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Directors' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2009

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Directors and Advisors for the year ended 31 December 2009

Directors

MW Barnes Chairman

M Carr

P Cook (Retired on 31 March 2009)

J Watkins

Secretary

J Watson

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Incorporated on 10 August 1893

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2009

The directors present their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009

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 £1,982,439 (2008 £2,043,410) for the year and sales of £17,544,017 (2008 £16,971,543)

Profit after tax for the year amounted to £1,441,764 (2008 £1,585,935) The dividend proposed and paid in respect of the year ended 31 December 2009 is £1,103,300 (2008 £1,057,057) resulting in a transfer to reserves of £338,464 (2008 £528,878)

Equity shareholders funds total £10,290,249 (2008 £10,253,769) after a dividend payment of £1,103,300 (2008 £1,057,057)

The external commercial environment is expected to remain competitive in 2010 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 (Retired 31 March 2009)

J Watkins

No director had any interest in the shares of the company

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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

Directors' Responsibility Statement

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 2009. 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

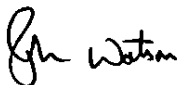
Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the respective aptitudes and abilities of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the company continues and the appropriate 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

Gardiner Sons & Co Limited

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 2009 which comprise the Profit and loss account, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, the Balance sheet and the Cash flow statement, the accounting policies and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, 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.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31st December 2009 and of its profit and cash flows for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

Derek Trubody

Derek Trubody (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Bristol
20 April 2010

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Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2009

	Note	2009 £	2008 £
Turnover		17,544,017	16,971,543
Cost of sales		(10,146,736)	(9,593,886)
Gross profit		7,397,281	7,377,657
Administrative and selling expenses		(4,923,916)	(4,921,233)
Operating profit – before group payments		2,473,365	2,456,424
Management charge payable to parent undertaking		(384,477)	(394,278)
Operating profit		2,088,888	2,062,146
Interest payable to parent undertaking		(140,000)	(140,000)
Interest receivable	2	10,551	97,564
Other finance income	15	23,000	23,700
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2	1,982,439	2,043,410
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	3	(540,675)	(457,475)
Profit for the financial year	11	1,441,764	1,585,935

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

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form part of the financial statements

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Statement of total recognised gains and losses for the year ended 31 December 2009

	Note	2009 £	2008 £
Profit for the financial year		1,441,764	1,585,935
Actuarial loss on defined benefit pension scheme	15	(593,700)	42,100
Gains not recognised under FRS 17 in 2008, reversed in 2009	15	223,200	(223,200)
Movement on deferred tax asset relating to the pension scheme	9	68,516	(41,816)
Total recognised gains and losses for the financial year		1,139,780	1,363,019

A statement of the movement in reserves is shown in note 11 to these financial statements

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form part of these financial statements

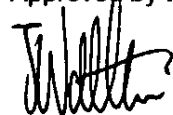
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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2009

	Note	2009 £	2008 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	10,046,755	10,021,129
Current assets			
Stocks	5	3,423,680	3,309,034
Debtors	6	878,772	811,730
Cash at bank and in hand		1,978,612	1,462,721
		6,281,064	5,583,485
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(3,299,130)	(2,788,589)
Net current assets		2,981,934	2,794,896
Total assets less current liabilities		13,028,689	12,816,025
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8	(2,800,000)	(2,800,000)
Net assets excluding pension scheme		10,228,689	10,016,025
Pension scheme surplus	15	61,560	237,744
Net assets including pension surplus		10,290,249	10,253,769
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	10	1,262,661	1,262,661
Profit and loss account	11	9,027,588	8,991,108
Equity shareholders' funds	12	10,290,249	10,253,769

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the Board on 20 April 2010 and signed on its behalf by



