

## **Thirsk Racecourse Limited**

Strategic Report, Report of the Directors and  
Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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**Thirsk Racecourse Limited**

**Company Information**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**DIRECTORS:**

C J Dent (Chairman)  
J Bell  
J F Sanderson OBE, FCA  
C A Warde-Aldam  
B Williams  
N R B Fitzgerald

**SECRETARY:**

J F Sanderson OBE, FCA

**REGISTERED OFFICE:**

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YO7 1QL

**REGISTERED NUMBER:**

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**AUDITORS:**

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Statutory Auditors  
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**Strategic Report**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**REVIEW OF BUSINESS**

All horseracing in Great Britain was suspended from 18th March to 1st June in 2020 after which, and due mainly to the efforts of the Racecourse Association (RCA) and the British Horseracing Authority (BHA), racing action resumed with a temporary and significantly amended fixture list up to 31st August 2020.

The original 2020 fixture list then applied from 1st September and this resulted in Thirsk Racecourse being able to stage only eight race meetings during the year, compared with 16 the previous year.

Inevitably, therefore, the company's turnover decreased by almost £1.6million to £1,308,166 (2020 - £2,894,561) but the cost of staging race meetings also reduced by over £1.2million and, despite the various restrictions, the company has remained a financially secure and profitable operation.

Racecourse Media Group (RMG) assisted by adopting a beneficial policy of accelerating the payment of media rights revenues to all to its shareholder racecourses, including Thirsk, to provide additional cash flow; in addition, the Directors decided to exercise an option made available by the Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB) to withdraw the accumulated balance on HBLB capital credits of some £395,000 to ensure the company's liquidity throughout the pandemic.

The Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021 records an increase in Shareholders' Funds of some £789,000 up to £4.444million (2020 - £3.656million) mainly due to:

- (a) the accelerated receipt of media rights revenues,
- (b) the withdrawal of HBLB capital credits and
- (c) the increase of a little over £144,000 in the unrealised value of the company's portfolio of investments, a factor that is required to be reflected in the audited Financial Statements to comply with present corporate financial reporting standards.

Due to Government restrictions on both the opening and the operation of Licensed Betting Offices (LBOs), the revenues received via the RMG contract with Sports Information Services (SiS) reduced by over £780,000. LBOs have also continued to close, although not at the rate that was originally feared following the Government's reduction from £100 to £2 in the maximum stake per play on fixed odds betting terminals.

This deficit was offset in part by the increase in the licence fees received under RMG's accelerated payment strategy and partly by the improved revenues generated from the streaming of the Racing TV signal to online bookmakers, mainly because of the success of the change from 'Bet and Watch' to 'Watch and Bet'. This revenue stream continues to improve despite the rates of the commissions received being reflected in the lower profit margins to which online betting operators work, when compared with those in LBOs.

The Board and Management have adopted cost saving measures wherever possible, including the use of the Covid-19 Jobs Retention Scheme, the claiming of local grants and the deferment of business rates, all of which have contributed to the profitable operation of the company.

The staging of race meetings 'behind closed doors', a policy introduced by the BHA with Government approval from 1st June 2020, proved to be a crucial development for British Racing and all its participants, including racecourses, and Thirsk Racecourse is most grateful for the level of support that was received from owners, trainers, stable staff and jockeys which enabled our race meetings to take place with some success, albeit under quite strange and restricted conditions at times.

Public attendances have been permitted at varying levels since 17th May 2021, but certain covid related protocols continue to apply and there is little doubt that the current trading year up to 31st March 2022 will remain challenging. Furthermore, it is not possible to forecast when attendances, corporate hospitality, commercial race sponsorship and non-racing activities will return to the levels that were achieved during the 2019 racing season.

**Strategic Report**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

Thirsk Racecourse has a strong Balance Sheet with good liquidity and the company should have no problem in surviving any further restrictions that may be applied by the authorities until the Coronavirus pandemic is under satisfactory control and life is able to return to some form of normality.

The Board and the Management will ensure that, as far as reasonably possible, the operation of the company will continue to reflect all commercial constraints and official restrictions as they apply. The company will continue to be operated cost-efficiently whilst doing whatever is possible to provide competitive racing for the public and improved prize money for the owners who support British Racing, as well as those who derive their living from the sport.

