COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 2860394

ALVECHURCH BOAT CENTRES LIMITED ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS 31 DECEMBER 2004



HOWELL DAVIES LIMITED

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ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

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THE DIRECTORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2004.

Principal Activities and Business Review

The company's principal activity continued to be that of the operation of five inland waterways marinas, including the building and hiring of narrowboats.

Business Review

The directors are pleased to report that, as anticipated, 2004 was a year of growth and progress for the company. The full annual impact of the acquisition of Wessex Narrowboats was reflected most noticeably in terms of turnover and profitability, with the company achieving record levels. The acquisition on 30th December of Viking Afloat Limited, the country's fourth largest narrowboat hire operator, will ensure that this growth will continue throughout 2005 and beyond.

Results and Dividends

The trading results for the year and the company's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

The directors have recommended the following dividends:

	2004	2003
	£	£
Dividends paid on ordinary shares	25,000	25,000

The Directors and their Interests in the Shares of the Company

The directors who served the company during the year together with their beneficial interests in the shares of the company were as follows:

	Ordinary :	Ordinary Shares of £1 each		
	At .	At		
	31 December 2004	1 January 2004		
E J Helps	40,000	40,000		
S Boddice	60,000	40,000		
K P Threlfall	60,000	40,000		
D R Arrand	-	_		

C J Davies retired as a director on 20 October 2004.

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 of the company at the end of the year and of the profit or loss for the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

select suitable accounting policies, as described on pages 8 to 9, and then apply them consistently;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

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. The directors 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

A resolution to re-appoint Howell Davies Limited as auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

Registered office: Tudor House 37a Birmingham New Road Wolverhampton West Midlands WV4 6BL

Signed by order of the directors

D R Arrand Company Secretary

Approved by the directors on 13 April 2005

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE COMPANY

PURSUANT TO SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 5 to 19, together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2004 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective Responsibilities of the Directors and the Auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with Section 246A of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Section 246A(3) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Section 246A(3) of the Act, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 5 to 19 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

HOWELL DAVIES LIMITED Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

Tudor House 37a Birmingham New Road Wolverhampton West Midlands WV4 6BL

13 April 2005

ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Note	2004 £	2003 £
Gross Profit		1,118,531	983,657
Distribution costs Amortisation of Goodwill Administrative expenses		231,904 - 564,224	204,959 267,000 442,497
Operating Profit	2	322,403	69,201
Interest receivable Interest payable and similar charges	5	6,656 (16,444)	190 (24,661)
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation		312,615	44,730
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	61,233	1,453
Profit on Ordinary Activities after Taxation		251,382	43,277
Dividends	7	25,000	25,000
Retained Profit for the Financial Year		226,382	18,277
Balance brought forward		124,352	106,075
Balance carried forward		350,734	124,352

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

The notes on pages 8 to 19 form part of these abbreviated accounts.

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

31 DECEMBER 2004

		200		200	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Intangible assets	8		3,102		1,602
Tangible assets	9		1,555,195		1,529,790
Investments	10		2,590,349		164
			4,148,646		1,531,556
Current Assets					
Stocks	11	144,251		120,684	
Debtors Cash in hand	12	604,271 4,794		502,734 4,569	
Cash in hand					
Conditions & manuals Falling due		753,316		627,987	
Creditors: Amounts Falling due Within One Year	13	3,399,840		1,831,943	
Net Current Liabilities			(2,646,524)		(1,203,956)
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			1,502,122		327,600
Creditors: Amounts Falling due					
after More than One Year	14		900,000		_
			602,122		327,600
Provisions for Liabilities and Charge	2				
Deferred taxation	15		51,388		3,248
			550,734		324,352
Capital and Reserves					
Called-up equity share capital	17		200,000		200,000
Profit and loss account			350,734		124,352
Shareholders' Funds	18		550,734		324,352
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These abbreviated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for medium-sized companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

These abbreviated accounts were approved by the directors on the 13 April 2005 and are signed on their behalf by:

E J Helps Director

The notes on pages 8 to 19 form part of these abbreviated accounts.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

