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ASHWORTH HOMES LIMITED

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

♦ 31 January 1996 ♦



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COMPANY INFORMATION

Director P J Windus

Secretary T A Cole

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Auditors Robson Rhodes

Chartered Accountants

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Company number 1140180

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

The director presents his report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 January 1996.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company is to develop and deal in land and property. The company also holds various properties as long term investments.

Review of the business

The company continues to purchase properties for development and resale on a selective basis.

Results and dividend

The profit for the year after tax amounted to £49,527. The director paid an interim dividend on 1 July 1996 of £15,000. No final dividend is proposed leaving £34,527 to be transferred to reserves.

Director

P J Windus has served as sole director during the year.

The director's beneficial interest in the ordinary shares of the company, as defined by the Companies Act 1985, were as follows:

	£1 Or	£1 Ordinary shares	
	1996	1995	
P J Windus	7,600	7,600	

P J Windus is also non-beneficially interested in 2,400 shares by virtue of being a trustee.

There have been no changes in the director's shareholdings between 31 January 1996 and the date of this report.

The director had no material interest in any contract or arrangement with the company during the year.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (Continued)

Director's responsibilities for financial statements

Company law requires the director to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the director has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- followed applicable accounting standards; and
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The director is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. He is 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

The auditors, Robson Rhodes, are willing to continue in office and are expected to be deemed to be re-appointed in accordance with the elective resolution currently in force.

The report of the director was approved on IST TOLY 1996 and signed on his behalf by:

Terence Arthur Cole

Secretary

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ASHWORTH HOMES LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 13 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's director is 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 director 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 affairs of the company as at 31 January 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Robson Rhodes

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor

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London July 1996

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 January 1996

	Note	1996 £	1995 £
Turnover: continuing operations		204,000	233,525
Cost of sales		(145,339)	(141,725)
Gross profit		58,661	91,800
Administrative expenses		(150,644)	(156,482)
Operating loss: continuing operations	4	(91,983)	(64,682)
Net rental income		226,573	210,924
Income from shares in group undertakings Amount written off value of investment in group undertaking which is to be dissolved		-	91,302
			(91,302)
Profit before interest and tax		134,590	146,242
Interest receivable and similar income	5	51	165 (100,000)
Amounts written off fixed asset investments Interest payable	6	(64,851)	(63,897)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		69,790	(17,490)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	7	(20,263)	(19,999)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year		49,527	(37,489)
Retained profits brought forward		915,043	906,230
Release of revaluation reserve	_	· •	91,302
Interim dividend	8	(15,000)	(45,000)
Retained profit carried forward		949,570	915,043

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profits/losses for the two years ended 31 January 1996.

The historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation for 1995 amounts to £73,812, being the sum of the reported loss on ordinary activities before tax of £17,490 and the amount written off the value of the investment in group undertaking of £91,302. The retained historical cost profit after tax and dividends amounts to £8,813.

BALANCE SHEET at 31 January 1996			
	Note	1996 £	1995
Fixed assets		L	£
Tangible assets Investments	9	14,893	22,707
 Shares in group and other undertakings Investment properties 	10 11	1,609,438	6 1,584,929
		1,624,335	1,607,642
Current assets			
Stocks Debtors	12	232,938 23,090	188,309 23,035
		256,028	211,344
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(373,341)	(457,743)
Net current liabilities		(117,313)	(246,399)
Total assets less current liabilities		1,507,022	1,361,243
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(547,452)	(436,200)
Net assets		959,570	925,043
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	16	10,000	10,000
Profit and loss account		949,570	915,043
Equity shareholders' funds		959,570	925,043

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 15 TOCY 1996 and signed on its behalf

Peter John Windus Director

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Turnover consists of the gross sales proceeds of development properties.

Sales of property are accounted for as sales upon full receipt of the sales proceeds.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided evenly on the cost of motor vehicles and equipment in order to write them down to their estimated residual values over their expected useful lives. The rate used is 25% pa. No depreciation is provided on buildings included as investment properties.

Stocks

Stocks represents properties held for resale and are stated at the lower of cost and estimated net realisable value. Cost comprises property acquisition costs, plus subsequent improvement costs where relevant.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred or accelerated because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounting and taxation purposes.

Provision for deferred taxation is made under the liability method only to the extent that it is probable that the liability will become payable in the foreseeable future.

Rents receivable on investment properties

Rents receivable on investment properties are credited to the profit and loss account in the period to which the rental income relates. Where properties are subject to rent reviews, the change in the rental is only brought into account when agreed, including any increase which may relate to a period commencing in a previous accounting period.

Investment properties

Investment properties are stated at cost less provision for permanent diminution in value. Investment properties are stated at cost as in the opinion of the director, market value is not materially different. Investment properties are not depreciated as in the opinion of the director any such depreciation would be immaterial.

