

Z HINCHLIFFE & SONS LIMITED
REPORT AND
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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Z HINCHLIFFE & SONS LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors

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G A Wilby

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Z HINCHLIFFE & SONS LIMITED

STRATEGIC REPORT

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Principal activity, business review, key performance indicators and future developments

The company's principal activity during the year continued to be that of yarn spinners.

The principal activities of the group's subsidiary undertakings are outlined in note 12 to the financial statements. During the year the group has continued to manufacture and sell cashmere and fine lambswool yarns to the knitwear and weaving industries.

This was a difficult year with customer demand reduced across the board. Bad debt expense has also contributed to the loss incurred. We have implemented a cost reduction programme to make savings across the business and help return it to profitability in the relative short term. Initiatives are also underway to increase sales volumes and benefits from production efficiencies.

Inflationary pressure on raw material costs, wages and energy prices is a continuing challenge in the business. The on-going challenges of political and economic uncertainties will require careful management of the Group's resources.

Financial instruments

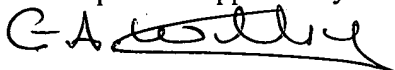
The Group's principal financial instruments comprise of bank balances, trade debtors and trade creditors. The main purpose of these instruments is to raise funds for the Group's operations and to finance the Group's activities. Due to the nature of the financial instruments used by the Group there is no exposure to price risk. The Group's approach to managing other risks applicable to the financial instruments is shown below.

In respect of bank balances the liquidity risk is managed by maintaining a balance between the continuity of funding and flexibility through the use of deposits at floating rates of interest. The Group makes use of money market facilities where funds are available. Exposure to currency risks are constantly monitored to ensure that adverse movements are contained.

Trade debtors are managed in respect of credit and cash flow risk by policies concerning the credit offered to customers and the regular monitoring of amounts outstanding for both time and credit limits. Credit insurance is used to cover trade debtors in export markets wherever available.

Trade creditor liquidity risk is managed by ensuring sufficient funds are available to meet amounts due.

This report was approved by the board on 20th May 2025 and is signed on its behalf by:



G A WILBY
Director

Z HINCHLIFFE & SONS LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their directors' report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Directors

The directors who served during the year were:

J H Hinchliffe
G A Wilby

Directors' interests

The interests of the directors in the share capital of the group at the end of the year and at the beginning of the year were as follows:

<u>Z Hinchliffe & Sons Limited</u>	Ordinary shares of £1 each	Cumulative preference shares of £1 each
J H Hinchliffe	12,592	4,777
G A Wilby	60,583	4,647

<u>Harold Hinchliffe Limited</u>	Ordinary shares of 5p each	Cumulative preference shares of 5p each
J H Hinchliffe	*6,680	*51,399
G A Wilby		

* 2,500 ordinary shares of 5p each and 17,500 cumulative preference shares of 5p each are jointly held by J H Hinchliffe and the James Harold Hinchliffe Settlement 2018.

The directors own no shares in any of the subsidiary companies.

A qualifying indemnity provision (as defined in section 236 of the Companies Act 2006) has been provided to the directors.

Directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

Z HINCHLIFFE & SONS LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

Directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements (continued)

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the directors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Strategic report

In accordance with section 414C(11) Companies Act 2006, the following information required to be contained in this report is set out in the company's Strategic Report on page 2: principal activities, business review, future developments and financial risks.

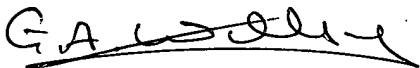
Results and dividends

The group loss for the year, after taxation and before remeasurement losses on defined benefit pension plans, was £656,739 Dividends totalling £23,333 have been paid in the year.

Auditors

Wheawill & Sudworth Limited were re-appointed as the company's auditor during the period and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

On behalf of the board



G A WILBY
Director
20th May 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

Z HINCHLIFFE & SONS LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Z Hinchliffe & Sons Limited and its subsidiaries (the group) for the year ended 30 September 2024 which comprise of the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, the Company Statement of Financial Position, the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 30 September 2024 and of the group's loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's or the parent company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

Z HINCHLIFFE & SONS LIMITED (continued)

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises of the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent company and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on pages 3 to 4, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

Z HINCHLIFFE & SONS LIMITED (continued)

Responsibilities of directors (continued)

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the group or the parent company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the entity, including enquiries of management regarding known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;

Assessment of the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur;

