REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31 DECEMBER 1996

Company No. 31799

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

31 DECEMBER 1996

The directors present their report together with the audited accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 1996.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is that of administering the properties in its ownership to the benefit of the Liberal cause locally.

Business review

In the opinion of the directors the company's affairs are in a satisfactory state.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are shown in the profit and loss account on page 5. The directors recommend that no dividend be paid.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year and their interests in the shares of the company as recorded in the register of directors' interests, were as follows:

	Ordinary Shares of 25p each		
	31 December 1996	31 December 1995	
D E Evans	61	101	
E Pritchard	40	40	
D C Short	40	40	
P D Evans	40	40	
Mrs M Brown	40	40	
G V Hyde	40	40	
D J Fleet	40	40	
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Fixed assets

Movements in fixed assets are set out in Note 7 to the accounts.

The directors are of the opinion that the freehold properties are valued considerably in excess of their Balance Sheet value. No formal valuation has been obtained but a recent insurance valuation placed a figure upon them in excess of £400,000.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

31 DECEMBER 1996

(continued)

Auditors

Worton Rock have agreed to offer themselves for re-appointment as auditors of the company.

On behalf of the Board

D E Evans Director

Elgar House Holmer Road Hereford HR4 9SF

29 October 1997

HEREFORD AND COUNTY LIBERAL CLUB COMPANY LIMITED STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

We are required under company law to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company, and of the profit or loss of the company for that period.

In preparing these accounts we are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently

make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates

prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless in our view the company will be unable to continue in business.

We are also responsible for:

keeping proper accounting records

safeguarding the company's assets

taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

29 October 1997

On behalf of the Board

D E Evans Chairman

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

We have audited the accounts on pages 5 to 11 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND THE AUDITORS

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts 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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, 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 all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts 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 accounts.

OPINION

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the company's state of affairs as at 31 December 1996 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

33 Bridge Street Hereford HR4 9DQ

WORTON ROCK Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Worton Roch

294 October 1997.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

	Note	1996 £	1995 £
Turnover	1	40,001	40,001
Cost of sales		(5,893)	(6,256)
Gross profit		34,108	33,745
Administrative expenses		(43,782)	(31,734)
Other operating income		-	937
Operating (loss)/profit	2	(9,674)	2,948
Investment income	4	1,237	1,278
Interest payable	5	(5)	-
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities			
after taxation		(8,442)	4,226
Taxation	6	(2,867)	(2,200)
Retained (loss)/profit for the financial year	13	(11,309)	2,026
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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The company has had no recognised gains and losses during this year and last year other than the (loss)/profit for the year.

BALANCE SHEET

at 31 DECEMBER 1996

	7 .	1996		1995	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		9,840		11,161
Current assets					·
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	8	10,359		7,939	
		33,283		45,417 	
Creditors: amounts falling due		43,642		53,356	
within one year	9	(6,271)		(5,997)	
Net current assets			37,371		47,359
Total assets less current liabilities			47,211		58,520
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	0		(000)		
area more than one year	9		(900)		(900)
			46,311		57,620
Capital and reserves			===		
Called up share capital Other reserves	10		1,885		1,885
Profit and loss account			180 44,246		180 55,555
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Total shareholders' funds attributable to equity shareholders	-11		46,311		57,620
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The accounts on pages 5 to 11 were approved by the directors on 29 October 1997.

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D E Evans

NOTES ON ACCOUNTS

31 DECEMBER 1996

1 Principal accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Turnover represents rental income receivable during the year and arises wholly in the United Kingdom. All of the company's activities are continuing.

Depreciation

Depreciation of fixed assets is charged by equal annual instalments commencing with the year of acquisition at rates estimated to write off their cost or valuation less any residual value over the expected useful lives which are as follows:-

Freehold property	-	2%
Fixtures and fittings	-	20%
Plant and machinery	-	25%

2	Operating profit	1996 £	1995 £
	Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting) the following:		
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		
	- owned assets	2,308	2,130
	Auditors' remuneration	511	490
	Staff costs (note 3)	11,449	12,122
	Hire of plant and machinery	-	1,544
	Rental income	(40,000)	(40,000)
			

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3	Staff costs	1996 £	1995 £
	Wages and salaries Social security costs	10,415 1,034	11,000 1,122
		11,449	12,122
		Number	Number
	Average number employed including executive directors	1	1
		=	
	Directors	£	£
	Directors' emoluments		
	Other emoluments (including pension contributions)	-	12,122
		===	
4	Investment income		
	Deposit account interest		1
	Building Society interest	1,237	1 1,277
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		1,237	1,278
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5	Interest payable		
	Bank overdrafts	5	-
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6 Taxation			1996 £	1995 £
Corporation tax on profit on ordin	ary activities		2,867	2,208
Corporation tax (over) provided in	previous years		-	2,208
			2,867	2,200
Tangible fixed assets			====	===
Tangible fixed assets	Land and	T.		
	Freehold	Fixtures and	Plant and	
	Buildings £	Fittings	Machinery	Total
Cost	æ.	£	£	£
1 January 1995 Additions	9,913	3,697	7,332	20.042
- Taditionis	-	987	- ,5002	20,942 987
31 December 1996	9,913	4,684	7,332	21.020
	=====	====		21,929
Accumulated depreciation			====	
I January 1995	2,988	3,299	2 404	
Charge for year	198	277	3,494 1,833	9,781 2,308
				2,308
31 December 1996	3,186	3,576	£ 30#	
	-		5,327	12,089
Net book amount	_	===		
31 December 1996	6,727	1,108	2.005	
			2,005	9,840
31 December 1995	6,925	200		
	0,923	398	3,838	11,161
		===	=======================================	
Future capital commitments			1996	1995
Hire purchase contracts			£	£
			<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>
Other contracts			NΩ	
			<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>

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8	Debtors	1996 £	1995 £
	Amounts falling due within one year as follows:		
	Trade debtors	9,434	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
	Other debtors	324	7,381
	Prepayments and accrued income	601	5 553
			
		10,359	7,939
9	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		===
	Trade creditors		
	Corporation tax	955	-
	Other taxation and social security	2,620 332	1,889
	Other creditors	20	321
	Accruals and deferred income	2,344	20 3,767
			
		6,271	5,997
10	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	===	===
	Debenture loans	200	
		900	900
	Amounts fall due on the debenture loans as follows:	===	==
	Over five years	900	
		900	900
	The debenture loans are repayable at the option of the holder or floating charge over the company's assets.	the company and are se	cured by a
11	Reconciliation of shareholders funds		
((Loss)/profit for the financial year		•
(Opening shareholders funds	(11,309) 57,620	2,026 55,594
(Closing shareholders funds	46,311	57,620
		•	57,020

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31 DECEMBER 1996

12	Called up share capital				called up	
		Authorised		and fully paid		
		1996	1995	1996	1995	
		£	£	£	£	
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	3,500	3,500	1,885	1,885	
13	Profit and loss account		£			
	1 January 1996		55,555			
	Loss for the financial year		(11,309)			
	31 December 1996		44,246			