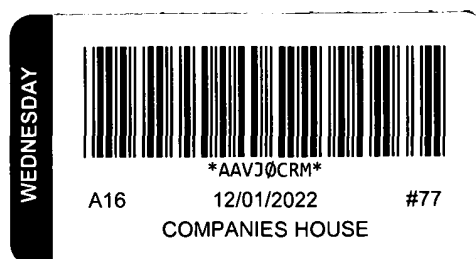


**WOODY (HYNDBURN) C.I.C.
DIRECTORS' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**



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**Woody (Hyndburn) C.I.C.
Financial Statements
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Company Information
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Mr David Daly
Mr Sean Kerr
Mr Philip Vincent-Barwood
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Company Number

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Registered Office

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Company No. 07984087
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The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Woody was incorporated as a Community Interest Company (CIC) in March 2012. As part of the regulation surrounding CIC's we report each year to the Regulator as to how we have satisfied the 'Public Benefit' activities that we specified when we incorporated Woody. Below is a copy of the text from our CIC report for the year from April 2020 to March 2021.

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**Woody (Hyndburn) C.I.C.
Directors' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2021**

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities - continued

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Insurance

We continued our cover with Zurich Insurance as this allows us to provide personal accident cover for our volunteers, in addition to public liability.

Management Support

Woody continued to contribute towards the cost of the support it receives from the Prospects Foundation's Charity Manager post. The support received is for tender processes, liaison with Hyndburn Borough Council and Lancashire County Council, organising payments and income, purchasing goods, management and annual accounts, monitoring, work-day coordination, risk assessments, co-ordination of volunteers, annual returns and reports.

Directors

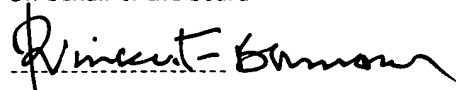
The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Mr David Clarkson
Mr David Daly
Mr Sean Kerr
Mr Michael Stapleford
Mr Philip Vincent-Barwood
Mr Edward Copeland
Mr Gordon Sudworth

Small Company Rules

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board



Mr Philip Vincent-Barwood

Director

5 January 2022


**Woody (Hyndburn) C.I.C.
Accountants' Report
For The Year Ended 31 March 2021**

In accordance with the engagement letter dated , and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have compiled the financial statements of the company from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the directors in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken to prepare for approval by the directors the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, to report to the directors that we have done so, and to state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this 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 Company and the Company's directors for our work or for this report.

You have acknowledged on the balance sheet as at year ended 31 March 2021 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view under the Companies Act 2006. You consider that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.



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10 December 2021

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**Woody (Hyndburn) C.I.C.
Profit and Loss Account
For The Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	2021	2020
	£	£
TURNOVER	861	15,121
Cost of raw materials and consumables	(12)	(2,503)
Staff costs	(131)	(192)
Depreciation and other amounts written off assets	(110)	(110)
Other charges	(5,010)	(12,723)
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NET LOSS	<u>(4,402)</u>	<u>(407)</u>

**Woody (Hyndburn) C.I.C.
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2021**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fixed assets	222	332
Current assets	7,512	11,658
Prepayments and accrued income	-	647
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	-	(513)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	7,512	11,792
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,734	12,124
Accruals and deferred income	(443)	(431)
NET ASSETS	7,291	11,693
CAPITAL AND RESERVES	7,291	11,693

Notes

1. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follows: 7 (2020: 7)

2. General Information

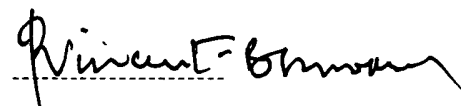
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For the year ending 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The 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 Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions.

On behalf of the board



Mr Philip Vincent-Barwood

Director

10 December 2021

**Woody (Hyndburn) C.I.C.
Trading Profit and Loss Account
For The Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	2021		2020
	£	£	£
TURNOVER			
Income		861	15,121
COST OF RAW MATERIALS AND CONSUMABLES			
Purchases	12		2,246
Volunteer expenses	-		257
	(12)		(2,503)
STAFF COSTS			
Protective clothing	131		192
		(131)	(192)
DEPRECIATION AND OTHER AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF ASSETS			
Depreciation	110		110
		(110)	(110)
OTHER CHARGES			
<i>Other direct costs:</i>			
Leasing and hire of plant and machinery	165		230
<i>Premises expenses:</i>			
Repairs and maintenance	717		250
<i>General administration costs:</i>			
Small equipment expensed	454		805
Insurance	647		721
Printing, postage and stationery	249		23
Accountancy fees	443		431
Management fees	2,334		2,730
Charitable donations	-		7,500
Sundry expenses	1		33
	4,128		12,243
		(5,010)	(12,723)
NET LOSS		(4,402)	(407)

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Company Name in
full

Woody (Hyndburn) CIC

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Year Ending

31 March 2021

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PART 1 - GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT

In the space provided below, please insert a general account of the company's activities in the financial year to which the report relates, including a fair and accurate description of how they have benefited the community, or section of the community, which the company is intended to serve.

A social audit report is attached

(If applicable, please just state "A social audit report covering these points is attached").

(Please continue on separate continuation sheet if necessary.)

PART 2 – CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS – Please indicate who the company's stakeholders are; how the stakeholders have been consulted and what action, if any, has the company taken in response to feedback from its consultations? If there has been no consultation, this should be made clear.

None

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PART 3 – DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION – if you have provided full details in your accounts you need not reproduce it here. Please clearly identify the information within the accounts and confirm that, "There were no other transactions or arrangements in connection with the remuneration of directors, or compensation for director's loss of office, which require to be disclosed" (See example with full notes). If no remuneration was received you must state that "no remuneration was received" below.

None

PART 4 – TRANSFERS OF ASSETS OTHER THAN FOR FULL CONSIDERATION – Please insert full details of any transfers of assets other than for full consideration e.g. Donations to outside bodies. If this does not apply you must state that "no transfer of assets other than for full consideration has been made" below.

None

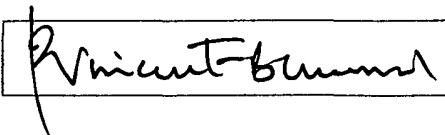
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(N.B. Please enclose a cheque for £15 payable to Companies House)

PART 5 – SIGNATORY

The original report must be signed by a director or secretary of the company

Signed



Date

15 Jan 22

Office held (tick as appropriate) ☐ Director ☐ Secretary

You do not have to give any contact information in the box opposite but if you do, it will help the Registrar of Companies to contact you if there is a query on the form. The contact information that you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

philbarwood@tiscali.co.uk	
Telephone	01254 381333
DX Number	DX Exchange

When you have completed and signed the form, please send it to the Registrar of Companies at:

For companies registered in England and Wales: Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ
DX 33050 Cardiff

For companies registered in Scotland: Companies House, 4th Floor, Edinburgh Quay 2, 139
Fountainbridge, Edinburgh, EH3 9FF DX 235 Edinburgh or LP – 4 Edinburgh 2

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Social Audit Report 2020/21

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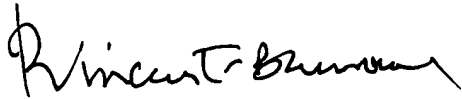
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Philip Vincent-Barwood

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