Having reduced the annual Dividend to £50 per share in 2020, the Directors consider that a return to the previous level of £70 per share is justified and this will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

It is also proposed that the Directors' fees, which were reduced last year, should be restored to their previous levels of £4,000 to the Chairman and £3,000 to the other Directors.

Finally, on behalf of the Board and the Shareholders, I wish to pay a well-deserved tribute to the management team and the grounds staff for their tremendous commitment, dedication and hard work during what have been unprecedented times and trading conditions and for which the Board is extremely grateful.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:**

*C. J. Dent*

.....  
C J Dent (Chairman) - Director

Date: *1st November 2021*

**Report of the Directors**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY**

The principle activity of the company continued to be that of racecourse proprietors.

**DIVIDENDS**

The total distribution of dividends for the year ended 31 March 2021 is £13,300 in respect of the ordinary A shares.

**DIRECTORS**

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 April 2020 to the date of this report.

C J Dent (Chairman)  
J Bell  
J F Sanderson OBE, FCA  
C A Warde-Aldam  
B Williams  
N R B Fitzgerald

**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Report of the Directors and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 financial statements, the directors are required to:

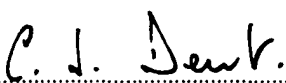
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

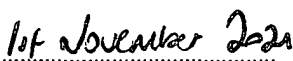
The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:**

  
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C J Dent (Chairman) - Director

Date:   
.....

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of**  
**Thirsk Racecourse Limited**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Thirsk Racecourse Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Cash Flow Statement and Notes to the Cash Flow Statement, Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its profit 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.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of**  
**Thirsk Racecourse Limited**

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report or the Report of the Directors.

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.

**Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page four, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Auditors.



**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of**  
**Thirsk Racecourse Limited**

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Helen Wilson FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Anderson Barrowcliff LLP  
Statutory Auditors  
Chartered Accountants  
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1 March 2022

**Statement of Comprehensive  
Income  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

		2021		2020 as restated	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>TURNOVER</b>			<b>1,308,166</b>		<b>2,894,561</b>
Cost of sales			<b>827,477</b>		<b>2,054,084</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>			<b>480,689</b>		<b>840,477</b>
Administrative expenses			<b>940,181</b>		<b>1,450,837</b>
			<b>(459,492)</b>		<b>(610,360)</b>
Other operating income			<b>1,226,094</b>		<b>915,707</b>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>	4		<b>766,602</b>		<b>305,347</b>
Income from fixed asset investments	5	53,036		49,726	
Interest receivable and similar income		6,276		12,409	
			<b>59,312</b>		<b>62,135</b>
			<b>825,914</b>		<b>367,482</b>
Fair value adjustment on fixed asset investment			<b>144,875</b>		<b>(123,076)</b>
<b>PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION</b>			<b>970,789</b>		<b>244,406</b>
Tax on profit	6		<b>168,883</b>		<b>56,188</b>
<b>PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>			<b>801,906</b>		<b>188,218</b>
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>			<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>			<b>801,906</b>		<b>188,218</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Thirsk Racecourse Limited (Registered number: 00193619)**

**Balance Sheet**  
**31 March 2021**

		2021		2020 as restated	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	9		4,072,826		4,258,406
Investments	10		1,391,486		1,162,267
Investment property	11		480,000		480,000
			<u>5,944,312</u>		<u>5,900,673</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	12	195,347		511,616	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,878,892</u>		<u>1,020,609</u>	
		2,074,239		1,532,225	
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>378,319</u>		<u>504,804</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>1,695,920</u>		<u>1,027,421</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			7,640,232		6,928,094
<b>PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES</b>	15		(331,500)		(315,000)
<b>ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME</b>	16		<u>(2,864,371)</u>		<u>(2,957,339)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>4,444,361</u>		<u>3,655,755</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>					
Called up share capital	17		26,600		26,600
Capital redemption reserve	18		600		600
Grant reserves	18		924,937		832,969
Non-distributable reserve	18		371,798		371,798
Retained earnings	18		<u>3,120,426</u>		<u>2,423,788</u>
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>			<u>4,444,361</u>		<u>3,655,755</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on .....1 November 2021..... and were signed on its behalf by:

*C. J. Dent.*

.....  
C J Dent (Chairman) ~~Director~~

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**Thirsk Racecourse Limited (Registered number: 00193619)**