		200		2003	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Net Cash Inflow From Operating Activities	19		830,879		196,552
Returns on Investments and Servicing of Finance	19		(15,099)		(39,917)
Taxation	19		(1,838)		(1,172)
Capital Expenditure and Financi Investment	ial 19		(89,105)		(598,376)
Acquisitions and Disposals Acquisition of shares in group und	ertakings	(2,590,185)		(1)	
Net Cash Outflow From Acquisi Disposals	tions and		(2,590,185)		(1)
Equity Dividends Paid			(50,000)		_
Cash Outflow Before Financing			(1,915,348)		(442,914)
Financing	19		1,200,000		-
Decrease in Cash	19		(715,348)		(442,914)

The notes on pages 8 to 19 form part of these abbreviated accounts.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

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

Consolidation

In the opinion of the directors, the company and its subsidiary undertakings comprise a mediumsized group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemption provided by Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group accounts.

Turnover

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts invoiced during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax.

Amortisation

Amortisation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Goodwill

100% Straight Line

Intangible Assets

25% Straight Line

Fixed Assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold Property

2% Straight Line

Plant & Machinery

- 15% / 20% / 25% & 33 1/3% Straight Line

Narrowboats

- 10% Straight Line

Leasehold Property is written off over the period of the lease.

No depreciation is provided for on freehold land.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Work in Progress

Work in progress is valued on the basis of direct costs plus attributable overheads based on normal level of activity. Provision is made for any foreseeable losses where appropriate. No element of profit is included in the valuation of work in progress.

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Pension Costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the profit and loss account.

Deferred Taxation

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more tax, with the following exceptions:

Provision is made for tax on gains arising from the revaluation (and similar fair value adjustments) of fixed assets, and gains on disposal of fixed assets that have been rolled over into replacement assets, only to the extent that, at the balance sheet date, there is a binding agreement to dispose of the assets concerned. However, no provision is made where, on the basis of all available evidence at the balance sheet date, it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over into replacement assets and charged to tax only where the replacement assets are sold;

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

2. Operating Profit

Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2004 £	2003 £
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	1,045	_
Amortisation of goodwill	-	267,000
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	75,937	71,581
Profit on disposal of fixed assets Auditors' remuneration	(14,782)	(83,615)
- as auditors	4,838	3,934

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3. Particulars of Employees

The average number of staff employed by the company during the financial year amounted to:

	2004	2003
	No	No
Boat Building Staff	16	12
Sales Staff	14	10
Administrative Staff	7	6
Operational Management	7	8
Boat Hire Staff	40	38
	84	74
The aggregate payroll costs of the above were:		2222
	2004	2003
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,420,067	1,135,570
Social security costs	112,188	<i>96,305</i>
Other pension costs	1,660	1,678
	1,533,915	1,233,553

4. Directors' Emoluments

The directors' aggregate emoluments in respect of qualifying services were:

	2004 £	2003 £
Emoluments receivable	195,151	189,429

5. Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2004 £	2003 £
Interest payable on bank borrowing On term loan	15,778 666	24,661 -
	16,444	24,661

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6.	Taxation on Ordinary Activities		
	(a) Analysis of charge in the year	2004 £	2003 £
	Current tax:		
	In respect of the year: UK Corporation tax based on the results for the year	13,093	1,838
	Total current tax	13,093	1,838
	Deferred tax:		
	Origination and reversal of timing differences	48,140	(385)
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	61,233	1,453
	•		
	The tax assessed on the profit on ordinary activities for corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2003 - 10.36%).	2004	2003
		•	
	corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2003 - 10.36%).	2004 £	2003 £ 44,730 4,634 3,815 18,180 (16,128)
	corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2003 - 10.36%). Profit on ordinary activities before taxation Profit on ordinary activities by rate of tax Depreciation for year in excess of capital allowances Expenses not allowable for tax purposes Capital Allowances - Balancing Charge Utilisation of Losses brought forward	2004 £ 312,615 59,397 (766) 36 - (42,765)	2003 £ 44,730 4,634 3,815 18,180 (16,128)
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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

