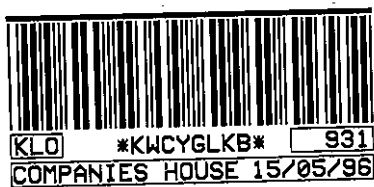


WILLIAM WALTER ANTIQUES LIMITED  
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
31 DECEMBER 1995  
COMPANY NUMBER 841011



**WILLIAM WALTER ANTIQUES LIMITED**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1995.

**REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS**

The company's principal activity during the year was dealing in antique and modern silverware. There were no changes in activity in the year and neither is any envisaged for the ensuing year.

**RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The directors recommend payment of a dividend amounting to £35,000.

The retained profit of £67,068 is transferred to reserves.

**FIXED ASSETS**

The movements in fixed assets during the year are set out in note 7 to the financial statements.

**DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS**

The directors who served during the year and their interests, together with those of their family, in the shares of the company were as follows:-

	<u>Class of share</u>	<u>Number of shares</u>	
		<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
R.W. Walter (Chairman)	Ordinary shares	10,000	10,000
Mrs. M.C. Walter	Ordinary shares	7,500	7,500
J.W. Walter	Ordinary shares	3,750	3,750

**CLOSE COMPANY**

The company is a close company as defined by the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

By Order of the Board

*Elizabeth Simpson*

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Miss E.A. Simpson  
Secretary

17 April 1996

**WILLIAM WALTER ANTIQUES LIMITED**

**AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF**  
**WILLIAM WALTER ANTIQUES LIMITED**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 10 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 6.

**Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs for the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors 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 company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company 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 company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Statement of Auditors' Responsibilities**

As described above, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the 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.

WILLIAM WALTER ANTIQUES LIMITED

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF  
WILLIAM WALTER ANTIQUES LIMITED (CONTINUED)

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 directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company'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.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 1995 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

*Hughes Allen*

HUGHES ALLEN  
Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditors

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17 April 1996

**WILLIAM WALTER ANTIQUES LIMITED**

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1995**

		<b><u>CONTINUING OPERATIONS</u></b>	
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>1995 £</b>	<b>1994 £</b>
<b>TURNOVER</b>	<b>1.2</b>	976,317	908,657
Cost of sales		(496,178)	(434,948)
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>		480,139	473,709
Distribution costs	(946)	(2,707)	
Administrative expenses	(380,047)	(360,723)	
		(380,993)	(363,430)
		99,146	110,279
Interest receivable		35,003	52,023
<b>PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>	<b>2</b>	134,149	162,302
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	(32,081)	(40,942)
<b>PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		102,068	121,360
Dividends	5	(35,000)	(35,000)
<b>RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE YEAR</b>		67,068	86,360
Retained profits brought forward		1,443,119	1,356,759
<b>RETAINED PROFITS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>£1,510,187</u>	<u>£1,443,119</u>

There are no recognised gains or losses in either period other than the profits or losses for those periods.

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form an integral part of these financial statements

**WILLIAM WALTER ANTIQUES LIMITED**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**31 DECEMBER 1995**

	Notes	£	1995 £	1994 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Tangible assets	7		50,061	28,397
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Stocks	8	553,614		579,233
Debtors	9	32,888		59,763
Investments	10	350,000		350,000
Cash at bank and in hand		711,340		636,212
		<u>1,647,842</u>		<u>1,625,208</u>
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>				
	11	(162,716)		(185,486)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>1,485,126</u>	<u>1,439,722</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>£1,535,187</u>	<u>£1,468,119</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>				
Called up share capital	13		25,000	25,000
Profit and loss account			<u>1,510,187</u>	<u>1,443,119</u>
Shareholders' funds	14		<u>£1,535,187</u>	<u>£1,468,119</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board on  
17 April 1996 and signed on its behalf by

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R.W. Walter

) Directors

Margaret Walter  
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Mrs. M.C. Walter

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form an integral part of these financial statements

WILLIAM WALTER ANTIQUES LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1995

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 TURNOVER

Turnover represents the value of goods sold less discounts and value added tax during the year. Turnover and the profit before taxation wholly relate to the company's principal activity.

1.3 DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided using the following rates and bases to write off the tangible assets over their estimated useful lives:-

Fixtures and fittings	15% written down value
Motor vehicles	25% written down value

1.4 STOCK

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and estimated net realisable value.

1.5 DEFERRED TAXATION

Deferred taxation, computed under the liability method, is provided to the extent that it is probable that the net asset or liability arising will crystallise.

1.6 FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange prevailing at the accounting date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the date of the transactions. All differences are taken to profit and loss account.

2. PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAX

The profit is stated after charging:-

	1995 £	1994 £
Depreciation	15,636	8,593
Auditors' remuneration	7,500	8,000
Operating lease rentals:-		
Land and buildings	28,142	28,142
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**WILLIAM WALTER ANTIQUES LIMITED**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1995**

<b>3. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1994</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff costs:-		
Wages and salaries	217,342	211,908
Social security costs	24,571	22,178
Other pension costs	32,500	28,315
	<u>£ 274,413</u>	<u>£ 262,401</u>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
The average weekly number of employees during the year was as follows:		
Administration	4	4
Sale and purchase	4	4
	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Directors' emoluments for the year	<u>£ 179,761</u>	<u>£ 169,516</u>
Chairman's emoluments	<u>£ 75,140</u>	<u>£ 69,857</u>
Other directors' remuneration fell within the following ranges:	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
£30,001 - £35,000	1	1
£35,001 - £40,000	1	1
<b>4. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1994</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
The taxation charge based on the profit before tax comprises:-		
U.K corporation tax	<u>32,081</u>	<u>40,942</u>
<b>5. DIVIDENDS</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1994</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Proposed dividend	<u>£ 35,000</u>	<u>£ 35,000</u>
<b>6. PENSION COSTS</b>		

The company operates defined contribution pension schemes. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the funds and amounted to £32,500 (1994: £28,315).



**WILLIAM WALTER ANTIQUES LIMITED**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1995**

**7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fixtures and fittings £</u>	<u>Motor vehicles £</u>	<u>Total £</u>
At 1 January 1995	31,241	79,350	110,591
Additions	2,317	40,500	42,817
Disposals	-	(31,000)	(31,000)
At 31 December 1995	£ 33,558	£ 88,850	£ 122,408
 <u>Depreciation</u>	 <u>Fixtures and fittings £</u>	 <u>Motor Vehicles £</u>	 <u>Total £</u>
At 1 January 1995	25,677	56,517	82,194
Charge for the year	1,182	14,454	15,636
Charge on disposal	-	(25,483)	(25,483)
At 31 December 1995	£ 26,859	£ 45,488	£ 72,347
 <u>Total net book values</u>			
At 31 December 1995	£ 6,699	£ 43,362	£ 50,061
At 31 December 1994	£ 5,564	£ 22,833	£ 28,397

**8. STOCKS**

	<u>1995 £</u>	<u>1994 £</u>
Finished goods and goods for resale	£ 553,614	£ 579,233

**9. DEBTORS**

	<u>1995 £</u>	<u>1994 £</u>
Trade debtors	4,839	8,667
Other debtors	3,537	28,434
ACT recoverable	8,750	8,750
Prepayments and accrued income	15,762	13,912
	£ 32,888	£ 59,763

The ACT recoverable of £8,750 (1994: £8,750) is receivable more than one year after the balance sheet date.

**WILLIAM WALTER ANTIQUES LIMITED**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1995**

**10. INVESTMENTS**

<u>Other Investments</u>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1994</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1 January 1995 and 31 December 1995	£ 350,000	£ 350,000
	<u>£ 350,000</u>	<u>£ 350,000</u>

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

	<b>1995</b>	<b>1994</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank loans and overdrafts	6,425	610
Trade creditors	6,212	20,930
Corporation tax	23,377	40,942
Other taxes and social security costs	16,967	13,780
Other creditors	57,250	57,250
Accruals and deferred income	8,735	8,224
Proposed dividend	35,000	35,000
ACT payable	8,750	8,750
	<u>£ 162,716</u>	<u>£ 185,486</u>

**12. DEFERRED TAX**

	<b>1995</b>	<b>1994</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Excess depreciation over capital allowances	3,913	5,573
Other timing differences	(264)	(160)
Potential net asset/(liability)	<u>£ 3,649</u>	<u>£ 5,413</u>

The potential net asset arising has not been brought into the financial statements.

**13. SHARE CAPITAL**

	<b>1995</b>	<b>1994</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<u>Authorised</u>		
50,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>£ 50,000</u>	<u>£ 50,000</u>
<u>Allotted, called up and fully paid</u>		
25,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>£ 25,000</u>	<u>£ 25,000</u>

WILLIAM WALTER ANTIQUES LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1995

14. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	1995 £	1994 £
Shareholders' funds at 1st January 1995	1,468,119	1,381,759
Profit for the financial year	67,068	86,360
Shareholders' funds at 31st December 1995	<u>£ 1,535,187</u>	<u>£ 1,468,119</u>

15. LEASING COMMITMENTS

The company is committed to the following payments in the ensuing year under land and building operating lease agreements:

<u>Land and buildings</u>	1995 £	1994 £
Commitment expires		
Between one and five years	24,792	24,792
After five years	<u>3,350</u>	<u>3,350</u>