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1 Company details

Company number 07355659

Company name in full County Business Finance Limited

→ Filling in this form

Please complete in typescript or in
bold black capitals.

2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Philip

Surname Ballard

3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number 21a Bore Street

Street

Post town

Lichfield

County/Region

Staffordshire

Postcode

WS13 6LZ

Country

4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s)

Surname

① Other liquidator

Use this section to tell us about
another liquidator.

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6 Final account

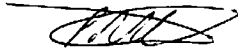
☒ I have delivered the final account of the winding up to the members in accordance with Section 94(2) and attach a copy.

7 Sign and date

Liquidator's signature

Signature

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Signature date

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Presenter information

You do not have to give any contact information, but if you do it will help Companies House if there is a query on the form. The contact information you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

Contact name	Owen Mason
Company name	Ballard Business Recovery
	Limited
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Post town	Lichfield
County/Region	Staffordshire
Postcode	W S 1 3 6 L Z
Country	
DX	
Telephone	01543 399 520



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Please make sure you have remembered the following:

- ☐ The company name and number match the information held on the public Register.
- ☐ You have attached the required documents.
- ☐ You have signed the form.



Important information

All information on this form will appear on the public record.



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You may return this form to any Companies House address, however for expediency we advise you to return it to the address below:

The Registrar of Companies, Companies House,
Crown Way, Cardiff, Wales, CF14 3UZ.
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BALLARD BUSINESS RECOVERY

Advisory & Restructuring

TO THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

4 September 2023

Our Ref: COU001/OTM/K5

Please ask for: Owen Mason

Dear Sirs

COUNTY BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED ("the Company")

IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

COMPANY NUMBER: 07355659

REGISTERED OFFICE: 21A BORE STREET, LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE, WS13 6LZ

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: UNIT 11 MIDLAND COURT, CENTRAL PARK, LUTTERWORTH, LE17 4PN

I refer to the appointment of Philip Ballard (IP No. 20452) as the Liquidator of the Company on 26 October 2021. I confirm that the Company's affairs are fully wound up and I hereby present my final account to members pursuant to Section 94 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended) ("the Act"). I enclose a copy of my receipts and payments account for the period to 4 September 2023.

This final account details the acts and dealing of the Liquidator and it should be read in conjunction with any previous correspondence that has been sent to members. Members will note that the content of this final account is broadly the same as my proposed final account to members dated 25 August 2023.

RECEIPTS

I have detailed below key information about asset realisation, however, more detailed narrative about the work undertaken may be found at Appendix A.

VAT Refund

Following the completion of the VAT returns for the pre-appointment period, there was a VAT refund due to the company. The refund was subject to set-off should HMRC have a claim in the liquidation, and following the confirmation that this was not the case, the sum of £2,100.64 was received.



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Bank Interest Received

All realisations in the liquidation have been banked into a separate interest-bearing client account held with Metro Bank plc. However, due to the base rate currently being 2.25%, the interest that was applied to the account was £nil.

PAYMENTS

You will note from the enclosed receipts and payments account that payments shown are in the main self-explanatory. All of the items included within the receipts and payments account are shown net of VAT. It should be noted that as the Company was registered for VAT purposes, any VAT on the costs relating to the liquidation have been or will be recovered in full.

No payments have been made during the period.

CREDITORS

Unsecured Creditors

According to the directors' Declaration of Solvency there were no unsecured creditors.

A Notice of Intended Dividend was issued to HM Revenue & Customs ("HMRC") and was also advertised in the London Gazette on 29 October 2021. The Notice specified that all claims should be lodged by no later 23 November 2021. Following the completion of the pre-appointment statutory returns, HMRC confirmed that they have no claim in the liquidation.

DISTRIBUTION TO MEMBERS

Following a review of the financial records of the Company, I was able to determine that there were 307 ordinary £1.00 paid up shares. During the period of this report I have declared one distribution to the shareholders as follows;

Date	Rate	Total Paid
10 August 2023	£6.84	<u>£2,100.64</u>
		<u>£2,100.64</u>

I confirm that none of the assets of the Company were distributed in specie to the shareholders.