**Statement of Changes in Equity**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	Called up share capital £	Retained earnings £	Capital redemption reserve £
<b>Balance at 1 April 2019</b>	26,600	2,345,060	600
<b>Changes in equity</b>			
Dividends	-	(18,620)	-
Total comprehensive income	-	97,348	-
<b>Balance at 31 March 2020</b>	26,600	2,423,788	600
<b>Changes in equity</b>			
Dividends	-	(13,300)	-
Total comprehensive income	-	709,938	-
<b>Balance at 31 March 2021</b>	26,600	3,120,426	600
	<b>Grant reserves £</b>	<b>Non-distributable reserve £</b>	<b>Total equity £</b>
<b>Balance at 1 April 2019</b>	742,099	371,798	3,486,157
<b>Changes in equity</b>			
Dividends	-	-	(18,620)
Total comprehensive income	90,870	-	188,218
<b>Balance at 31 March 2020</b>	832,969	371,798	3,655,755
<b>Changes in equity</b>			
Dividends	-	-	(13,300)
Total comprehensive income	91,968	-	801,906
<b>Balance at 31 March 2021</b>	924,937	371,798	4,444,361

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**Thirsk Racecourse Limited (Registered number: 00193619)**

**Cash Flow Statement**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

		2021	2020
	Notes	£	as restated £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	855,847	274,648
Tax paid		(58,366)	-
Net cash from operating activities		<u>797,481</u>	<u>274,648</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(442)	(80,252)
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(382,088)	(386,844)
Sale of fixed asset investments		397,320	265,004
Fixed assets investments movements		-	(66,107)
Interest received		6,276	12,409
Dividends received		53,036	49,726
Net cash from investing activities		<u>74,102</u>	<u>(206,064)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Equity dividends paid		(13,300)	(18,620)
Net cash from financing activities		<u>(13,300)</u>	<u>(18,620)</u>
<b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<u>858,283</u>	<u>49,964</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	2	<u>1,020,609</u>	<u>970,645</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	2	<u><u>1,878,892</u></u>	<u><u>1,020,609</u></u>

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**Notes to the Cash Flow Statement**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION TO CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS**

	2021	2020 as restated
	£	£
Profit before taxation	970,789	244,406
Depreciation charges	186,022	180,094
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(99,576)	(63,011)
(Gain)/loss on revaluation of fixed assets	(144,875)	123,076
Finance income	(59,312)	(62,135)
	<u>853,048</u>	<u>422,430</u>
Decrease in trade and other debtors	310,252	240,457
Decrease in trade and other creditors	(307,453)	(388,239)
	<u>855,847</u>	<u>274,648</u>

**2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

The amounts disclosed on the Cash Flow Statement in respect of cash and cash equivalents are in respect of these Balance Sheet amounts:

**Year ended 31 March 2021**

	31.3.21	1.4.20
	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>1,878,892</u>	<u>1,020,609</u>

**Year ended 31 March 2020**

	31.3.20	1.4.19
	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>1,020,609</u>	<u>970,645</u>

**3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.4.20	Cash flow	At 31.3.21
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>1,020,609</u>	<u>858,283</u>	<u>1,878,892</u>
	<u>1,020,609</u>	<u>858,283</u>	<u>1,878,892</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>1,020,609</u>	<u>858,283</u>	<u>1,878,892</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**1. STATUTORY INFORMATION**

Thirsk Racecourse Limited is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the company and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

**Turnover**

Turnover represents the gross receipts, excluding value added tax, from racing activities, including Horserace Betting Levy Board grants towards added money.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold investment properties	- not provided
Freehold buildings	- over 4 - 50 years
Long leasehold	- over 50 years
Plant and machinery	- over 4 - 20 years
Fixtures and fittings	- over 5 years

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

**Impairment**

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

**Government grants**

The company received government grants in respect of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, the Local Restrictions Support Grant and the Closed Businesses Lockdown Payment. These grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the company will comply with conditions attached to them. The grants were recognised using the accrual model.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Tax**

Current tax represents the amount of tax payable or receivable in respect of the taxable profit (or loss) for the current or past reporting periods. It is measured at the amount expected to be paid or recovered using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax represents the future tax consequences of transactions and events recognised in the financial statements of current and previous periods. It is recognised in respect of all timing differences, with certain exceptions. Timing differences are differences between taxable profits and total comprehensive income as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of income and expense in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date that are expected to apply to the reversal of timing differences.