Review of minutes of the Directors' Board Meetings throughout the year; and

Gained clear understanding of the entity's current activities, including obtaining an understanding of its control environment.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

Z HINCHLIFFE & SONS LIMITED (continued)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with chapter 3 of part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



David Butterworth (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
Wheawill & Sudworth Limited
Chartered accountant & statutory auditor
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20th May 2025

Z HINCHLIFFE & SONS LIMITED**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

for the year ended

30 SEPTEMBER 2024

		Year ended 30 September 2024 £	Year ended 30 September 2023 £
	Notes		
Turnover	3	11,035,044	12,711,650
Cost of sales		(9,892,531)	(10,617,028)
Gross profit		1,142,513	2,094,622
Distribution costs		(953,717)	(711,062)
Administrative expenses		(876,979)	(666,629)
Other operating income	7	41,000	-
Operating (loss)/profit	4	(647,183)	716,931
Interest receivable and similar income	5	694	264
Interest payable and similar charges	6	-	-
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(646,489)	717,195
Taxation on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	8	(10,250)	-
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(656,739)	717,195
Remeasurement gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension plans	18	8,000	(73,000)
Total comprehensive income for the year		(648,739)	644,195

None of the group's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial periods.

The notes on pages 14 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

Z HINCHLIFFE & SONS LIMITED

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

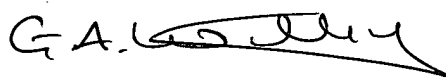
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	Notes	30 September 2024 £	30 September 2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	5,778,021	5,793,428
Current assets			
Stocks	13	8,655,499	10,099,766
Debtors	14	3,163,541	4,005,552
Cash at bank and in hand		3,152,190	1,674,072
		14,971,230	15,779,390
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(589,349)	(761,267)
Net current assets		14,381,881	15,018,123
Total assets less current liabilities		20,159,902	20,811,551
Deferred income	16	(46,800)	(69,811)
Provisions for liabilities	17	(449,703)	(439,453)
Net assets excluding pension deficit		19,663,339	20,302,287
Pension scheme deficit	18 (2)	(39,000)	-
Net assets		19,624,399	20,302,287
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	19	247,213	254,968
Profit and loss account	20	16,326,069	17,034,707
Non distributable reserve	20	3,043,362	3,012,612
Capital redemption reserve	20	7,755	-
Shareholders' funds		19,624,399	20,302,287

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 20th May 2025 and signed on its behalf by

G A WILBY

J H HINCHLIFFE

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) Directors
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Company Registration Number : 78708

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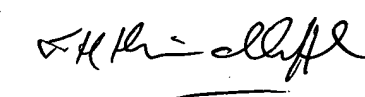
COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Notes	30 September 2024 £	30 September 2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	5,633,366	5,642,155
Investments	12	1,507,181	1,516,099
		<u>7,140,547</u>	<u>7,158,254</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	13	8,655,499	10,099,766
Debtors	14	2,991,061	3,833,072
Cash at bank and in hand		3,152,190	1,674,072
		<u>14,798,750</u>	<u>15,606,910</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(1,951,875)	(2,126,093)
Net current assets		<u>12,846,875</u>	<u>13,480,817</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		19,987,422	20,639,071
Deferred income	16	(46,800)	(69,811)
Provisions for liabilities	17	(449,703)	(439,453)
Net assets excluding pension deficit		<u>19,490,919</u>	<u>20,129,807</u>
Pension scheme deficit	18(2)	(39,000)	-
Net assets		<u><u>19,451,919</u></u>	<u><u>20,129,807</u></u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	19	247,213	254,968
Profit and loss account (including loss for the financial year of £433,688 (2023 profit of £620,862))	20	16,153,589	16,862,227
Non distributable reserve	20	3,043,362	3,012,612
Capital redemption reserve	20	7,755	-
Shareholders' funds		<u><u>19,451,919</u></u>	<u><u>20,129,807</u></u>