LIQUIDATOR'S REMUNERATION

It was reported that Ballard Business Recovery Limited had provided a fee estimate capped at £3,000 plus disbursements plus VAT for acting as the Liquidator of the Company and this was agreed. These costs were paid by the company in advance of the proposed liquidation and no further payment is due.

During the period from 26 October 2022 to 4 September 2023 my firm has incurred time costs of £2,547.00 representing 14.40 hours, which equates to an hourly rate of £176.88. A table reflecting the time costs incurred during the period from 26 October 2022 to 4 September 2023, together with the total time costs incurred to 4 September 2023, is enclosed.

Furthermore, it is anticipated that time costs of £176.88 will be incurred representing one hour in concluding the liquidation and fulfilling my statutory requirements. Accordingly, my total time costs in this matter will be £6,550.88. The Liquidator's agreed time costs of £3,000.00 have been drawn and the balance of £3,550.88 will remain undischarged.

The majority of tasks undertaken are done so with a view to maximising the return to creditors and members by focusing on the realisation of assets and adjudication upon creditor claims in the proceedings. These tasks are considered to be for the benefit of the general body of creditors and members. Whilst some of the statutory and regulatory tasks undertaken do not have a direct benefit to creditors and members, they assist in the efficient and compliant progression of the liquidation, which ensures that I and my staff carry out our work to the highest professional standard.

As at 4 September 2023 my firm incurred disbursements totalling £793.97. A breakdown of the disbursements incurred during the period, as well as the total disbursements to 4 September 2023, are as follows:

	Period 26/10/2022 TO 04/09/2023 £	TOTAL £
Company Search Fee	0.00	0.00
Insurance Bond	0.00	427.50
Printing, Postage & Stationery	0.00	0.00
Statutory Advertising	0.00	266.47
Storage Costs	0.00	0.00
Travel & Mileage	0.00	0.00
Legal Disbursements	0.00	100.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>793.97</u>

A copy of 'Liquidation Fee Guide' may be found at <http://www.ballardbusinessrecovery.co.uk/creditor-area>. Details of my firm's charge-out rates and disbursement policy were provided to you at the meeting of members on 26 October 2021. I confirm that the rates/policy were amended on 16 January 2023 and I enclose a copy of our new rates/policy for creditors reference. The time spent by the members of staff dealing with this case is recorded in units of six minutes. A paper copy of both the Creditors Guide and the firm's charge-out rate and disbursement policy may be obtained on request.

CONCLUSION

As mentioned above, the affairs of the Company are now fully wound up. Consequently, a copy of this final account will be sent to the Registrar of Companies within the next 14 days, the delivery of which shall trigger the Liquidators vacation from office and release pursuant to Section 171 of the Act.

For the sake of completeness, when the Liquidator receives their release, they shall be discharged from all liability, both in respect of acts or omissions in the winding up and otherwise in relation to their conduct as Liquidator.

Should you require any further information please contact my colleague Owen Mason in the first instance.

Yours sincerely
For and on behalf of
County Business Finance Limited

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop that crosses itself, followed by a smaller loop and a final stroke.

Philip Ballard
Liquidator
Insolvency Practitioner licensed in the United Kingdom by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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County Business Finance Limited
(In Liquidation)
Liquidator's Summary of Receipts & Payments

Declaration of Solvency £		From 26/10/2022 To 04/09/2023 £	From 26/10/2021 To 04/09/2023 £
	ASSET REALISATIONS		
680,033.00	Cash at Bank	NIL	680,389.86
2,088.00	Tax Refund	NIL	NIL
	VAT Refund	2,100.64	2,100.64
		2,100.64	682,490.50
	DISTRIBUTIONS		
	Ordinary Shareholders - Cash	2,100.64	682,183.50
(307.00)	Ordinary Shareholders - Par	NIL	307.00
		(2,100.64)	(682,490.50)
681,814.00		NIL	NIL
	REPRESENTED BY		
			NIL



Philip Ballard
Liquidator

Time Entry - SLP9 Time & Cost Summary + Cumulative

COU001 - County Business Finance Limited
Project Code: POST
From: 26/10/2022 To: 04/09/2023

