

# A. & C. Black Plc

## DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 28 February 2013



Company Registration Number: 137664

**A. & C. Black Plc**  
**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
Year ended 28 February 2013

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The directors present their report with the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2013

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The Company did not trade during the year and is expected to remain dormant for the foreseeable future

**DIRECTORS**

The directors who held office during the year and to the date of this report were

W Pallot  
N Newton



On behalf of the board

W Pallot

Director

16 September 2013

Registered office

50 Bedford Square  
London  
WC1B 3DP

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## BALANCE SHEET

As at 28 February 2013

	<i>Note</i>	28 February 2013 £	29 February 2012 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Investments	2	772,004	772,004
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	3	4,435,577	4,435,577
Cash at bank		100	100
		<u>4,435,677</u>	<u>4,435,677</u>
CREDITORS amounts falling due within one year	4	(2,519,642)	(2,519,642)
		<u>1,916,035</u>	<u>1,916,035</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>1,916,035</u>	<u>1,916,035</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		<u>2,688,039</u>	<u>2,688,039</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Called up share capital	5	404,324	404,324
Share premium account		1,599,496	1,599,496
Profit and loss account		684,219	684,219
		<u>2,688,039</u>	<u>2,688,039</u>
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>			
		<u>2,688,039</u>	<u>2,688,039</u>

For the year ending 28 February 2013 the Company was entitled to the exemption from audit under section 480 of the Companies Act 2006 and its members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements

The notes form part of these financial statements

Approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 16 September 2013 and signed on its behalf by



W Pallot

Director

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 28 February 2013

### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) *Basis of accounting*

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules

(b) *Consolidated financial statements*

The Company is exempt by virtue of section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group financial statements. These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking entity and not about its group. The consolidated financial statements of the ultimate parent company, Bloomsbury Publishing Plc, which is incorporated in England & Wales, include the results of the Company and are publicly available.

(c) *Investments*

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are recorded at cost less any amounts written off

### 2 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	£
Shares in subsidiary undertakings	
Cost	
At 1 March 2012 and 28 February 2013	999,529
Provisions	
At 1 March 2012 and 28 February 2013	(227,525)
Net book amount	
At 1 March 2012 and 28 February 2013	772,004

The companies in which the Company's interest at the year end is more than 20% are as follows

Subsidiary undertakings held directly	Country of incorporation and operation	Proportion of equity capital held	Nature of business during the year
A & C Black Publishers Limited	England	100%	Publishing
A & C Black (Distribution) Limited	England	100%	Non-trading
A & C Black (Storage) Limited	England	100%	Non-trading
Adlard Coles Limited	England	100%	Non-trading
Alphabooks Limited	England	100%	Non-trading
Christopher Helm (Publishers) Limited	England	100%	Publishing
F Lewis (Publishers) Limited	England	100%	Non-trading
Herbert Press Limited	England	100%	Non-trading
Nautical Publishing Company Limited	England	100%	Non-trading

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### Subsidiary undertakings held through a subsidiary company

	Country of incorporation and operation	Proportion of equity capital held	Nature of business during the year
Berg Fashion Library Limited	England	100%	Publishing
Featherstone Education Limited	England	100%	Non-trading
John Wisden (Holdings) Limited	England	100%	Non-trading
John Wisden and Company Limited	England	100%	Publishing
Methuen Drama Limited	England	100%	Non-trading
Oxford International Publishers Limited t/a Berg Publishers	England	100%	Publishing
Reed's Almanac Limited	England	100%	Non-trading

The Company has guaranteed the liabilities of the following subsidiary companies under section 479C of the Companies Act 2006. These companies are exempt from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006

Company	Company number
A & C Black Publishers Limited	00189153
Christopher Helm (Publishers) Limited	01953639

3	DEBTORS	28 February 2013 £	29 February 2012 £
	Amounts due from subsidiary undertakings	4,432,057	4,432,057
	Other debtors	3,520	3,520
		<u>4,435,577</u>	<u>4,435,577</u>
4	CREDITORS amounts falling due within one year	28 February 2013	29 February 2012
	Amounts due to subsidiary undertakings	2,518,476	2,518,476
	Other creditors	1,166	1,166
		<u>2,519,642</u>	<u>2,519,642</u>

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5	SHARE CAPITAL	28 February 2013 and 29 February 2012 £
	Authorised	
	1,900,000 Ordinary shares of £0.25 each	475,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid	
	1,617,294 Ordinary shares of £0.25 each	404,324

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### 6 ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The immediate and ultimate parent company is Bloomsbury Publishing Plc, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. Copies of the consolidated financial statements of Bloomsbury Publishing Plc may be obtained from the Company Secretary, Bloomsbury Publishing Plc, 50 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3DP.