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J H HINCHLIFFE) Directors

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Z HINCHLIFFE & SONS LIMITED

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Note	Called-up share capital £	Non distributable reserve £	Capital redemption reserve £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At 30 September 2022		254,968	3,012,612	-	16,413,845	19,681,425
Profit for the year		-	-	-	717,195	717,195
Remeasurement losses on defined benefit pension plans		-	-	-	(73,000)	(73,000)
Total comprehensive income		-	-	-	644,195	644,195
Dividends		-	-	-	(23,333)	(23,333)
Transfer to non distributable reserves		-	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2023		254,968	3,012,612	-	17,034,707	20,302,287
Profit/(loss) for the year		-	-	-	(656,739)	(656,739)
Remeasurement losses on defined benefit pension plans		-	-	-	8,000	8,000
Total comprehensive income		-	-	-	(648,739)	(648,739)
Dividends		-	-	-	(23,333)	(23,333)
Purchase of own shares		-	-	-	(5,816)	(5,816)
Transfer to non distributable reserves		(7,755)	30,750	7,755	(30,750)	-
At 30 September 2024		247,213	3,043,362	7,755	16,326,069	19,624,399

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Z HINCHLIFFE & SONS LIMITED**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

for the year ended

30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Notes	Year ended 30 September 2024 £	Year ended 30 September 2023 £
Cash flow from operating activities	10	1,730,486	162,762
Taxation		-	-
Net cash flow from operating activities		<u>1,730,486</u>	<u>162,762</u>
Cash flow from investing activities			
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(146,800)	(131,174)
Receipts from sales of tangible fixed assets		-	21,700
Interest received		694	264
Net cash flow from investment activities		<u>(146,106)</u>	<u>(109,210)</u>
Cash flow from financing activities			
Purchase of own shares		(5,816)	-
Interest paid		-	-
Dividends paid		(23,333)	(23,333)
Net cash flow from financing activities		<u>(29,149)</u>	<u>(23,333)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		<u>1,555,231</u>	<u>30,219</u>
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents		(77,113)	(1,785)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 October 2023		<u>1,674,072</u>	<u>1,645,638</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 September 2024		<u>3,152,190</u>	<u>1,674,072</u>
Cash and cash equivalents consists of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		3,152,190	1,674,072
Bank overdraft		-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 September 2024		<u><u>3,152,190</u></u>	<u><u>1,674,072</u></u>

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Z HINCHLIFFE & SONS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 SEPTEMBER 2024

1 Statement of Compliance

Z Hinchliffe & Sons Limited, company registration number 78708, is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England within the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is Hartcliffe Mills, Denby Dale, Huddersfield HD8 8QL.

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland”.

2 Accounting policies

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Disclosure exemptions

The subsidiary company, John Woodhead (Dobroyd Mills) Limited, satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. Its financial statements are consolidated into the financial statements of Z Hinchliffe & Sons Limited. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102 by the subsidiary company in its financial statements:

- (a) No cash flow statement has been presented for the company.
- (b) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.
- (c) Disclosures in respect of share-based payments have not been presented.
- (d) No disclosure has been given for the aggregate remuneration of key management personnel.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investment properties measured at fair value through profit or loss. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the company, and rounded to the nearest £.

Basis of consolidation

The group financial statements consolidate the financial statements of Z Hinchliffe & Sons Limited and its subsidiary undertaking which are made up to 30 September 2024. The acquisition method of accounting has been adopted. Uniform accounting policies are followed throughout the group and all unrealised profits and losses arising from inter-group trading are eliminated.

In accordance with Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 Z Hinchliffe & Sons Limited is exempt from the requirement to present its own statement of income and retained earnings.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Z HINCHLIFFE & SONS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

30 SEPTEMBER 2024

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Fixed asset investments

In the company's financial statements, investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost less amounts written off. Dividends received are credited to the company's profit and loss account to the extent that they represent a realised profit for the company.

Goodwill

Purchased goodwill (both positive and negative) arising on business combinations in respect of acquisitions before 1 January 1998, when FRS 10 Goodwill and intangible assets was adopted, was written off to reserves in the year of acquisition. When a subsequent disposal occurs any related goodwill previously written off to reserves is written back through the profit and loss account as part of the profit or loss on disposal.

Purchased goodwill (representing the excess of the fair value of the consideration given over the fair value of the separable net assets acquired) arising on business combinations in respect of acquisitions since 1 January 1998 is capitalised. Positive goodwill is amortised to nil by equal annual instalments over its estimated useful life.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Investment properties are initially recorded at cost, which includes purchase price and any directly attributable expenditure. Investment properties are revalued to their fair value at each reporting date and any changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss. Depreciation is computed using the straight line method over estimated economic lives from the time the asset is put into use. Present estimated economic lives are as follows:

Freehold buildings	- 25 to 50 years
Plant and equipment	- 5 to 10 years
Motor vehicles	- 5 years

In the year of acquisition tangible fixed assets are depreciated from the beginning of the financial year. Tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment if events or circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable in full.