**Capital grants**

Capital grants are received from the Horserace Betting Levy Board ("HBLB") in respect of capital expenditure.

Capital grants received are taken to the grant account. Credits are made to the profit & loss by equal annual instalment over a period of 4 to 50 years, which on average, matches the period of which the relevant assets are depreciated. An amount equal to the credits so made, is transferred from the profit & loss to the grant reserve (which is non distributable).

**Investments**

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value through profit or loss if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

**Investment property**

Investment properties are measured at fair value at each reporting date with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.

On 20 July 2017, the freehold investment property was valued on an open market basis by Joplings Property Consultants. In 2009 the property was reclassified from freehold buildings to freehold investment property and revalued. The historical cost of the freehold property is £68,378. The property had a net book value of £48,702 at 31 March 2009 when reclassified and initially revalued.

Following a review by the Directors at the year end no revision was considered necessary to the valuation of the investment property to reflect its fair value at 31 March 2021. The Directors assessed the property using their overall knowledge of the properties and properties' condition.

**Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the income statement in other administrative expenses.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to the profit or loss in the period to which they relate.

**Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**3. EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS**



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	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	<u>169,234</u>	<u>287,957</u>

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Directors	7	7
Establishment	4	4
Raceday	<u>34</u>	<u>95</u>
	<u>45</u>	<u>106</u>

	2021 £	2020 £
Directors' remuneration	<u>13,000</u>	<u>20,250</u>

**4. OPERATING PROFIT**

The operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021 £	2020 as restated £
Hire of plant and machinery	1,134	6,783
Depreciation - owned assets	186,022	180,094
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(99,576)	(63,011)
Auditors remuneration	4,000	10,000
Amortisation of capital grants	<u>(91,968)</u>	<u>(90,870)</u>

**5. INCOME FROM FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	2021 £	2020 as restated £
Dividends - Listed	6,559	5,419
Dividends - Unlisted	44,107	41,927
Bond interest	<u>2,370</u>	<u>2,380</u>
	<u>53,036</u>	<u>49,726</u>

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**6. TAXATION**

**Analysis of the tax charge**

The tax charge on the profit for the year was as follows:

	2021	2020 as restated
	£	£
Current tax:		
UK corporation tax	154,000	59,983
Over provision in prev year	(1,617)	-
Total current tax	152,383	59,983
Deferred taxation	16,500	(3,795)
Tax on profit	168,883	56,188

**Reconciliation of total tax charge included in profit and loss**

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below:

	2021	2020 as restated
	£	£
Profit before tax	970,789	244,406
Profit multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2020 - 19%)	184,450	46,437
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	2,818	36,598
Income not taxable for tax purposes	(55,041)	(27,285)
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	-	(482)
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	3,639	-
Overprovision in prior years	(1,617)	(4,612)
Chargeable gains	21,438	10,070
Deferred tax movement	16,500	(3,795)
Losses in year	(3,304)	(743)
Total tax charge	168,883	56,188

**7. DIVIDENDS**

	2021	2020 as restated
	£	£
Ordinary shares of £100 each		
Final	13,300	18,620

**8. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT**

Profit on disposal of fixed asset investments has been reclassified to other operating income. It was previously shown within administrative expenses. Comparatives for the year ended 31 March 2020 have been restated.

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**9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Long leasehold £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 April 2020	5,045,395	656,296	332,198	6,033,889
Additions	-	(87)	529	442
At 31 March 2021	5,045,395	656,209	332,727	6,034,331
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2020	1,009,762	483,819	281,902	1,775,483
Charge for year	137,755	25,738	22,529	186,022
At 31 March 2021	1,147,517	509,557	304,431	1,961,505
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 March 2021	3,897,878	146,652	28,296	4,072,826
At 31 March 2020	4,035,633	172,477	50,296	4,258,406

**10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments £	Totals £
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>			
At 1 April 2020	1,079,857	82,410	1,162,267
Additions	382,087	1	382,088
Disposals	(286,387)	-	(286,387)
Revaluations	144,814	-	144,814
Other movements	(11,296)	-	(11,296)
At 31 March 2021	1,309,075	82,411	1,391,486
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2021	1,309,075	82,411	1,391,486
At 31 March 2020	1,079,857	82,410	1,162,267

