

COMPANY NUMBER 690355
(England and Wales)

THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S WEAR ASSOCIATION
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1996



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The Members of the Council of Management submit their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 1996.

Results

The loss on ordinary activities after taxation amounted to £46,227 (1995 £79,569).

Principal Activity

The Association's principal activity throughout the year was the promotion of the interests of children's wear retailers and manufacturers in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Fixed Assets

The changes in fixed assets during the year are summarised in the notes to the accounts. In the opinion of the Members the market value of the buildings is approximately the cost.

Council Members and their Interests

The Association is limited by guarantee with no share capital. The following persons served as Council Members during the year ended 31st December 1996

Mr. A. Blake	resigned 7th May 1996
Mr. M. Court	
Mr. H. Denison	
Mrs. De Oliveira	resigned 25th September 1996
Mr. B. Dow	appointed 12th June 1996
Mrs. L. Fallon	
Mr. D. Goldwater	
Mr. D. Hopkins	appointed 12th June 1996
Mrs. A. Hollywood	
Mrs. P. Jones	
Mr. H. Kohner	
Mrs. W. MacGregor	
Mr. M. Mann	
Mr. P. Martin	
Mr. N. Mason	
Mr. M. Mills	
Mrs. T. Moriaty Lewis	appointed 12th June 1996
Mr. B. Morley	
Miss P. Ohrenstein	appointed 12th June 1996
Mr. I. Parrott	
Mrs. A. Pearce	co-opted 11th December 1996
Mr. J. Pritchard	appointed 12th June 1996
Mr. K. Scates	
Mrs. K. Seddon	
Mr. J. Shattin	
Mr. G. Smith	
Mrs. R. Tayler	
Mr. H. Wilder	
Mrs. J. Woods	

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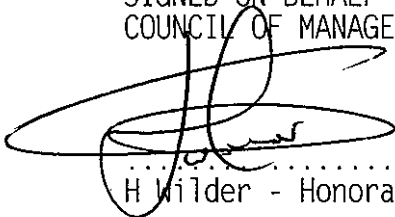
POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Subsequent to the year end the Chief Executive, Mr. Bryan Green, resigned effective at the 30th September 1997.

Auditors

A resolution to re-appoint Garrod Beckett & Company Limited will be put to the Members of the Association at the Annual General Meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE
COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT



H Wilder - Honorary Treasurer

Approved by the Council of Management on 11 June 1997

THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S WEAR ASSOCIATIONOF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 19961. STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

Company law requires the Members of the Council of Management to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association and of the profit or loss of the Association for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Members are required to,

- * select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- * make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- * prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue in business.
- * state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S WEAR ASSOCIATION
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We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 12 which have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 8.

Respective responsibilities of the Members of Council of Management and auditors

As described on page 3 the Members of Council of Management are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Members of Council of Management in the preparation of the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Association's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

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AUDITORS' REPORT (Cont)
TO THE MEMBERS OF
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Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs as at 31st December 1996 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and in our opinion the Association is entitled to exemption from the requirement for group accounts conferred by Section 248 Companies Act 1985.

Garrod Beckett & Company Limited
.....12 November.....1997
Date
GARROD BECKETT & COMPANY LIMITED
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

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LONDON E14 9TS

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 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1996

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1996</u> <u>£</u>	<u>1995</u> <u>£</u>
Turnover	2	102,825	87,320
Administrative Expenses		(160,055)	(186,997)
Operating Loss	3	(57,230)	(99,677)
Bank Deposit Interest Receivable	4	11,003	20,108
Loss on Ordinary Activities before Taxation		(46,227)	(79,569)
Taxation	5	-	-
Loss on Ordinary Activities after Taxation for the year		(46,227)	(79,569)
Accumulated Fund brought forward	9	1,054,305	1,133,874
Accumulated Fund carried forward		£1,008,078 =====	£1,054,305 =====

Turnover and the operating loss derive from continuing activities. There are no other recognised gains and losses for the year.

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these accounts.
Auditors' Report on pages 4 and 5.