No depreciation is provided on freehold land.

Hire purchase and leased assets

Tangible fixed assets acquired under finance and hire purchase contracts are capitalised and depreciated over their effective lives. The outstanding obligations in respect of finance leases and hire purchase contracts, net of finance charges relating to future periods, are included under creditors due within or after one year as appropriate. The finance element of the obligations is allocated to accounting periods so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the remaining balance of the obligations for each accounting period. Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at direct cost plus attributable overheads or net realisable value if lower.

Z HINCHLIFFE & SONS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

30 SEPTEMBER 2024

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Revenue recognition

Turnover represents the value of goods sold and services provided net of value added tax.

Grants

Grants in respect of expenditure on tangible fixed assets are accounted for under the accruals model and treated as deferred income which is credited to the profit and loss account by instalments over the expected useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the depreciation policy. Grants of a revenue nature are accounted for under the performance model and recognised in the profit and loss account when receivable, as long as all related terms and conditions are met.

Taxation

Current tax represents the amount of tax payable or receivable in respect of the taxable profit (or loss) for the current or past reporting periods. It is measured at the amount expected to be paid or recovered using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax represents the future tax consequences of transactions and events recognised in the financial statements of current and previous periods. It is recognised in respect of all timing differences, with certain exceptions. Timing differences are differences between taxable profits and total comprehensive income as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of income and expense in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date that are expected to apply to the reversal of timing differences. Deferred tax on revalued non-depreciable tangible fixed assets and investment properties is measured using the rates and allowances that apply to the sale of the asset.

Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recognised by applying to the foreign currency amount the spot exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency at the balance sheet date are translated using the closing rate.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the company, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

Z HINCHLIFFE & SONS LIMITED**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)****30 SEPTEMBER 2024****2 Accounting policies (continued)****Employee benefits - pension costs – defined benefit schemes**

The company operates defined benefit plans for the benefit of its employees. A liability for the company's obligations under the plans is recognised net of plan assets. The net change in the net defined benefit liabilities are recognised as the cost of the defined benefit plans during the period. Pension plan assets are measured at fair value and the defined benefit obligation is measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method. Actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date.

Employee benefits - pension costs – defined contribution schemes

Contributions made to the group defined contribution schemes operated by the company are charged to the statement of comprehensive income as they become payable.

3 Turnover

The turnover is attributable to the group's principal activities.

	Year ended 30 September 2024 £	Year ended 30 September 2023 £
Home	6,987,032	6,988,655
Export - Europe	2,107,053	3,668,534
- Rest of the World	1,940,959	2,054,461
	<u>11,035,044</u>	<u>12,711,650</u>

4 Operating (loss)/profit

	Year ended 30 September 2024 £	Year ended 30 September 2023 £
(a) This is stated after charging and (crediting):		
Directors' emoluments (see below)	421,643	399,151
Auditor's remuneration	37,500	36,000
Depreciation of owned assets	203,207	230,815
(Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(21,700)
Fair value adjustment of investment properties through profit or loss	(41,000)	-
Amortisation of deferred capital grant income	(23,011)	(27,682)
Exchange rate loss / (gain)	94,868	3,396
Cost of stock recognised as an expense	<u>5,769,712</u>	<u>6,505,049</u>
(b) Directors' emoluments/key management personnel compensation:		
Aggregate emoluments	421,643	399,151
Company pension contributions	-	-
	<u>421,643</u>	<u>399,151</u>

Retirement benefits are accruing to two (2023: two) directors under money purchase schemes.

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	Year ended 30 September 2024	Year ended 30 September 2023
(b) Emoluments of the highest paid director:		
Aggregate emoluments	211,276	203,194
Company pension contributions	-	-
	<u>211,276</u>	<u>203,194</u>
(c) Particulars of staff:		
The average number of persons employed by the group during the period, including the directors, was as follows:		
	Year ended 30 September 2024 Number	Year ended 30 September 2023 Number
Administration	3	3
Production	98	96
Selling	3	3
Directors	2	2
	<u>106</u>	<u>104</u>
	£	£
Staff costs:		
Wages and salaries	3,190,298	2,919,122
Social security costs	309,371	287,675
Pension costs – defined benefit schemes	-	-
– defined contribution schemes	163,921	143,513
	<u>3,663,590</u>	<u>3,350,310</u>

5 Interest receivable and other similar income

	Year ended 30 September 2024 £	Year ended 30 September 2023 £
Bank interest	694	264
Received from tenants	-	-
	<u>694</u>	<u>264</u>

