Gardiner Sons & Co Limited
Directors' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2006



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Directors and Advisors for the year ended 31 December 2006

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Secretary

J Watson

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Auditors

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2006

The directors present their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006

Business review and principal activity

The principal activity of the company is the operation of home improvement centres in Bristol and Cirencester

The results for the company show a pre tax profit of £2,565,754 (2005 £2,611,393) for the year and sales of £18,147,996 (2005 £17,886,024)

Profit after tax for the year amounted to £1,833,843 (2005 £1,849,863) The dividend proposed and paid in respect of the year ended 31 December 2006 is £3,016,681 (2005 £971,968) resulting in a transfer from reserves of £1,182,838 (2005 transfer to reserves of £877,895)

Equity shareholders funds total £9,207,807 (2005 £10,217,235) after a dividend payment of £3,016,681 (2005 £971,968)

The external commercial environment is expected to remain competitive in 2007. However, we remain confident that we will maintain our current level of performance in the future. We continue to invest in the design and layout of our stores to enhance our customers' shopping experience.

Key performance indicators

Given the straightforward nature of the business, other than the indicators shown above, we are of the opinion that further analysis using key performance indicators is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business

Principal risks and uncertainties

The key business risks and uncertainties affecting the company are considered to relate to the competitive environment and employee retention. These risks are mitigated due to the company operating from freehold premises and with the benefit of a positive cash balance and no borrowings.

Directors and their interests

The directors of the company during the year were

M Barnes

M Carr

P Cook

J Watkins

No director had any interest in the shares of the company

Fixed assets

The movement in fixed assets in the year is set out in note 4 to the financial statements

The directors consider the market value of land and buildings to be greater than the book value disclosed in these financial statements

Statement of the directors' responsibilities

The directors are required by UK company law to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the company for that period

The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently and reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006. The directors also confirm that applicable accounting standards have been followed and that the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the directors are aware, there is no current relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware. The directors have taken all of the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

Employees

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the respective aptitudes and abilities of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the company continues and the appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the company that the training, career development and promotion of a disabled person should, as far as possible, be identical to that of a person who does not suffer from a disability

The Company's policy is to continue to develop its communications with all employees, to inform them on matters of concern to them as employees and to promote awareness of the financial and economic factors affecting the performance of the company and subject to practical and commercial considerations, to consult them on decisions that affect their current jobs or future prospects

Auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors have indicated their willingness to continue in office, and a resolution concerning their reappointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting

By Order of the Board

J Watson

Secretary

30 March 2007

Independent auditors' report to the members of Gardiner Sons & Co Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Gardiner Sons & Co Limited for the year ended 31 December 2006 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement, the statement of total recognised gains and losses and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

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 the Companies Act 1985. We report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the company 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 directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) 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 judgments 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 all the 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, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2006 and of its profit and cash flows for the year then ended,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements

Premore Thomas Coopes CCP

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Bristol 30 March 2007

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2006

	Note	2006 £	2005 £
Turnover	· · · · · · ·	18,147,996	17,886,024
Cost of sales		(10,472,636)	(10,345,171)
Gross profit		7,675,360	7,540,853
Administrative and selling expenses		(4,683,429)	(4,493,844)
Operating profit – before group payments		2,991,931	3,047,009
Management charge payable to parent undertaking		(355,053)	(362,517)
Operating profit		2,636,878	2,684,492
Interest payable to parent undertaking		(140,000)	(140,000)
Interest receivable	2	115,276	117,501
Other finance expense	16	(46,400)	(50,600)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2	2,565,754	2,611,393
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	3	(731,911)	(761,530)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		1,833,843	1,849,863
Dividend paid		(3,016,681)	(971,968)
Retained (loss)/profit for the financial year	12	(1,182,838)	877,895

All operations are continuing

There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained profit for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents

Statement of recognised gains and losses for the year ended 31 December 2006

	2006	2005
	£	£
Profit for the financial year	1,833,843	1,849,863
Actuarial gain/(loss) on defined benefit pension scheme	273,100	(283,600)
Movement on deferred tax asset relating to the pension scheme deficit	(99,690)	61,170
Unrealised gains on current asset investment	-	168,352
Total recognised gains and losses for the financial year	2,007,253	1,795,785