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2021 is represented by:

	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments £	Totals £
Valuation in 2015	241,738	-	241,738
Valuation in 2016	46,576	-	46,576
Valuation in 2017	60,974	-	60,974
Valuation in 2018	(83,248)	-	(83,248)
Valuation in 2019	44,834	-	44,834
Valuation in 2020	(123,712)	-	(123,712)
Valuation in 2021	144,814	-	144,814
Cost	977,099	82,411	1,059,510
	1,309,075	82,411	1,391,486

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**10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued**

	2021 £	2020 £
Listed on the London stock exchange	1,224,329	983,501
Unlisted investments	82,411	82,410
Cash	84,746	96,356
	<u>1,391,486</u>	<u>1,162,267</u>

Listed investments represent investments in non-puttable ordinary shares. The fair value of listed investments was determined with reference to the quote market price at the reporting date. The cost of the shares on acquisition was £977,099.

Unlisted investments are held at costs less impairment because their fair value cannot be measured reliably.

**11. INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

	Total £
<b>FAIR VALUE</b>	
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	<u>480,000</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 March 2021	<u>480,000</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>480,000</u>
Fair value at 31 March 2021 is represented by:	
	£
Valuation in 2010	281,298
Valuation in 2014	20,000
Valuation in 2016	15,000
Valuation in 2017	15,000
Valuation in 2018	100,000
Cost	48,702
	<u>480,000</u>

If investment properties had not been revalued they would have been included at the following historical cost:

	2021 £	2020 as restated £
Cost	<u>48,702</u>	<u>48,702</u>

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**12. DEBTORS**

	2021	2020 as restated
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	11,387	33,782
Other debtors	113,031	382,999
Taxation	-	6,017
Prepayments and accrued income	20,235	38,124
	<u>144,653</u>	<u>460,922</u>
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	<u>50,694</u>	<u>50,694</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>195,347</u>	<u>511,616</u>

**13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2021	2020 as restated
	£	£
Trade creditors	86,775	162,967
Taxation	154,000	66,000
Social security and other taxes	6,267	9,950
Other creditors	89,373	61,671
Accruals and deferred income	41,904	204,216
	<u>378,319</u>	<u>504,804</u>

**14. LEASING AGREEMENTS**

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2021	2020 as restated
	£	£
Within one year	572	572
Between one and five years	1,573	2,145
	<u>2,145</u>	<u>2,717</u>

**15. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES**

	2021	2020 as restated
	£	£
Deferred tax		
Deferred taxation	201,000	207,000
Deferred taxation on share revaluation	64,000	41,500
Deferred taxation on property revaluation	66,500	66,500
	<u>331,500</u>	<u>315,000</u>

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**15. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES - continued**

	Deferred tax £
Balance at 1 April 2020	315,000
Charge to Statement of Comprehensive Income during year	16,500
Balance at 31 March 2021	<u>331,500</u>

**16. ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME**

	2021 £	2020 as restated £
HBLB capital grants	2,821,371	2,913,339
BHA capital grant	43,000	44,000
	<u>2,864,371</u>	<u>2,957,339</u>

	2021 £	2020 £
HBLB capital grants		
Balance at 1st April	2,913,339	2,949,209
HBLB capital grants received during the year	-	55,000
Amortisation of grants to profit and loss account	(91,968)	(90,870)
Balance at 31st March	<u>2,821,371</u>	<u>2,913,339</u>

**17. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL**

Allotted, issued and fully paid:				
Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	2021	2020 as restated
			£	£
266	Ordinary	£100	<u>26,600</u>	<u>26,600</u>

**18. RESERVES**

	Retained earnings £	Capital redemption reserve £	Grant reserves £	Non-distributable reserve £	Totals £
At 1 April 2020	2,423,788	600	832,969	371,798	3,629,155
Profit for the year	801,906	-	-	-	801,906
Dividends	(13,300)	-	-	-	(13,300)
Transfer of grant amortisation	-	-	91,968	-	91,968
Transfer of grant amortisation	(91,968)	-	-	-	(91,968)
At 31 March 2021	<u>3,120,426</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>924,937</u>	<u>371,798</u>	<u>4,417,761</u>

The grant and revaluation reserves are non-distributable.