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2.	EMPLOYEES AND PENSIONS	1996 £	1995 £
	Staff costs, including the director:	~	~
	Wages and salaries Social security costs Pension costs	92,750 9,751 7,800	92,500 9,877 4,800
		110,301	107,177
	The company had one employee, the director, during the year	r.	
3.	DIRECTOR	1996 £	1995 £
	Emoluments including benefits	106,894	106,275
	The emoluments of the sole director, exclusive of pension (31 January 1995: £101,475).	n contributions v	vere £99,094
4.	OPERATING LOSS	1996 £	1995 £
	Operating loss for the year is arrived at after charging: Depreciation Auditors' remuneration	7,814 3,800	7,813 3,800
5.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME		
		1996 £	1995 £
	Fee income Bank deposit interest	40 11	165
		51	165
			

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6.	INTEREST PAYABLE	1996	1995
		£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts repayable wholly within five years Bank loans and overdrafts repayable within five years by	17,782	13,028
	instalments	3,563	15,029
	Bank loans repayable in more than five years	43,506	35,840
		64,851	63,897
7.	TAXATION		
		1996	1995
		£	£
	Taxation charge for the year	20.000	20.000
	Corporation tax at 25%	20,000 263	20,000
	Under/(over) provision in previous years		(1)
		20,263	19,999
8.	DIVIDEND	1996	1995
		£	£
	Interim dividend proposed of £1.97 pence per share (1994: interim dividend paid of £5.92 pence per share)	15,000	45,000

The holders of 2,400 shares have waived their entitlement to the dividends.

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

THEODEL TIMES ASSETS	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost At 1 February 1995 Additions	3,482	28,049	4,851	36,382
At 31 January 1996	3,482	28,049	4,851	36,382
Depreciation At 1 February 1995 Charge for the year	3,482	7,012 7,012	3,181 802	13,675 7,814
At 31 January 1996	3,482	14,024	3,983	21,489
Net book value At 31 January 1996	-	14,025	868	14,893
At 31 January 1995	-	21,037	1,670	22,707

10. INVESTMENTS - SHARES IN GROUP AND OTHER UNDERTAKINGS

	Shares in group undertakings £	Participating interest £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 February 1995	2	4	6
Amount written off investment	(2)	-	(2)
		 	
At 31 January 1996	-	4	4

(a) Group undertakings

The shares in group undertakings comprised an investment in Ashworth Properties Limited which was dissolved during the year.

(b) Participating interest

	Country of incorporation	Capital and reserves	Group interest in ordinary shares
Rowley Park Management Ltd	England & Wales	£8	50%

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11.	INVESTMENTS - INVESTMENT PI	ROPERTIES	Long	
		Freehold £	leasehold £	Total £
	Cost At 1 February 1995	1,414,857	170,072	1,584,929
	Additions	24,509	-	24,509
	At 31 January 1996	1,439,366	170,072	1,609,438
12.	DEBTORS			
			1996 £	1995 £
	Other debtors		1,918 3,750	1,616
	Advance corporation tax recoverable Prepayments and accrued income		17,422	21,419
			23,090	23,035
13.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING	G DUE WITHIN	ONE YEAR	
			1996	1995
			£	£
	Debt (Note 15)		243,829	304,741
	Corporation tax		23,750	8,750
	Other taxation and social security		5,809	13,397
	Other creditors		19,825	30,712
	Accruals and deferred income Dividend payable		65,128 15,000	100,143
			373,341	457,743
				

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

		1996 £	1995 £
	Debt (note 15) Amount owed to subsidiary undertaking	547,452	436,198
		547,452	436,200
15.	DEBT ANALYSIS	1996 £	1995 £
	Due within one year Bank loans and overdraft	243,829	304,741
	Due after more than one year Bank loans	547,452	436,198
	The above debt is repayable as follows:	1996 £	1995 £
	Due within one year Between one and two years Between two and five years After five years	243,829 84,616 253,848 208,988	304,741 90,996 176,598 168,604
		791,281	740,939

The bank loans and overdraft are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the company together with specific fixed charges over certain of the company's properties. Bank loans are repayable by instalments over ten and twelve year periods. Interest is payable at varying rates up to 3% above bank base rate.

16. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

CALLED UP SHAKE CAPITAL	1996 £	1995 £
Authorised 50,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	50,000	50,000
Allotted and fully paid 10,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000

17. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	1996 £	1995 £
Total recognised gains/(losses) Dividend	49,527 (15,000)	(37,489) (45,000)
Increase/(decrease) in shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds	34,527 925,043	(82,489) 1,007,532
Closing shareholders' funds	959,570	925,043

18. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 January 1996, there was capital expenditure for the purchase of an investment property authorised and contracted for amounting to £198,450 (1995: £30,600).

The purchase was completed in February 1996 and funded by a new bank loan.