A statement of the movement in reserves is shown in note 12 to these financial statements

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2006

	Note	2006	2005
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	9,092,633	9,135,206
Current assets	_		
Stocks	5	3,256,584	3,208,976
Debtors	6	816,602	922,536
Investments	7	-	974,487
Cash at bank and in hand		3,111,113	3,266,700
		7,184,299	8,372,699
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,572,624)	(3,561,559)
Net current assets		3,611,675	4,811,140
Total assets less current liabilities		12,704,308	13,946,346
Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year	9	(2,800,000)	(2,800,000)
Net assets excluding pension liability		9,904,308	11,146,346
Pension liability	16	(696,501)	(929,111)
Net assets including pension liability		9,207,807	10,217,235
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	11	1,262,661	1,262,661
Revaluation reserve	12	-	74,487
Profit and loss account	12	7,945,146	8,880,087
Equity shareholders' funds	13	9,207,807	10,217,235

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the Board on 30 March 2007 and signed on its behalf by

J Watkins Director

Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 December 2006

	Note	2006	2006	2005	2005
		£	£	£	£
Net cash inflow from operating activities	a		2,725,932		2,285,904
Returns on investment and servicing of finance					
Interest received		115,276		117,501	
Interest paid to parent undertaking		(140,000)		(140,000)	
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance			(24,724)		(22,499)
Taxation			(753,801)		(823,070)
Capital expenditure and financial investments					
Proceeds from sale of current asset investment		1,049,931		-	
Proceeds from sale of tangible fixed assets		17,800		30,362	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(154,044)		(439,377)	
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from capital expenditure and financial investment			913,687		(409,015)
Equity dividends paid			(3,016,681)		(971,968)
(Decrease)/increase in net cash	b,c		(155,587)		59,352

The notes to the cash flow statement are set out on page 9 of these financial statements

Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 December 2006 Notes to the cash flow statement

(a) Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2006	2005
	£	£
Operating profit	2,636,878	2,684,492
Depreciation charges	177,117	175,544
Difference between pension charge and cash contributions	(105,600)	(130,300)
Loss/(profit) on sales of tangible fixed assets	1,700	(19,517)
Profit on disposal of current asset investment	(75,444)	-
Increase in stocks	(47,608)	(3,464)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	105,934	(109,965)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	32,955	(310,886)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	2,725,932	2,285,904

(b) Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds (note c)

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(155,587)
(155,587)
(974,487)
(1,130,074)
1,441,187
311,113

(c) Analysis of net funds

	At 1 January 2006 £	Cash flow 2006 £	Other changes 2006	At 31 December 2006 £
Cash in hand, at bank	3,266,700	(155,587)	-	3,111,113
Current asset investments	974,487	-	(974,487)	•
Deposit from parent undertaking	(2,800,000)	-	<u>-</u>	(2,800,000)
	1,441,187	(155,587)	(974,487)	311,113

Accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of current asset investments under the alternative accounting rules set out in the Company Act 1985, and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards

Turnover

Turnover represents sales to third parties and is determined by reference to the selling value of goods delivered and services rendered during the year, net of Value Added Tax. All turnover is derived from continuing operations from one class of business in the United Kingdom.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost after deducting accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost, less residual value, of assets over their estimated useful lives on the straight line basis. The rates of depreciation vary according to the type of asset and are

Plant, machinery, fixtures and fittings 10% - 20% Motor vehicles 25%

No depreciation is provided on freehold properties, as the directors consider that the residual value of such properties is considerably in excess of the current carrying amounts. In order to confirm this, an impairment test has been carried out in accordance with FRS 11.

Stocks

Stocks of goods purchased for resale are valued at the lower of cost (net invoice price after all discounts) and net realisable value

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full on all material timing differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised where their recovery is considered more likely than not. Deferred tax assets and liabilities have not been discounted.

