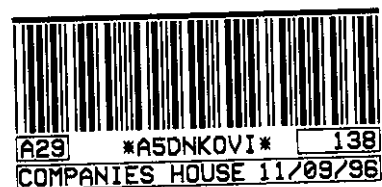


GWYNEDD ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST LIMITED

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AND NOTES

31st MARCH 1996

COMPANY NUMBER : 1180515



Auditor's Report to Gwynedd Archaeological Trust Limited Pursuant to Paragraph 24 of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 4 together with the financial statements of Gwynedd Archaeological Trust Limited prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31st March 1996.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to the company's entitlement to the exemption claimed in the directors' statement on page 2 and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the audited financial statements, that the company is entitled to the exemptions and that the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared from those financial statements. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report does not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the full financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled under sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 to the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to that Act, in respect of the year ended 31st March 1996, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 4 have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Other information

On the 9th September 1996 we reported, as auditors of Gwynedd Archaeological Trust Limited, to the members on the financial statements prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31st March 1996 and our audit report was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements on pages 3 to 12 .

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described above the Company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the 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 directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain 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 Company's affairs at 31st March, 1996 and of the excess of expenditure over income for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with those provisions of the Companies Act 1985 that are applicable to small companies."

W. J. Matthews & Son
W. J. MATTHEWS & SON
Registered Auditor,
Chartered Accountants,
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LL55 2NN.

DATED: *9th September 1996*

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust Limited

Abbreviated Balance sheet at 31st March 1996

	Notes	1996 £	1996 £	1995 £	1995 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	3		152,153		163,456
Current Assets					
Debtors		55,944		58,746	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,652		921	
		<u>57,596</u>		<u>59,667</u>	
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	4	<u>53,919</u>		<u>53,989</u>	
Net Current Assets			3,677		5,678
Total assets less current liabilities			155,830		169,134
Creditors : amounts falling due after more than one year	4		<u>142,344</u>		<u>146,548</u>
Net assets			<u>£13,486</u>		<u>£22,586</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted			11,570		19,273
Restricted			1,916		3,313
			<u>£13,486</u>		<u>£22,586</u>

Directors' Statement

The directors state that in preparing these financial statements they have taken advantage of the exemptions for individual accounts in sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 of the Act on the grounds that in our opinion the company meets the qualifications for a small company.

Advantage is taken in the preparation of the financial statements of the special exemptions applicable to small companies conferred by Part I of Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985. In the directors' opinion the company is entitled to those exemptions as a small company.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 9/9/96 and signed on its behalf by

 Trustee
Dr D. A. Jenkins

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust Limited

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 1996

1. Accounting policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared under the historical cost convention. They are drawn up to reflect the proposed statement of recommended practice number 2 (SORP 2 - accounting by charities) and in accordance with other applicable accounting standards.

Income and expenditure are shown gross in the financial statements and are recognised on an accruals basis.

The charity has had to adjust the formats from those prescribed by the 1985 Companies Act to include headings which are relevant to its activities to enable it to show a true and fair view.

b) Grants receivable

Grants are accounted for in the period to which they relate.

c) Basis of allocation of administrative expenses

Administrative expenses are allocated to various projects in on a basis related to the percentage of time the employees have been engaged on the individual projects.

d) Depreciation of tangible fixed assets

The cost of tangible fixed assets is written off by equal annual instalments over their expected useful lives as follows:

Freehold building	50	years
Equipment	3	years

e) Pensions

The Company contributes to two pension schemes, of which one is a defined contribution scheme and the other is a defined benefit scheme. The cost of pension benefits is charged to the statement of financial activities, so as to accrue the cost over the service lives of employees. In the case of the defined benefit scheme, the expected cost is charged, on the advice of actuaries, on the basis of a constant percentage of earnings, and variations from the regular cost are spread over the expected remaining service lives of current employees in the scheme.

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust Limited

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 1996

2. Funds

The company is limited by guarantee. If upon the winding up of Gwynedd Archaeological Trust Limited, there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Company, but shall be given to some other charitable institution having objects similar to Gwynedd Archaeological Trust Limited. As members will not receive any surplus from the Company, a Reconciliation of Members' Funds is not required.

3. Tangible fixed assets

	Total £
<i>Cost</i>	
At 1 st April 1995	209,486
Additions	3,056
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At 31 st March 1996	212,542
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<i>Depreciation</i>	
At 1 st April 1995	46,030
Charge for the year	14,359
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At 31 st March 1996	60,389
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Net book value	
At 31 st March 1996	£152,153
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At 31 st March 1995	£163,456
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The opening balances of Equipment have been restated due to the capitalisation of assets purchased prior to 1st April 1994 and which had been written off against income in the year of purchase. These assets had a cost of £48,834 and an accumulated depreciation at 31st March 1995 of £40,567.

4. Mortgages

Creditors include loans of £146,548 which are secured on the freehold property. The loans mature after more than five years. The loans represent 100% of the depreciated value of the freehold property. Loans amounting to £146,548 are payable by instalments, of which £118,445 of the loans will be payable after five years.