

Registration Number 2250717

Berw Limited
Directors' Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 1997



Berw Limited

Company Information

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Berw Limited
Directors' Report
for the year ended 31 March 1997

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1997.

Principal Activity

The principal activities of the company are those of Magazine and Book Publishers.

Directors and their Interests

The directors who served during the year and their interests in the company are as stated below:

	Ordinary shares	
	1997	1996
JE Barnie	-	-
SA James	-	-
G Rees	-	-
C Morgan	-	-
HH Michelsen	-	-

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 the affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that year. In preparing these the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and 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.

Reporting Accountants

The directors recommend that Davies & Lewis remain in office until further notice.

In the preparation of this report the directors have taken advantage of the exemptions applicable to small companies as conferred by Part II of Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985.

This report was approved by the Board on 17 September 1997 and signed on its behalf by

Helle Michelsen

Helle Henriette Michelsen
Secretary

Berw Limited
Accountants' Report to the Shareholders on the Unaudited Financial Statements

We report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1997 set out on pages 3 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of directors and reporting accountants

As described on page 5 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of 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).

Davies & Lewis

Chartered Certified Accountants and
Reporting Accountants

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Davies & Lewis

9 October 1997

Berw Limited
Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 31 March 1997

		Continuing operations	
		1997	1996
	Notes	£	£
Turnover	2	94,889	98,528
Cost of sales		(82,557)	(85,531)
Gross profit		<u>12,332</u>	<u>12,997</u>
Administrative expenses		(14,837)	(13,291)
Operating loss	3	<u>(2,505)</u>	<u>(294)</u>
Interest receivable and similar income		32	50
Retained loss for the year		<u>(2,473)</u>	<u>(244)</u>
Retained profit brought forward		21,253	21,497
Retained profit carried forward		<u><u>18,780</u></u>	<u><u>21,253</u></u>

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit or loss for the above two financial years.

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 1997

	Notes	£	1997	£	£	1996	£
Fixed Assets							
Tangible assets	4			497			439
Current Assets							
Stocks			23,936			26,733	
Debtors	5		1,570			3,186	
Cash at bank and in hand			10,342			4,507	
			<u>35,848</u>			<u>34,426</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6		<u>(17,565)</u>			<u>(13,612)</u>	
Net Current Assets				18,283			20,814
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities				<u>18,780</u>			<u>21,253</u>
Capital and Reserves							
Profit and loss account				18,780			21,253
Equity Shareholders' Funds	7			<u>18,780</u>			<u>21,253</u>

The directors' statements required by Section 249B(4) are shown on the following page which forms part of this Balance Sheet.

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet (continued)

**Directors' statements required by Section 249B(4)
for the year ended 31 March 1997**

In approving these financial statements as directors of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by Section 249A(2) of the Companies Act 1985;

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to Section 249B(2) requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 31 March 1997 and

(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:

(1) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 221, and

(2) 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 year then ended in accordance with the requirements of Section 226 and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

In preparing these financial statements:

- Advantage has been taken, in the preparation of the financial statements, of special exemptions applicable to small companies.

- In the opinion of the directors the company is entitled to those exemptions on the basis that it qualifies as a small company under Section 247 of the Companies Act 1985.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 17 September 1997 and signed on its behalf by

JE Barnie
Director

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The notes on pages 6 to 8 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 1997

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a small company.

1.2 Turnover

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of sales during the year.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 33 % Straight Line
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1.4 Stock and work in progress

Stock and WIP are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.5 Deferred taxation

Provision is made for deferred taxation using the liability method to take account of timing differences between the incidence of income and expenditure for taxation and accounting purposes except to the extent that the directors consider that a liability to taxation is unlikely to materialise.

2. Turnover

The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity wholly undertaken in the UK.

3. Operating loss

Operating loss is stated after charging:
Depreciation of tangible assets

1997	1996
£	£
685	438

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4. Tangible assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 1996	9,863	9,863
Additions	743	743
At 31 March 1997	<u>10,606</u>	<u>10,606</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 1996	9,424	9,424
Charge for the year	685	685
At 31 March 1997	<u>10,109</u>	<u>10,109</u>
Net book values		
At 31 March 1997	<u>497</u>	<u>497</u>
At 31 March 1996	<u>439</u>	<u>439</u>

5. Debtors

	1997 £	1996 £
Trade debtors	494	975
Other debtors	1,076	2,211
	<u>1,570</u>	<u>3,186</u>

6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	1997 £	1996 £
Subscriptions received in advance	5,630	449
Grants received in advance	7,418	11,279
Trade creditors	-	49
Accruals and deferred income	4,517	1,835
	<u>17,565</u>	<u>13,612</u>

The basis by which magazine subscriptions paid in advance is calculated was re-evaluated at the year end. The directors consider this new basis gives a fairer view of total magazine sales for the year.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 1997**

7. Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	1997	1996
	£	£
Loss for the year	(2,473)	(244)
Opening shareholders' funds	21,253	21,497
	<u>18,780</u>	<u>21,253</u>