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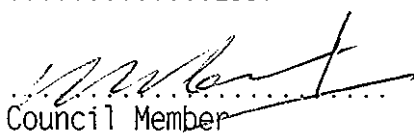
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1996

		<u>1996</u>		<u>1995</u>	
	<u>NOTES</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Fixed Assets</u>					
Tangible Assets	6		670,967		679,713
Investment in subsidiary company	10		2		2
<u>Current Assets</u>					
Debtors	7	259,515		268,606	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		134,826		144,467	
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		394,341		413,073	
<u>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one Year</u>	8	57,232		38,483	
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<u>Net Current Assets</u>			337,109		374,590
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<u>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</u>		£ 1,008,078		£ 1,054,305	
		=====		=====	
<u>Represented By:</u>					
<u>Reserves</u>					
Accumulated Fund	9	£ 1,008,078		£ 1,054,305	
		=====		=====	

The financial statements were approved

by the Council of Management on ... 11 June ... 1997


 Council Member


 Council Member

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1996

1. Accounting Policies

Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset evenly over its expected useful life as follows:

Furniture and Fittings	- 20%
Office Equipment	- 25%

No depreciation has been provided on freehold buildings which are held for investment purpose. The Buildings will be shown at their revalued cost following their valuation. As at the 31st December 1996 no revaluation had been carried out.

Exemption from Consolidation

The Association is exempt from preparing group financial statements as the group satisfies, both for this and the preceding financial year, the criteria for exemption laid down by Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985. Accordingly these financial statements give information about the company as an individual undertaking.

Cash Flow Statement

In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 1, which the Association has adopted, no cash flow statement has been prepared as the Association is a small company as defined by the Companies Act 1985 and is therefore exempted.

2. Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced amount of rents and services provided (stated net of Value Added Tax) during the year.

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3. Operating Loss

This is stated after charging:

	<u>1996</u> <u>£</u>	<u>1995</u> <u>£</u>
Auditors Remuneration	4,500	4,500
Depreciation	13,744 =====	10,599 =====

4. Interest Receivable

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Short Term Deposit	£11,003 =====	£20,108 =====

5. Taxation

	<u>1996</u> <u>£</u>	<u>1995</u> <u>£</u>
No Liability to Corporation Tax arises on the result for the year as a result of losses	NIL ===	NIL ===

Provision is made at the current rate of corporation tax for timing differences that arise between the accounting and taxation treatment of income and expenditure to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 19966. Tangible Fixed Assets

	<u>Freehold Properties</u> £	<u>Furniture & Fittings</u> £	<u>Office Equipment</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
<u>Cost</u>				
At 1st January 1996	634,876	41,385	30,036	706,297
Additions			4,998	4,998
At 31st December 1996	<u>634,876</u>	<u>41,385</u>	<u>35,034</u>	<u>711,295</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>				
At 1st January 1996	-	8,879	17,705	26,584
Charge for the Year	-	8,081	5,663	13,744
At 31st December 1996	-	<u>16,960</u>	<u>23,368</u>	<u>40,328</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>				
At 31st December 1996	<u>£634,876</u>	<u>£24,425</u>	<u>£ 11,666</u>	<u>£670,967</u>
At 31st December 1995	<u>£634,876</u>	<u>£32,506</u>	<u>£ 12,331</u>	<u>£679,713</u>

(Depreciation Policy: See Note 1)

7. Debtors

	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
Inter company current accounts	219,097	248,006
Prepayments and Accrued Income	40,418	20,600
	<u>£259,515</u>	<u>£268,606</u>

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8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one Year

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Other Taxes and Social Security Costs	8,255	4,842
Other Creditors	17,717	16,693
Accruals	31,260	16,948
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	£57,232	£38,483
	=====	=====

9. Accumulated Fund

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Balance at 1st January 1996	1,054,305	1,133,874
Loss for the year	(46,227)	(79,569)
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Balance 31st December 1996	£1,008,078	£1,054,305
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 199610. Subsidiary Companies

The Association's investment in its subsidiary company represents the cost of acquisition of the whole of the ordinary share capital of NCWA (Publications) Limited a company registered in England and Wales.

NCWA (Publications) Limited beneficially owned all the issued share capital (100 ordinary shares of £1 each) of Children's Clothing International Magazine Limited (registered in England and Wales). The Business, and liabilities of Children's Clothing International Magazine Limited have been transferred to NCWA (Publications) Limited and is now dormant.

Group accounts have not been prepared as in the opinion of the Council of Management the Association is entitled to exemption under the provisions of Section 248 Companies Act 1985.

The aggregate amount of the share capital and the reserves of the Association subsidiaries at the 31st December 1996 was:

	Aggregate Share Capital and Reserves	Loss for the year to 31st December 1996
	£79,854 =====	£34,029 =====
Cost of the investments	£	£
At 1st January 1996	220,414	-
Movement during the year	11,897	220,414
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At 31st December 1996	£232,311 =====	£220,414 =====

11. Significant Holdings in other Companies

On the acquisition of freehold premises at Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire the Association became entitled to purchase 12% of the issued ordinary share capital of Regent Gate Estate(Management) Limited (registered in England and Wales).