ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996



Company Number: 2402897

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

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COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors

J R Lodge

S J Lodge W D Lodge

Secretary

I J Goff

Business Address and

Registered Office

Ludlow House

Ludlow Road

Feltham Middlesex TW13 7JF

Auditors

Morley & Scott

Edinburgh House 43-51 Windsor Road

Slough Berkshire SL1 2HL

Registrars

Morley & Scott Corporate Services

Ropewalk House 1 North Walls Winchester Hampshire SO23 9BZ

Registered Number

2402897

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors submit their report and accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 1996.

Review of Business

The company was dormant throughout the financial year.

Directors

Interest in Shares

The directors who served during the year and their respective interests in the shares of the company, as disclosed in the company's register of directors' share interests, were as stated below:-

£1 Ordinary Shares
Number held at
31.12.1996
1.1.1996

S J Lodge	-	_
W D Lodge	-	
J R Lodge	_	_

The above directors are also directors of Lodge Bros (Funerals) Limited the company's ultimate holding company. Particulars of the directors interests in the shares of that company are disclosed in the financial statements of that company.

Auditors

The auditors, Morley & Scott, have signified their willingness to continue in office and a resolution to re-appoint them in accordance with Section 385 (1) Companies Act 1985 will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

By Order of the Board

Secretary/

10 April 1997

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 statement of affairs of 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.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO

THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

FUNERALCARE LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 7 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 4 the company's directors 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 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 1996 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Morley & Scott

Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditor

Edinburgh House 43-51 Windsor Road

Slough

Berkshire SL1 2HL

10 April 1997

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1996

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>		
Current Assets					
Debtors	(2)	£ 2	£ 2		
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Capital and Reserves					
Called up share capital	(3)	£ 2	£ 2		
(Equity interest)			<u></u>		
Approved by the board					
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10 April 1997	1				

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

1 Accounting Policy

Basis of accounting

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.

2	Debtors	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
	Amount due from parent undertaking	£ 2	£ 2
			_
3	Share Capital		
	Authorised		
	1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	£1,000	£1,000
			-
	Allotted, Issued and fully paid		
	2 ordinary shares of £1 each	£ 2	£ 2

4 Ultimate Holding Company

In the opinion of the directors the ultimate holding company is Lodge Bros (Funerals) Limited, a company incorporated in England.