Pension costs

The company operates a defined benefit pension scheme and a money purchase pension scheme As disclosed in note 16, defined benefit pension costs are recognised in the profit and loss account and the statement of total recognised gains and losses in accordance with the requirements of FRS 17. Contributions to the money purchase pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006

1 Ultimate parent undertaking

The company's parent undertaking is Gardiner (Holdings) Limited which is registered in Great Britain and is the parent undertaking of the largest and smallest group to consolidate the financial statements of the company Copies of the group financial statements can be obtained from PO Box 259, Broad Plain, Bristol, BS99 7DN

2 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging/(crediting) the following amounts

	2006 £	2005 £
Wages and salaries	2,865,194	2,866,138
Social security costs	212,228	213,670
Other pension costs (note 16)	110,863	100,103
Depreciation	177,117	175,544
Auditors' remuneration – audit of annual financial statements	11,250	10,000
Auditors' remuneration – taxation	970	940
Interest receivable on bank deposits	(115,276)	(117,501)
Loss/(profit) on sale of tangible fixed assets	1,700	(19,517)
Management charge payable to parent undertaking	355,053	362,517
(Profit) on disposal of current asset investment	(75,444)	-

3 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

2006	2005
£	£
729,477	751,367
2,434	1,163
731,911	752,530
<u>-</u>	9,000
731,911	761,530
	£ 729,477 2,434 731,911

3 Tax on profit on ordinary activities (continued)

The factors affecting the current tax charge are set out below

	2006	2005
	£	£
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	2,565,754	2,611,393
Profit on ordinary activities at standard rate of tax of 30% (2005 30%)	769,726	783,418
Loss/(profit) on disposal of fixed assets	510	(5,855)
Profit on disposal of current asset investment	(22,633)	-
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	(366)	(2,286)
Adjustment in respect of previous year	2,434	1,163
Pension contribution relief in excess of net pension cost charge	(17,760)	(23,910)
Current tax charge for year	731,911	752,530

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land & buildings	Fixtures & fittings	Plant, machinery & vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	3
Cost				
At 1 January 2006	8,639,263	1,507,776	1,229,568	11,376,607
Additions	1,579	98,819	53,646	154,044
Disposals	•	-	(24,000)	(24,000)
At 31 December 2006	8,640,842	1,606,595	1,259,214	11,506,651
Accumulated depreciation			•	
At 1 January 2006	60,131	1,335,509	845,761	2,241,401
Provision for the year	-	78,117	99,000	177,117
Disposals	<u>-</u>	-	(4,500)	(4,500)
At 31 December 2006	60,131	1,413,626	940,261	2,414,018
Net book amount				
At 31 December 2006	8,580,711	192,969	318,953	9,092,633
At 31 December 2005	8,579,132	172,267	383,807	9,135,206

5 Stocks

Stocks comprise goods for resale The directors estimate that the replacement cost of stocks is not materially different from that stated in the balance sheet

6 Debtors

	2006	2005
	£	£
Trade debtors	638,222	637,567
Other debtors	82,093	189,753
Prepayments and accrued income	85,287	84,216
Deferred taxation (see note 10)	11,000	11,000
	816,602	922,536

7 Current asset investments

	2006	2005
	£	£
UK Stock Exchange Unit Trust Investments	-	974,487

During the year this investment, which had an original cost of £900,000 and had previously been revalued to £974,487 was sold for £1,049,931, realising a profit of £75,444. As a result of this sale a revaluation reserve of £74,487 was also transferred to the profit and loss reserve.

8 Creditors – Amounts falling due within one year

	2006	2005
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,118,198	2,126,259
Other creditors	247,254	188,778
Corporation tax	429,477	451,367
Other taxation and social security	350,846	386,443
Accruals and deferred income	426,849	408,712
	3,572,624	3,561,559

9 Creditors – Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2006	2005
	£	£
Deposit from parent undertaking	2,800,000	2,800,000

A deposit of £4,000,000 was placed by Gardiner (Holdings) Limited on 1 October 1995 at an interest rate of 6% per annum. On 30 June 1998 £700,000 was withdrawn by Gardiner (Holdings) Limited and the interest rate was reduced to 5% per annum. A further £500,000 was withdrawn on 31 March 2000.