6 Interest payable

	Year ended 30 September 2024 £	Year ended 30 September 2023 £
Bank overdraft interest	-	-
Bank loan interest	-	-
Interest cost on defined benefit pension scheme	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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7 Other operating income	Year ended 30 September 2024 £	Year ended 30 September 2023 £
Government grant income	-	-
Fair value adjustment of investment properties	41,000	-
	<u>41,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>41,000</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
8 Taxation	Year ended 30 September 2024 £	Year ended 30 September 2023 £
(a) Analysis of charge for the period		
Current taxation:		
UK Corporation tax on the profit/(loss) for the year	-	-
Foreign taxes	-	-
Adjustment in respect of previous periods	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total current taxation	-	-
Deferred taxation:		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	10,250	-
Increase due to change in rate	-	-
	<u>10,250</u>	<u>-</u>
Taxation on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities (note 8 (b))	<u><u>10,250</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
At 30 September 2024 the group and company had unrelieved trading losses of approximately £6,258,000. (30 September 2023: £5,713,000).		
(b) Reconciliation of tax charge		
The tax assessed for the year is higher (2023: higher) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 25% (2023: 25%). The differences are explained below:		
	Year ended 30 September 2024 £	Year ended 30 September 2023 £
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	(646,489)	717,195
Corporation tax at 25% (2023: 25%)	<u>(161,622)</u>	<u>179,299</u>
Effects of:		
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	31,870	22,387
Income/expenses not deductible for tax purposes	(3,086)	(2,927)
Taxation losses carried forward	131,338	-
Use of brought forward taxation losses	-	(180,509)
Net income relating to defined benefit pension schemes calculated under FRS 102 not taxable	<u>11,750</u>	<u>(18,250)</u>
Tax charge for the year (note 8 (a))	<u><u>10,250</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

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9 Dividends

	Year ended 30 September 2024 £	Year ended 30 September 2023 £
Paid during the period:		
Preference shares	1,167	1,167
Ordinary shares	22,166	22,166
	<u>23,333</u>	<u>23,333</u>
Paid after the period end (not recognised as a liability):		
Preference shares	866	1,167
Ordinary shares	22,166	22,166
	<u>23,032</u>	<u>23,333</u>

10 Notes to the statement of cash flows

	Year ended 30 September 2024 £	Year ended 30 September 2023 £
Reconciliation of (loss)/profit to cash flow from operating activities		
(Loss)/profit for the year	(656,739)	717,195
Interest receivable and similar income	(694)	(264)
Interest payable and similar charges	-	-
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	77,113	1,785
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	10,250	-
	<u>(570,070)</u>	<u>718,716</u>
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	203,207	230,815
Fair value adjustment of investment properties	(41,000)	-
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(21,700)
Post-employment benefits less payments	47,000	(73,000)
Release of deferred government grants	(23,011)	(27,682)
Decrease/(increase) in stock	1,444,267	(1,925,028)
Decrease in debtors	842,011	1,495,595
Decrease in creditors	(171,918)	(234,954)
	<u>1,730,486</u>	<u>162,762</u>
Cash flow from operating activities		

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11 Tangible fixed assets	Freehold land and buildings £	Investment properties £	Plant and machinery £	Total £
Group				
Cost or valuation				
At 30 September 2023	6,369,811	3,639,000	8,146,646	18,155,457
Additions	-	-	146,800	146,800
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	41,000	-	41,000
At 30 September 2024	6,369,811	3,680,000	8,293,446	18,343,257
Depreciation:				
At 30 September 2023	4,536,511	-	7,825,518	12,362,029
Charge for the period	75,694	-	127,513	203,207
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2024	4,612,205	-	7,953,031	12,565,236
Net book amount at:				
30 September 2024	1,757,606	3,680,000	340,415	5,778,021
30 September 2023	1,833,300	3,639,000	321,128	5,793,428
Company				
Cost or valuation				
At 30 September 2023	5,622,369	3,639,000	8,146,646	17,408,015
Additions	-	-	146,800	146,800
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	41,000	-	41,000
At 30 September 2024	5,622,369	3,680,000	8,293,446	17,595,815
Depreciation:				
At 30 September 2023	3,940,342	-	7,825,518	11,765,860
Charge for the period	69,076	-	127,513	196,589
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2024	4,009,418	-	7,953,031	11,962,449
Net book amount at:				
30 September 2024	1,612,951	3,680,000	340,415	5,633,366
30 September 2023	1,682,027	3,639,000	321,128	5,642,155

Assets costing £618,879 (2023: £618,879), mainly being land, included above are not depreciated.

