

Registered Number 1386925

WEST SUSSEX NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

Report of the Directors

for the year ended 31 December 2002

Directors

The directors who served during the year were:

T J Bowdler
S R Paterson

Principal activity

The company did not trade during the year.

Directors' interests

No director has a beneficial interest or holds shares in the company. Interests of the directors, who are directors of the ultimate parent company, Johnston Press plc, are shown in that company's accounts.

Auditors

The directors are of the opinion that the company is dormant in accordance with Section 252 of the Companies Act 1985 and accordingly no auditors have been appointed.

By order of the Board



Director



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Balance sheet

31 December 2002

	Notes	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Current assets			
Amounts owed by Group undertakings		87	87
Total assets less current liabilities		87	87
Creditors: Amounts owed to Group undertakings falling due after more than one year		-909	-909
		-822	-822
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital	2	20	20
Profit and loss account		-842	-842
		-822	-822

The company was dormant within the meaning of Section 252 of the Companies Act 1985 throughout the year ended 31 December 2002.

For the year ended 31 December 2002 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249A(1) of the companies Act 1985.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 249B(2).

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

- i. Ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and
- ii. Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of its financial year, and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Signed on behalf of the Board



Director
4 July 2003

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Notes to the accounts

31 December 2002

1. Accounting policies

Accounting convention

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

The company will continue in existence as the directors have received an assurance that the remaining amounts due to Group companies will not become payable within twelve months from the balance sheet date.

2. Share capital

	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
<i>Ordinary stock units of £1 each</i>		
Authorised	100	100
Allotted and fully paid	20	20

3. Profit and loss account

The company did not trade during the year and accordingly has not presented a Profit and Loss Account.

4. Ultimate parent undertaking

The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Johnston Press plc a company incorporated in Scotland.

The company is included in the Group accounts prepared by the parent company. These may be obtained from the Registered Office.