

WILLIAM CLARKE (GREENGROCERS) LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4 APRIL 1996

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Liverpool



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for the year ended 4 April 1996

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WILLIAM CLARKE (GREENGROCERS) LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

4 April 1996

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 4 April 1996.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is that of wholesale fruit and vegetable merchants.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year and their interests in the shares of the company as recorded in the register of directors' interests were as follows

	4 April 1996 Ordinary shares	5 April 1995 Ordinary shares
P J Middlehurst	999	999
Mrs M Middlehurst	1	1

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Mrs M Middlehurst retires by rotation and offers herself for re-election.

Reporting Accountants

The directors consider that for the year ended 4 April 1996 the company was entitled to exemption from a statutory audit under section 249A of the Companies Act 1985. Under the provisions of the Act, the directors have appointed Hamilton-Burke Dufau as Reporting Accountants. Their report is shown on page 3 of the financial statements.

Small company exemptions

Advantage has been taken in the preparation of this report of special exemptions applicable to small companies provided by Part II of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985.

On behalf of the board

P J Middlehurst.
P J Middlehurst
Director

Gladstone House
2 Church Road
Liverpool
L15 9EG

21 January 1997

WILLIAM CLARKE (GREENGROCERS) LIMITED

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

We are required under company law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 those financial statements we are required to:

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

We are also responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985;
- safeguarding the company's assets;
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

On behalf of the board

P. J. Middlehurst.
P. J. Middlehurst
Chairman

21 January 1997

WILLIAM CLARKE (GREENGROCERS) LIMITED

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Accountants' report to the members
on the unaudited financial statements of
William Clarke (Greengrocers) Limited

We report on the financial statements for the year ended 4 April 1996 set out on pages 4 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of directors and reporting accountants

As described on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and they consider that the company is exempt from an audit. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion.

Basis of opinion

Our work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants, and so our procedures consisted of comparing the financial statements with the accounting records kept by the company, and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the company as we considered necessary for the purposes of this report. These procedures provide only the assurance expressed in our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the company under section 221 of the Companies Act 1985;
- (b) having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records:
 - (i) the financial statements have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the accounting requirements specified in section 249C(6) of the Act; and
 - (ii) the company satisfied the conditions for exemption from an audit of the financial statements for the year specified in section 249A(4) of the Act and did not, at any time within that year, fall within any of the categories of companies not entitled to the exemption specified in section 249B(1).

Hamilton-Burke Dufau

Liverpool

Hamilton-Burke Dufau
Reporting Accountants

21 January 1997

WILLIAM CLARKE (GREENGROCERS) LIMITED

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 4 April 1996

	Note	1996 £	1995 £
Turnover	2	158,424	153,443
Cost of sales		(124,299)	(125,291)
Gross profit		34,125	28,152
Net operating expenses			
Administrative expenses		(30,095)	(26,345)
Operating profit	3	4,030	1,807
Interest receivable & similar income		215	115
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		4,245	1,922
Taxation		(1,206)	(611)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		3,039	1,311
retained for the year	12		

Movements in reserves are shown in note 12.

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

There are no recognised gains and losses in 1996 or 1995 other than the profit for the year.

BALANCE SHEET

at 4 April 1996

	Note	1996		1995	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		1,242		1,636
Current assets					
Stocks	7	84		109	
Debtors	8	20,119		21,300	
Cash at bank and in hand		11,695		11,137	
		31,898		32,546	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(19,823)		(23,904)	
Net current assets			12,075		8,642
Total assets less current liabilities			13,317		10,278
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	11	1,000		1,000	
Profit and loss account	12	12,317		9,278	
Total shareholders' funds	10		13,317		10,278

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WILLIAM CLARKE (GREENGROCERS) LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

(continued)

at 4 April 1996

The directors consider that for the year ended 4 April 1996 the company was entitled to exemption under subsection 2 of section 249A of the Companies Act 1985. No member or members have deposited a notice requesting an audit for the current financial year under subsection 2 of section 249B of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Companies Act 1985 and preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The directors have taken advantage in the preparation of these financial statements of special exemptions provided by Part I of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 on the basis that the company qualifies as a small company.

The financial statements on pages 4 to 9 were approved by the board of directors on 21 January 1997.

P. J. Middlehurst.
P J Middlehurst
Chairman

WILLIAM CLARKE (GREENGROCERS) LIMITED

NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4 April 1996

1 Accounting policies**Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost accounting rules.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement conferred by Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 on the grounds that it is entitled to the exemptions available in Sections 246 to 247 of the Companies Act 1985 for small companies.

Depreciation

Depreciation of fixed assets is calculated to write off their cost or valuation less any residual value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	10% reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is computed on a first in first out basis. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less the estimated cost of disposal.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided on the liability method in respect of the taxation effect of all timing differences to the extent that tax liabilities are likely to crystallise in the foreseeable future.

Pensions**Defined contribution scheme**

Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Finance leases and hire purchase contracts

Tangible fixed assets acquired under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised at the estimated fair value at the date of inception of each lease or contract. The total finance charges are allocated over the period of the lease in accordance with the straight line method.

2 Turnover

Turnover represents the amount derived from the provision of goods and services which fall within the company's ordinary activities stated net of value added tax.

In the opinion of the directors, none of the turnover of the company is attributable to geographical markets outside the UK. (1995 nil)

NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4 April 1996

3 Operating profit

	1996 £	1995 £
Operating profit is stated after charging		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets (note 6)		
owned assets	10	11
leased assets	384	512
	<u>394</u>	<u>523</u>

4 Directors

	1996 £	1995 £
Directors' emoluments	<u>10,568</u>	<u>8,000</u>

5 Pension costs

Defined contribution scheme

The company operates a defined contribution scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £4,928 (1995 £2,000). Contributions totalling £0 (1995 £0) were payable to the fund at 4 April 1996 and are included in creditors.

NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4 April 1996

6 Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Motor Vehicles £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Total £
5 April 1995 and 4 April 1996	11,497	400	11,897
Depreciation			
5 April 1995	9,963	298	10,261
Charge for year	384	10	394
4 April 1996	10,347	308	10,655
Net book amount			
4 April 1996	1,150	92	1,242
5 April 1995	1,534	102	1,636

The net book amount of fixed assets includes £1150 (1995 £1534) in respect of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts, the depreciation of which is shown in note 2.

7 Stocks

	1996 £	1995 £
Stocks	84	109

8 Debtors

	1996 £	1995 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade debtors	18,727	17,748
Other debtors	1,392	3,552
	20,119	21,300

NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4 April 1996

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	1996 £	1995 £
Trade creditors	3,774	12,273
Other Creditors	16,049	11,631
	<u>19,823</u>	<u>23,904</u>

10 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	1996 £	1995 £
Profit for the financial year representing a Net addition to shareholders' funds	3,039	1,311
Opening shareholders' funds	10,278	8,967
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>13,317</u>	<u>10,278</u>

11 Called up share capital

	1996		1995	
	Number of shares	£	Number of shares	£
Authorised				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Allotted called up and fully paid				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

12 Profit and loss account

	1996 £
5 April 1995	9,278
Retained profit for the year	<u>3,039</u>
4 April 1996	<u>12,317</u>