

**A. & C. Black Limited**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Year ended 29 February 2020**



**Company Registration Number: 137664**

# A. & C. Black Limited

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Year ended 29 February 2020

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The director presents her report with the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 29 February 2020.

### 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:

P Scott-Bayfield

### SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

On behalf of the board

*P. Scott-Bayfield*

P Scott-Bayfield

Director

30 November 2020

Registered office:

50 Bedford Square  
London  
WC1B 3DP

**A. & C. Black Limited**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**As at 29 February 2020**

	<i>Note</i>	29 February 2020 £	28 February 2019 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Investments	2	772,004	772,004
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	3	5,708,524	5,708,524
		5,708,524	5,708,524
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	4	(3,792,489)	(3,792,489)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,916,035	1,916,035
NET ASSETS		2,688,039	2,688,039
<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
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		2,688,039	2,688,039

For the year ending 29 February 2020 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 director acknowledges her 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 30 November 2020 and signed on its behalf by

*P. Scott-Bayfield*

P Scott-Bayfield

Director

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 29 February 2020

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### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) *Basis of accounting*

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable law and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

As the Company is dormant it qualifies for, and has taken advantage of, the transitional relief in FRS 102 to retain its accounting policies for reported assets, liabilities and equity until there is any change in those balances or the Company undertakes any new transactions. The Company is part of the Bloomsbury Publishing Plc group and is included in the consolidated financial statements of Bloomsbury Publishing Plc. The Company therefore qualifies for the reduced disclosures for subsidiaries in FRS 102 including the exemption to present a cash flow statement. The Company is also exempt under section 33.1A of FRS 102 from disclosing related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries of the Bloomsbury Publishing Plc group.

The Company had no transactions during the year and has made neither a profit nor a loss. No profit and loss account has therefore been prepared.

(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 2019 and 29 February 2020	999,529
Provisions for impairment	
At 1 March 2019 and 29 February 2020	(227,525)
Net book value	
At 1 March 2019 and 29 February 2020	772,004

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### Year ended 29 February 2020

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

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%	Non-trading
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 registered address of all subsidiary undertakings above is 50 Bedford Square, London, WC1B 3DP, United Kingdom.

3	DEBTORS	29 February 2020 £	28 February 2019 £
	Amounts due from subsidiary undertakings	5,705,004	5,705,004
	Other debtors	3,520	3,520
		<u>5,708,524</u>	<u>5,708,524</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Year ended 29 February 2020

4	CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	29 February 2020 £	28 February 2019 £
	Amounts due to subsidiary undertakings	3,791,323	3,791,323
	Other creditors	1,166	1,166
		<u>3,792,489</u>	<u>3,792,489</u>

5	SHARE CAPITAL	29 February 2020 and 28 February 2019 £
	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	<u>404,324</u>

### 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.