarantee and is a registered charity. It is exempt from direct taxation under the relevant provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.