Investment properties have been revalued to fair value individually at 30 September 2024 and 30 September 2023 by a CAAV member valuer. The historical cost of these properties is £186,935 (2023: £186,935).

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12 Fixed asset investments

Company	Shares in group undertakings £
Cost	
At 1 October 2023 and 30 September 2024	2,771,250
Provision	
At 30 September 2023	1,255,151
Charge	8,918
At 30 September 2024	1,264,069
Net book value	
At 30 September 2024	1,507,181
At 30 September 2023	1,516,099

Fixed asset investments represent:

	Country of registration or incorporation	Principal Activity	Class and percentage of shares held
Subsidiary undertakings			
John Woodhead (Dobroyd Mills) Limited	England	Property management and letting	100% ordinary
John Woodhead (Dobroyd Mills) USA Inc	USA	Dormant	100% ordinary*

*Shares in this company are held by John Woodhead (Dobroyd Mills) Limited.

	Group		Company	
13 Stocks	30 September 2024	30 September 2023	30 September 2024	30 September 2023
	£	£	£	£
Raw materials and consumables	3,741,616	4,465,788	3,741,616	4,465,788
Work in progress	375,436	363,355	375,436	363,355
Finished yarn	4,538,447	5,270,623	4,538,447	5,270,623
	<u>8,655,499</u>	<u>10,099,766</u>	<u>8,655,499</u>	<u>10,099,766</u>

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14 Debtors	Group		Company	
	30 September 2024	30 September 2023	30 September 2024	30 September 2023
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	2,904,227	3,702,080	2,731,747	3,529,600
Other debtors	1,504	1,342	1,504	1,342
Prepayments and accrued income	257,650	301,970	257,650	301,970
Amount owed by parent company	160	160	160	160
	<u>3,163,541</u>	<u>4,005,552</u>	<u>2,991,061</u>	<u>3,833,072</u>

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	Group		Company	
	30 September 2024	30 September 2023	30 September 2024	30 September 2023
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	252,562	294,947	252,562	294,947
Amount owed to subsidiary undertaking	-	-	1,366,750	1,368,750
Other taxes and social security	116,352	212,858	114,128	210,634
Accruals and deferred income	219,889	252,897	217,889	251,197
Other creditors	546	565	546	565
	<u>589,349</u>	<u>761,267</u>	<u>1,951,875</u>	<u>2,126,093</u>

16 Deferred income
Capital grants – group and company

	30 September 2024	30 September 2023
	£	£
At 30 September 2023	69,811	97,493
Additions		
Amortisation of deferred capital grant income	(23,011)	(27,682)
At 30 September 2024	<u>46,800</u>	<u>69,811</u>

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	Year ended 30 September 2024 £	Year ended 30 September 2023 £
17 Provision for liabilities		
Group and company		
Deferred taxation on fair value adjustments @ 25% (2023: 25%)	718,431	708,181
Deferred taxation on capital losses offset against above @ 25% (2023: 25%)	(268,728)	(268,728)
	<u>449,703</u>	<u>439,453</u>

18 **Pension costs and commitments**

The group operates two defined benefit and two defined contribution pension schemes.

Defined benefit schemes

1 The Z Hinchliffe & Sons Limited 1978 Retirement & Death Benefit Scheme

The Scheme is a funded defined benefit final salary pension scheme which was set up by the Interim Trust Deed dated 31 May 1967. It has been approved by the Inland Revenue Savings, Pensions, Share Schemes (formerly the Pension Schemes Office) under Chapter I of Part XIV of the Income & Corporation Taxes Act 1988. The employees covered by the Scheme are contracted-out of the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (SERPS).

Following discussions between the Trustees of the Scheme and the directors of the company, having taken appropriate advice, and having followed the necessary procedures, the Scheme was closed to further accrual from 1 June 2010.

The company has fully adopted the requirements of FRS102 Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland in respect of post-employment benefits. Under this accounting standard the following disclosures are required.

The most recent actuarial valuation was carried out at 5 April 2022. The results of this have been projected to 30 September 2024 by a qualified independent actuary.