J Watkins
Director

Gardiner Sons & Co Limited

Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 December 2009

	Note	2009 £	2009 £	2008 £	2008 £
Net cash inflow from operating activities	a		2,173,144		1,437,685
Returns on investment and servicing of finance					
Interest received		10,551		97,564	
Interest paid to parent undertaking		(140,000)		(140,000)	
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance			(129,449)		(42,436)
Taxation			(248,271)		(567,492)
Capital expenditure					
Proceeds from sale of tangible fixed assets		47,550		30,850	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(223,783)		(1,166,029)	
Net cash outflow from capital expenditure			(176,233)		(1,135,179)
Equity dividends paid			(1,103,300)		(1,057,057)
Increase/(decrease) in net cash	b,c		515,891		(1,364,479)

The notes to the cash flow statement are set out on page 10 of these financial statements

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Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 December 2009

Notes to the cash flow statement

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

	2009 £	2008 £
Operating profit	2,088,888	2,062,146
Depreciation charges	174,496	186,397
Difference between pension charge and cash contributions	(102,800)	(318,800)
Profit on sales of tangible fixed assets	(23,889)	(17,709)
Increase in stocks	(114,646)	(81,398)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(101,845)	22,798
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	252,940	(415,749)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	2,173,144	1,437,685

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

	2009 £	2008 £
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year	515,891	(1,364,479)
Movement in net funds in the year	515,891	(1,364,479)
Net funds at 1 January	(1,337,279)	27,200
Net funds at 31 December	(821,388)	(1,337,279)

(c) Analysis of net funds

	At 1 January 2009 £	Cash flow 2009 £	At 31 December 2009 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,462,721	515,891	1,978,612
Deposit from parent undertaking	(2,800,000)	-	(2,800,000)
	(1,337,279)	515,891	(821,388)

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Accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention 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 15, 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.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009

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

	2009 £	2008 £
Wages and salaries	3,110,267	2,947,669
Social security costs	227,907	213,127
Other pension costs (note 15)	78,864	92,813
Depreciation	174,496	186,397
Auditors' remuneration – audit of annual financial statements	13,250	12,000
Auditors' remuneration – taxation	1,190	1,430
Interest receivable on bank deposits	(10,551)	(97,564)
Profit on sale of tangible fixed assets	(23,889)	(17,709)
Management charge payable to parent undertaking	384,477	394,278

3 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

	2009 £	2008 £
Current tax		
UK Corporation tax on the profit for the year	514,689	348,271
Adjustment in respect of prior years	(8,817)	-
Total current tax	505,872	348,271
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences (note 9)	34,803	109,204
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	540,675	457,475

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3 Tax on profit on ordinary activities (continued)

The factors affecting the current tax charge are set out below

	2009	2008
	£	£
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	1,982,439	2,043,410
Profit on ordinary activities at standard rate of tax of 28% (2008 28.5%)	555,083	582,372
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(6,689)	(5,047)
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	1,519	9,334
Additional enhanced relief	-	(768)
Pension contributions in excess of current service cost	(35,224)	(237,620)
Current tax charge for year	514,689	348,271

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land & buildings	Fixtures & fittings	Plant, machinery & vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2009	9,669,233	1,689,387	1,295,712	12,654,332
Additions	-	101,666	122,117	223,783
Disposals	-	-	(115,336)	(115,336)
At 31 December 2009	9,669,233	1,791,053	1,302,493	12,762,779
Accumulated depreciation				
At 1 January 2009	60,131	1,573,619	999,453	2,633,203
Provision for the year	-	78,847	95,649	174,496
Disposals	-	-	(91,675)	(91,675)
At 31 December 2009	60,131	1,652,466	1,003,427	2,716,024
Net book amount				
At 31 December 2009	9,609,102	138,587	299,066	10,046,755
At 31 December 2008	9,609,102	115,768	296,259	10,021,129

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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

	2009 £	2008 £
Trade debtors	714,830	594,163
Other debtors	63,042	71,300
Prepayments and accrued income	90,900	101,464
Deferred taxation (see note 9)	10,000	44,803
	878,772	811,730

7 Creditors – Amounts falling due within one year

	2009 £	2008 £
Trade creditors	2,150,174	1,754,907
Other creditors	122,474	184,322
Corporation tax	405,872	148,271
Other taxation and social security	312,897	274,313
Accruals and deferred income	307,713	426,776
	3,299,130	2,788,589

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8 Creditors – Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2009	2008
	£	£
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 2010.