The deposit is to be withdrawn at a date to be agreed by both group companies. There are no arrangements for any further withdrawal prior to 31 December 2007.

10 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation provided in the financial statement is as follows

	2006	2005
	£	£
Pension deficit (see note 16)	298,500	398,190
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances (see note 6)	11,000	11,000
Total deferred tax asset	309,500	409,190
	2006	2005
	2006 £	2005 £
At 1 January		
At 1 January (Charged)/credited to the statement of total recognised gains and losses	3	£
(Charged)/credited to the statement of total recognised gains and	409,190	357,020

11 Called up share capital

	Authorised £	Allotted, issued and fully paid £
Ordinary shares of 25p each at 31 December 2005 and 31 December 2006	1,500,000	1,262,661

12 Reserves

	Profit and loss account £	Revaluation reserve
At 1 January 2006	8,880,087	74,487
Profit for the year	1,833,843	-
Actuarial gain on defined benefit scheme	273,100	-
Movement in deferred tax asset relating to pension scheme deficit	(99,690)	-
Realised gain on current asset investments	74,487	(74,487)
Dividends paid	(3,016,681)	
At 31 December 2006	7,945,146	-

13 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2006	2005
	3	£
Opening shareholders' funds	10,217,235	9,393,418
Unrealised gain on current asset investment	-	168,352
Actuarial gain/(loss) on defined benefit pension scheme	273,100	(283,600)
Movement on deferred tax asset relating to pension scheme deficit	(99,690)	61,170
Profit for the year	1,833,843	1,849,863
Dividend paid	(3,016,681)	(971,968)
Closing shareholders' funds	9,207,807	10,217,235

14 Employees

	2006 Number	2005 Number
The average number of persons employed by the company during the		
year on a full time equivalent basis was	167	165

15 Directors' emoluments

	2006	2006 Highest Paid	2005	2005 Highest Paid
	Aggregate £	Director £	Aggregate £	Director £
Directors' emoluments	342,276	88,000	394,658	85,000
	2006 Money Purchase Schemes	2006 Defined Benefit Schemes	2005 Money Purchase Schemes	2005 Defined Benefit Schemes
Number of directors with benefits accruing under pension schemes	3	3	3	3

The highest paid director has no retirement benefits accruing

No amounts were paid to or receivable by directors under long term incentive schemes or share option schemes

An amount of £88,000 (2005 £85,000) is included in the management charge due from the subsidiary company to the parent company for making available the services of a director as a director of the subsidiary company

In addition, a sum of £57,800 was paid to a former director during the year as compensation for loss of office

16 Pension commitments

The company operates a defined benefit pension scheme. With effect from 1 December 1990, the group formed a new pension scheme, the Gardiners Pension and Life Assurance Scheme (1990) for members of the previous parent undertaking's pension scheme. The scheme had previously been closed to new entrants which means that the current service cost will increase as members approach retirement.

The scheme is a funded, defined benefits scheme where benefits are based on final pensionable pay. The assets are in an insurance policy invested in a with-profits fund and FTSE All-share. Tracking pension fund with the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

An actuarial valuation as at 31 March 2003 was carried out in accordance with the advice of a professionally qualified actuary using the aggregate method, the most significant assumptions being

- an investment return of 7 5% per annum for equities and 4 5% per annum for other assets preretirement and 4 5% per annum post-retirement
- salary increases of 4 6% per annum
- increases to pensions in payment in respect of post 6 April 1997 service of 2 5%

16 Pension commitments (continued)

The actuarial value of the assets as at 31 March 2003 was £1,240,000 which represented 53% of the benefits that had accrued to members at that time, allowing for future pay increases

As a result, a contribution rate of 50 8% of pensionable pay was recommended with effect from 1 April 2005 to spread the cost of pensions over the members' working lives with the group

In 2006, members contributed 6% of pensionable pay less an amount equivalent to the lower earnings limit and the company made additional contributions to ensure that total normal contributions were equal to 50 8% of pensionable pay, as recommended by the actuary

The group also operates money purchase pension schemes on behalf of certain specified employees. Contributions made by the group are calculated on various bases, and are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