The total cost recognised in the period was as follows:

	Year ended 30 September 2024 £	Year ended 30 September 2023 £
Current service cost	-	-
Past service cost	-	-
Net interest income	-	-
Scheme expenses	120,000	-
Recognised in profit or loss	<u>120,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Recognised in other comprehensive income:		
- before restriction	163,000	13,000
- restriction)	(231,000)	(13,000)
	<u>(68,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total cost recognised	<u>52,000</u>	<u>-</u>

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18 Pension costs and commitments (continued)

1 The Z Hinchliffe & Sons Limited 1978 Retirement & Death Benefit Scheme (continued)

Amounts recognised in the balance sheet were as follows:

	30 September 2024 £	30 September 2023 £
Present value of funded obligations	(3,633,000)	(3,564,000)
Fair value of plan assets	3,581,000	3,795,000
	<u>(52,000)</u>	<u>231,000</u>
Restriction	-	(231,000)
Related deferred tax asset	13,000	-
	<u>(39,000)</u>	<u>-</u>

The FRS102 actuarial valuation at 30 September 2024 showed a deficit of £52,000. The FRS102 actuarial valuation at 30 September 2023 showed a surplus of £231,000. This is restricted to £nil in the financial statements in accordance with paragraph 28.22 of FRS102 as the extent of recovery is considered remote.

In April 2022, the scheme made a bulk payment to Aviva to secure pension benefits for all members. All assets and liabilities are now matched except for a residual cash balance and certain liabilities relating to equalisation matters.

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligations were as follows:

	£
Opening defined benefit obligation at 30 September 2023	3,564,000
Current service cost	-
Past service cost	-
Interest expense	184,000
Actuarial gains	267,000
Contributions by scheme participants	-
Benefits paid	(382,000)
	<u>3,633,000</u>
Closing defined benefit obligation at 30 September 2024	<u>3,633,000</u>

Changes in the fair value of the pension plan assets were as follows:

	£
Opening plan assets at 30 September 2023	3,795,000
Interest income	184,000
Actual return on plan assets (excluding interest income)	104,000
Contributions by employer	-
Contributions by scheme participants	-
Benefits paid	(382,000)
Scheme expenses	(120,000)
	<u>3,581,000</u>
Closing plan assets at 30 September 2024	<u>3,581,000</u>

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18 Pension costs and commitments (continued)

1 The Z Hinchliffe & Sons Limited 1978 Retirement & Death Benefit Scheme (continued)

The amount that each major class of pension plan assets constitutes of the fair value of the total plan assets was as follows:

	30 September 2024 £	30 September 2023 £
Aviva insured asset	3,544,000	3,506,000
Cash and deposits	37,000	289,000
	<u>3,581,000</u>	<u>3,795,000</u>

The return on plan assets was as follows:

	Year ended 30 September 2024 £	Year ended 30 September 2023 £
Interest income	184,000	193,000
Actual return on plan assets (excluding interest income)	104,000	(276,000)
	<u>288,000</u>	<u>(83,000)</u>

The principal actuarial assumptions used were as follows:

	Year ended 30 September 2024	Year ended 30 September 2023
Discount rate	5.00%	5.45%
Expected rates of salary increases	n/a	n/a
Rate of increase of pensions in payment:		
- Pension accrued before 5 April 1997	0.00%	0.00%
- Pension accrued from 5 April 1997	2.90%	2.95%
- Pension accrued after 5 April 2005	1.95%	2.05%
Expected rate of inflation – RPI	3.45%	3.60%
Expected rate of inflation – CPI	3.05%	3.10%

The mortality assumptions used for longevity (in years) on retirement at age 65 are:

Retiring at the balance sheet date		
- Males	85.7	85.7
Retiring in 10 years		
- Males	86.1	86.1

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18 Pension costs and commitments (continued)

2 The John Woodhead (Dobroyd Mills) Limited Pension & Life Assurance Scheme

The Scheme is a funded defined benefit final salary pension scheme which was set up by a Trust Deed dated 24 August 1983 and a supplemental trust deed dated 13 July 1992. It has been approved by the Inland Revenue Savings, Pensions, Share Schemes (formerly the Pension Schemes Office) under Chapter I of Part XIV of the Income & Corporation Taxes Act 1988. The employees covered by the Scheme are not contracted-out of the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (SERPS).

Following discussions between the Trustees of the Scheme and the directors of the company, having taken appropriate advice, and having followed the necessary procedures, the Scheme was closed to further accrual from 1 June 2010.

The company has fully adopted the requirements of FRS102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland in respect of post-employment benefits.