9 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation provided in the financial statement is as follows

	2009	2008
	£	£
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	10,000	44,803
Deferred tax asset (see note 6)	10,000	44,803
Pension surplus (see note 15)	(23,940)	(92,456)
Total deferred tax (liability)	(13,940)	(47,653)

The movement on deferred taxation is as follows

	2009	2008
	£	£
At 1 January	(47,653)	103,367
Credited/(charged) to the statement of total recognised gains and losses	68,516	(41,816)
(Charged) to the profit and loss account	(34,803)	(109,204)
At 31 December	(13,940)	(47,653)

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10 Called up share capital

	Authorised £	Allotted, issued and fully paid £
Ordinary shares of 25p each at 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2009	1,500,000	1,262,661

11 Reserves

	Profit and loss account £
At 1 January 2009	8,991,108
Profit for the year	1,441,764
Actuarial loss on defined benefit scheme	(593,700)
Gains not recognised under FRS 17 in 2008, recognised in 2009	223,200
Movement in deferred tax asset relating to pension scheme	68,516
Dividends paid	(1,103,300)
At 31 December 2009	9,027,588

12 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2009 £	2008 £
Profit for the year	1,441,764	1,585,935
Dividend paid	(1,103,300)	(1,057,057)
Transfer to reserves	338,464	528,878
Actuarial (loss)/gain on defined benefit pension scheme	(593,700)	42,100
Gains not recognised under FRS 17 in 2008, recognised in 2009	223,200	(223,200)
Movement on deferred tax asset relating to pension scheme	68,516	(41,816)
Net increase in shareholders' funds	36,480	305,962
Opening shareholders' funds	10,253,769	9,947,807
Closing shareholders' funds	10,290,249	10,253,769

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13 Employees

	2009 Number	2008 Number
The average number of persons employed by the company during the year on a full time equivalent basis was	159	162

14 Directors' emoluments

	2009 Aggregate £	2009 Highest Paid Director £	2008 Aggregate £	2008 Highest Paid Director £
Directors' emoluments	339,604	90,000	347,906	88,000

	2009 Money Purchase Schemes	2009 Defined Benefit Schemes	2008 Money Purchase Schemes	2008 Defined Benefit Schemes
Number of directors with benefits accruing under pension schemes	2	2	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 £90,000 (2008 £88,000) 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

15 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 unit linked investments with the Equitable Life Assurance Society

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15 Pension commitments (continued)

An actuarial valuation as at 31 March 2009 was carried out by a professionally qualified actuary based on assumptions determined by the trustees, the most significant assumptions being

- An investment return of 3.7% pre-retirement, on fixed interest investments
- An investment return of 6.7%, pre-retirement, on equity and property investments
- Increases in payment of pensions that are in respect of services between 6th April 1997 and 31st March 2006 of 2.7%
- Increases in payment of pensions that are in respect of service from 1st April 2006 of 2.1%

Based on these assumptions, liabilities were valued at £3,227,000 and assets at £2,878,000, a past funding shortfall of £349,000. The calculation assumed that no further benefits will accrue but based the benefits on members' projected final pay.

To eliminate this past funding shortfall, the trustees and the Company agreed the payment of additional contributions. In 2009 this resulted in employer contributions exceeding the FRS 17 current service cost by £102,800 (2008: £318,800).

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 2009 for the final salary scheme and the money purchase schemes were £181,664 (2008: £411,613) of which £24,566 (2008: £20,683) relates to money purchase schemes.