The total contributions made by the group in 2006 for the final salary scheme and the money purchase schemes were £216,463 (2005 £230,403)

The financial assumptions used to calculate scheme liabilities under FRS 17 as at 31 December are

	2006	2005	2004
Rate of increases in salary	4.3%	4 0%	4 0%
Rate of increases of pensions in payment to 31	3.1%	2 9%	2 9%
March 2006			
Rate of increases of pensions in payment from 1	2.2%	-	-
Aprıl 2006			
Rate used to discount scheme liabilities	5.1%	4 8%	5 3%
Inflation rate	3.3%	3 0%	3 0%

The following amounts at 31 December were measured in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 17 'Retirement Benefits'

	2006	2005	2004
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Total market value of assets	2,299	1,955	1,620
Present value of scheme liabilities	(3,294)	(3,282)	(2,743)
Deficit in the scheme	(995)	(1,327)	(1,123)
Related deferred tax asset	299	398	337
Net pension deficit	(696)	(929)	(786)

16 Pension commitments (continued)

As at 31 December the fair value of the funds assets invested and expected long-term rate of return were as shown below

	2006		2005		2004	
-	£'000	Expected	£'000	Expected	£'000	Expected
		return		return		return
Equities	1,454	7.1%	1,058	6 6%	652	7 1%
Bonds	845	4 7%	897	4 3%	968	4 8%
	2,299		1,955		1,620	
The following amounts ha	ave been i	recognised in th	ne performa	ance statemen	its in the ve	ar to
31 December under the		_	•			
Analysis of the amount charged to operating profit				2006	2005	2004
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		to opolating p		£'000	£'000	£,000
Operating profit						2000
Current service cost				80	82	70
Total operating charge	 B			80	82	70
		- · · · 				
				2006	2005	2004
				£,000	£'000	£,000
Other finance charges	and analy	sis of the amo	unt			
credited to other finance	e income	•				
Expected return on pension scheme assets				113	97	84
Interest on pension scheme liabilities				(159)	(148)	(137)
Net charge				(46)	(51)	(53)
				2006	0005	0004
				2006 £'000	2005 £'000	2004 £'000
				1.000	£ 000	£ 000
Statement of total reco	anised aa	uns and losse:	s			
(STRGL)	gg.					
Actual return less expe	cted return	n on pension				
scheme assets		•		124	130	4
Experience gains and losses arising on liabilities				31	(33)	9
Change in assumptions underlying present value of				440		(4.00)
liabilities				118	(381)	(182)
Actuarial gain/(loss) r	ecognise	d in STRGL		273	(284)	(169)
				2006	2005	2004
				£'000	£'000	£'000
Movement in deficit du	ring the y	ear				
Deficit in scheme at beg	ginning of	year		(1,327)	(1,123)	(1,031)
Movement in year						
Current service cost				(80)	(82)	(70)
Contributions			185	213	200	
Other finance charges				(46)	(51)	(53)
Actuarial gain/(loss)				273	(284)	(169)
Deficit in scheme at e	nd of the	year		(995)	(1,327)	(1,123)

16 Pension commitments (continued)

Details of experience gains and losses for the year	2006 £'000	2005 £'000	2004 £'000	2003 £'000
Difference between the expected and actual return in				
scheme assets				
Amount (£'000)	124	130	4	16
Percentage of scheme assets	5.4%	6 7%	0 2%	1 1%
Experience gains and losses on scheme liabilities				
Amount (£'000)	31	(33)	9	(1)
Percentage of scheme liabilities	0.9%	(1 0%)	0 3%	
Total amount recognised in statement of total recognised gains and losses				
Amount (£'000)	273	(284)	(169)	(175)
Percentage of the present value of the scheme liabilities	8.3%	(8 6%)	(6 2%)	(7 1%)

17 Contingent liabilities

There is a bank cross guarantee to cover banking facilities across all group companies. There is a debenture in favour of the company's bankers

18 Related parties note

As the company is a wholly owned subsidiary within a group that prepares consolidated financial statements, the company is exempt from disclosing transactions with group entities