8. Intangible Fixed Assets

	Goodwill £	Other Intangible Assets £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2004	267,001	1,605	268,606
Additions	-	2,695	2,695
Disposals		(195)	(195)
At 31 December 2004	267,001	4,105	271,106
Amortisation			
At 1 January 2004	267,001	3	267,004
Charge for the year	_	1,045	1,045
On disposals		(45)	(45)
At 31 December 2004	267,001	1,003	268,004
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2004	_	3,102	3,102
At 31 December 2003		1,602	1,602

9. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings £	Plant and Machinery £	Narrow- boats £	Total £
Cost At 1 January 2004 Additions Disposals	1,457,553 55,950	380,741 71,231 (2,651)	49,500 - (34,500)	1,887,794 127,181 (37,151)
At 31 December 2004	1,513,503	449,321	15,000	1,977,824
Depreciation At 1 January 2004 Charge for the year On disposals	119,648 26,125 ~	227,710 49,312 (1,041)	10,646 500 (10,271)	358,004 75,937 (11,312)
At 31 December 2004	145,773	275,981	875	422,629
Net Book Value At 31 December 2004	1,367,730	173,340	14,125	1,555,195
At 31 December 2003	1,337,905	153,031	38,854	1,529,790

Included within land and building is land at a cost of £226,471 (2003 : £226,471) which is not depreciated.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

9. Tangible Fixed Assets (continued)

Capital commitments	2004 £	2003 £
Contracted but not provided for in the financial statements	247,443	6,427

10. Investments

	Share in Subsidiary Undertakings £	Listed & Unlisted Investments £	Total €
Cost At 1 January 2004 Additions	1 2,590,185	163 —	164 2,590,185
At 31 December 2004	2,590,186	163	2,590,349
Net Book Value At 31 December 2004	2,590,186	163	2,590,349
At 31 December 2003	1	163	164

Listed investments

Listed investments having a net book value of £Nil (2003 - £115) are held by the company and had a market value of £Nil at the end of the year (2003 - £Nil).

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10. Investments (continued)

Unlisted Investments

The company owns 35.94% of the issued share capital of Drifters Leisure Limited

Share in Subsidiary Undertaking

The company owns 100% of the issued share capital of Wessex Narrowboats Limited, a none trading subsidiary of Alvechurch Boat Centres Limited.

On 30 December 2004 the company acquired 100% of the issued share capital of Viking Afloat Limited, a company incorporated and operating in the United Kingdom.

The aggregate capital and reserves and the profit and (loss) for these companies are as follows:

Aggregate capital and reserves	2004 £	2003 £
Drifters Leisure Limited Wessex Narrowboats Limited (None	1,719	428
Trading)	1	1
Viking Afloat Limited	1,398,601	Nil
Profit and (loss) for the year		
Drifters Leisure Limited Wessex Narrowboats Limited (None	1,291	60
Trading)	Nil	Nil
Viking Afloat Limited	234,650	Nil

Under the provision of section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 the company is exempt from preparing consolidated accounts and has not done so, therefore the accounts show information about the company as an individual entity.

11. Stocks

	2004 £	2003 £
Stock Work in progress	112,650 31,601	94,115 26,569
	144,251	120,684

12. Debtors

	2004 £	2003 £
Trade debtors Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	224,075 1,623 378,573	343,161 5,298 154,275
	604,271	502,734

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13. Creditors: Amounts Falling due Within One Year

	2004	2003
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	1,763,629	748,056
Trade creditors	873,13 9	795, 233
Amounts owed to group undertakings	350,000	_
Corporation tax	13,093	1,838
Other taxation and social security	107,437	89,720
Dividends payable	-	25,000
Other creditors	182,970	31,176
Accruals and deferred income	109,572	140,920
·	3,399,840	1,831,943

The following liabilities disclosed under creditors falling due within one year are secured by the company:

company.	2004 £	2003 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	1,763,629	748,056

The bank loan and overdraft are secured by a fixed and floating charge over all of the company's assets and guarantees given by third parties

14. Creditors: Amounts Falling due after More than One Year

	2004 £	2003 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	900,000	

The following liabilities disclosed under creditors falling due after more than one year are secured by the company:

	2004 £	2003 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	900,000	

15. Deferred Taxation

The movement in the deferred taxation provision during	g the year was:	
·	2004 £	2003 £
Provision brought forward Profit and loss account movement arising during the	3,248	3,633
year	48,140	(385)
Provision carried forward	51,388	3,248

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

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15. Deferred Taxation (continued)

The provision for deferred taxation consists of the tax e	effect of timing difference	es in respect of:
·	2004 2	
	£	£
Excess of taxation allowances over depreciation on		
fixed assets	51,388	3,248
	51,388	3,248

16. Related Party Transactions

On 30 December 2004, the company purchased 100% of the issued share capital of Viking Afloat Limited. At the year end a purchase ledger balance of £35 was outstanding and a loan account balance of £350,000 was due to Viking Afloat Limited.

17. Share Capital

Authorised share capital:		2004 £		2003 £
1,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each		1,000,000		1,000,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid:	2004 No	4 £	200 <i>No</i>	3 £
Ordinary shares of £1 each	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000

18. Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds

	2004 £	2003 £
Profit for the financial year Dividends	251,382 (25,000)	43,277 (25,000)
	226,382	18,277
Opening shareholders' equity funds	324,352	306,075
Closing shareholders' equity funds	550,734	324,352

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19. Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows

Reconciliation of Operating Profit to Net Cash Inflow From Operating Activities

	2004 £	2003 £
Operating profit Amortisation Depreciation Profit on disposal of fixed assets Increase in stocks Increase in debtors Increase in creditors	322,403 1,045 75,937 (14,782) (23,567) (101,537) 571,380	69,201 267,000 71,581 (83,615) (66,342) (157,521) 96,248
Net cash inflow from operating activities	830,879	196,552
Returns on Investments and Servicing of Finance		
	2004 £	2003 £
Interest received Interest paid	6,656 (21,755)	190 (40,107)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance	(15,099)	(39,917)
Taxation		
	2004 £	2003 £
Taxation	(1,838)	<u>(1,172)</u>
Capital Expenditure		
	2004 £	2003 £
Payments to acquire intangible fixed assets Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets Receipts from sale of fixed assets	(2,695) (127,181) 40,771	(268,502) (627,358) 297,484
Net cash outflow from capital expenditure	(89,105)	(598,376)

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

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19.	Notes t	o the	Statement of	Cash	Flows	(continued)
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Financing				
		2004 £		2003 £
Repayment of bank loans		1,200,000		
Net cash inflow from financing		1,200,000		
Reconciliation of Net Cash Flow to	Movement in Ne	et Debt		
	200 £)4 £	200 £	3 £
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Decrease in cash in the period	(715,348)		(442,914)	
Net cash (inflow) from bank loans	(1,200,000)			
		(1,915,348)		(442,914)
Change in net debt		(1,915,348)		(442,914)
Net debt at 1 January 2004		(743,487)		(300,573)
Net debt at 31 December 2004		(2,658,835)		(743,487)
Analysis of Changes in Net Debt				
		At 1 Jan 2004 £	Cash flows 3	At 31 Dec 2004 £
Net cash: Cash in hand and at bank Overdrafts		4,569 (748,056)	225 (715,573)	4,794 (1,463,629)
		(743,487)	(715,348)	(1,458,835)
Debt: Debt due within 1 year Debt due after 1 year			(300,000) (900,000) (1,200,000)	(300,000) (900,000) (1,200,000)
Net debt		(743,487)	(1,915,348)	(2,658,835)

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20. Transactions with Directors

(a) The company operates 31 narrowboats under its sponsorship scheme, for leisure companies in which the directors have material interests. The terms of the agreements under which these boats are operated are the standard terms for all such agreements.

The income to the company in relation to these narrowboats is as follows:-

Company	Material interest held by:	Income
Churchill Leisure	Mr S Boddice	115,611
Tettenhall Leisure	Mr K P Threlfall	187,062
Hanbury Leisure	Mr E J Helps	72,615

(b) During the year narrowboats were sold by the company to leisure companies in which a director has a material interest.

The values of these sales were as follows:-

Company	Material interest held by:	Sales Value	
Churchill Leisure	Mr S Boddice	£ 49,500	
Tettenhall Leisure	Mr K P Threlfall	59,750	