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

	2009	2008
Rate of increases in salary	4.7%	3.7%
Rate of increases of pensions in payment	3.3%	2.7%
Rate used to discount scheme liabilities	5.7%	6.7%
Inflation rate	3.7%	2.7%

The mortality assumptions used in the valuation of the defined benefit pension liabilities are summarised below

	2009	2008
Longevity at age 65 for current pensioners		
Men	22.2	22.1
Women	24.8	24.6
Longevity at age 65 for future pensioners		
Men	24.2	24.1
Women	26.6	26.6

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15 Pension commitments (continued)

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

	2009	2008
	£	£
Total market value of assets	3,740,200	3,177,600
Present value of scheme liabilities	(3,654,700)	(2,624,200)
Surplus in the scheme	85,500	553,400
Gains not recognised under FRS 17	-	(223,200)
Related deferred tax liability	(23,940)	(92,456)
Net pension surplus	61,560	237,744

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

	2009		2008	
	£	Expected return	£	Expected return
Unit linked	3,014,045	7.5%	2,386,000	6.6%
With profits	726,155	4.8%	791,600	4.7%
	3,740,200	7.0%	3,177,600	6.2%

The following amounts have been recognised in the performance statements in the year to 31 December under the requirements of FRS 17 'Retirement Benefits'

	2009	2008
	£	£
Opening defined benefit obligation	2,624,200	3,327,200
Service cost	54,298	72,130
Interest cost	174,100	194,800
Members' contributions	16,902	20,970
Actuarial losses/(gains)	919,500	(892,300)
Benefits paid and death-in-service premiums	(134,300)	(98,600)
Closing defined benefit obligation	3,654,700	2,624,200

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15 Pension commitments (continued)

Changes in the fair value of plan assets are as follows:

	2009	2008
	£	£
Opening fair value of plan assets	3,177,600	3,496,000
Expected return	197,100	218,500
Actuarial gains/(losses)	325,800	(850,200)
Contributions by employer	157,098	390,930
Members' contributions	16,902	20,970
Benefits paid and death-in-service premiums	(134,300)	(98,600)
Closing fair value of plan assets	3,740,200	3,177,600

Expected employer contributions to the scheme in the next year	175,000	190,000
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Analysis of amount recognised in statement of total recognised gains and losses (STRGL)	2009	2008
	£	£
Total actuarial (loss)/gain	(593,700)	42,100
Gains not recognised under FRS 17 in 2008, recognised in 2009	223,200	(223,200)
Total (loss) recognised in STRGL	(370,500)	(181,100)

Scheme assets do not include any of the company's own financial instruments or any property occupied by the company

The expected return on scheme assets is determined by considering the expected returns available on the assets underlying the current investment policy. The actual return on scheme assets in the year was a £522,900 gain (2008 £631,700 loss)

The amounts recognised in profit or loss are as follows:

	2009	2008
	£	£
Current service cost	54,298	72,130
Interest on obligation	174,100	194,800
Expected return on plan assets	(197,100)	(218,500)
Total	31,298	48,430

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15 Pension commitments (continued)

	2009 £	2008 £
Statement of total recognised gains and losses (STRGL)		
Actual return less expected return on pension scheme assets	325,800	(850,200)
Experience gains and losses arising on liabilities	49,400	9,300
Change in assumptions underlying present value of liabilities	(968,900)	883,000
Actuarial (loss)/gain recognised in STRGL	(593,700)	42,100

	2009 £	2008 £	2007 £	2006 £	2005 £
Defined benefit obligation	(3,654,700)	(2,624,200)	(3,327,200)	(3,294,400)	(3,281,800)
Plan assets	3,740,200	3,177,600	3,496,000	2,299,400	1,954,500
Surplus/(deficit)	85,500	553,400	168,800	(995,000)	(1,327,300)
Experience adjustments on plan liabilities	49,400	9,300	45,100	30,800	(32,800)
Experience adjustments on plan assets	325,800	(850,200)	(176,900)	123,700	130,500
Total cumulative actuarial gains and losses recognised in the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and losses	(863,700)	(270,000)	(312,100)	(355,000)	(628,000)

16 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.

17 Related parties

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.