Classification of Work Function	Partner	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost (£)	Average Hourly Rate (£)	Total Hours Cum (POST Only)	Total Time Costs Cum (POST Only)
Admin & Planning	0.00	1.00	6.90	0.60	8.50	1,502.00	176.71	29.20	4,433.50
Case Specific Matters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors	0.00	0.00	5.50	0.00	5.50	959.00	174.36	9.40	1,544.00
Investigations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Realisation of Assets	0.00	0.00	0.40	0.00	0.40	86.00	215.00	2.40	396.50
Statutory Compliance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trading	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Hours / Costs	0.00	1.00	12.80	0.60	14.40	2,547.00	176.88	41.00	6,374.00
Total Fees Claimed						0.00			
Total Disbursements Claimed						0.00			

**COUNTY BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED
IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION**

NARRATIVE EXPLANATION AS TO THE WORK COMPLETED, OR LIKELY TO BE COMPLETED BY THE JOINT LIQUIDATORS

Statutory Duties, Administration and Planning

Set-up of IP working files and online systems, strategic planning meetings at all levels and other administrative matters anticipated to arrive during the course of the liquidation that may not be assigned to any other category.

Notification of appointment to various parties in accordance with the Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended) ("the Act") and the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rule 2016 (as amended) ("the Rules").

Securing and scheduling the books and records of the company. Maintenance of the liquidator's working files to comply with the legislation, filing of documents etc. Completion and review of standard checklists to ensure that all required steps within the liquidation have been actioned.

Complying with various statutory obligations in accordance with the Act, the Rules and other related legislation, not otherwise categorised.

Cashiering costs to include funds received, raising payments, recording all transactions on the liquidators' electronic records to comply with Statement of Insolvency Practice 7, opening and closing client bank account and completion of monthly bank reconciliations.

Periodic manager reviews completed to ensure that all aspects of the liquidation are dealt with to a high standard (as required by our Recognised Professional Bodies). Periodic review of the application of ethical, anti-money laundering and anti-bribery safeguards.

Preparation, completion and submission of corporation tax, VAT and any other applicable tax returns relating to the period of appointment.

Drafting and issuing the liquidators' final progress report and account. The completion of all necessary returns and notices to obtain the liquidators' release from office in accordance with the Act and Rules.

Creditors

- X Communication with creditors and their representatives including dealing with telephone enquiries, responding to correspondence received (either electronically or by way of a formal response) in relation to all aspects of the assignment.

Drafting of annual or periodic reports to members and creditors.

Corresponding with members of the company as and when required.

Reviewing the company's records, liaising with various parties in order to establish the existence of a pension scheme and determining whether a notice is required to the Pension Protection Fund, The Pensions Regulator and any other appropriate parties in accordance with the Pensions Act 2004.

- X Liaising with the directors and accountant and provide instructions for all pre-appointment tax returns to be completed to facilitate H M Revenue & Customs lodging a claim in the proceedings.

Realisation of Assets

Review the records of the company and the Declaration of Solvency to identify the assets of the company.

- X Ensuring that the assets are secure including, if necessary, arranging for them to be uplifted and moved to an alternative location. Arranging for the assets to be insured and complying with applicable health & safety requirements.

- X The completion of any pre-liquidation tax returns that are likely to generate a refund to the liquidation estate. Considering the implications of Crown set-off.

Special Purpose Work

None at present

Notes

The wording in each category in the above is only intended to provide members and creditors with an indication of the various key matters addressed, or likely to be addressed during the process of the administration of the liquidation estate. The descriptions are not exhaustive and work may be undertaken in dealing with the liquidation which has not been specifically stated.

X The majority of tasks undertaken are done so with a view to maximising the return to creditors and members by focusing on the realisation of assets and adjudication upon creditor claims in the proceedings. These tasks are considered to be for the benefit of the general body of creditors and members, and marked with an 'X' for creditors' and members' ease of reference. Whilst some of the statutory and regulatory tasks undertaken do not have a direct benefit to creditors or members, they assist in the efficient and compliant progression of the liquidation, which ensures that the liquidators' and their staff carry out our work to the highest professional standard.