Under this accounting standard the following disclosures are required:

The most recent actuarial valuation was carried out at 31 May 2024. The results of this have been projected to 30 September 2024 by a qualified independent actuary. The major assumptions used by the actuary were:

The total cost recognised in the period was as follows:

	Year ended 30 September 2024 £	Year ended 30 September 2023 £
Current service cost	-	-
Past service cost	-	-
Plan introductions, changes, curtailments and settlements	-	-
Net interest income	-	-
Recognised in profit or loss	-	-
Recognised in other comprehensive income		
- before restriction	(33,000)	52,000
- restriction	106,000	21,000
	73,000	73,000
Total cost recognised	73,000	73,000

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Amounts recognised in the balance sheet were as follows:

	30 September 2024 £	30 September 2023 £
Present value of funded obligations	(1,833,000)	(1,829,000)
Fair value of plan assets	1,964,000	1,854,000
	<u>131,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Restriction	(131,000)	(25,000)
Pension scheme deficit	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The FRS102 actuarial valuation at 30 September 2024 showed a surplus of £131,000. This is restricted to £nil in the financial statements in accordance with paragraph 28.22 of FRS102 as the extent of recovery is considered remote. The FRS102 actuarial valuation at 30 September 2023 showed a surplus of £25,000.

Based on legal advice, the trustees of the scheme concluded that equalisation was not effective prior to closure to accrual. The date of this closure has been determined to be 8 June 2010 rather than 31 May 2010. Scheme liabilities have increased by approximately £260,000 as a result and the impact has been treated as a change in assumptions and accounted for within other comprehensive income.

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligations were as follows:

	£
Opening defined benefit obligation at 30 September 2023	1,829,000
Current service cost	-
Past service cost	-
Interest expense	96,000
Actuarial gains	34,000
Contributions by scheme participants	-
Benefits paid	(126,000)
Closing defined benefit obligation at 30 September 2024	<u>1,833,000</u>

Changes in the fair value of the pension plan assets were as follows:

	£
Opening plan assets at 30 September 2023	1,854,000
Interest income	96,000
Actual return on plan assets (excluding interest income)	67,000
Contributions by employer	73,000
Contributions by scheme participants	-
Benefits paid	(126,000)
Closing plan assets at 30 September 2024	<u>1,964,000</u>

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18 Pension costs and commitments (continued)

2 The John Woodhead (Dobroyd Mills) Limited Pension & Life Assurance Scheme (continued)

The amount that each major class of pension plan assets constitutes of the fair value of the total plan assets was as follows:

	30 September 2024 £	30 September 2023 £
Equities	671,000	459,000
Self-sufficiency credit funds	795,000	-
LDI funds	370,000	1,246,000
Cash at bank	128,000	149,000
	<u>1,964,000</u>	<u>1,854,000</u>

The return on plan assets was as follows:

	Year ended 30 September 2024 £	Year ended 30 September 2023 £
Interest income	96,000	96,000
Actual return on plan assets (excluding interest income)	67,000	(160,000)
Total return on plan assets	<u>163,000</u>	<u>(64,000)</u>

The principal actuarial assumptions used were as follows:

	Year ended 30 September 2024	Year ended 30 September 2023
Discount rate	5.00%	5.45%
Expected rates of salary increases	n/a	n/a
Rate of increase of pensions in payment:		
- Pension accrued before 5 April 1997	0.00%	0.00%
- Pension accrued from 5 April 1997	2.90%	2.95%
- Pension accrued after 5 April 2005	1.95%	2.05%
Expected rate of inflation – RPI	3.45%	3.60%
Expected rate of inflation – CPI	3.05%	3.10%

The mortality assumptions used for longevity (in years) on retirement at age 65 are:

Retiring at the balance sheet date		
- Males	85.7	85.7
Retiring in 10 years		
- Males	86.1	86.1

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The company operates and makes contributions to two defined contribution pension schemes. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the company in trustee administered funds. The pension cost charge for the period was £62,825 (2023: £36,039).

19 Share capital

	Allotted, called up and fully paid	
	30 September 2024	30 September 2023
	Number and £	Number and £
5% cumulative preference shares of £1 each	22,245	30,000
Ordinary shares of £1 each	224,968	224,968
	<u>247,213</u>	<u>254,968</u>

The preference shares are entitled to a fixed cumulative dividend and, in any future winding up, a right to repayment of £1 per share. Such a repayment would be in priority to any other shares. These shares only carry voting rights at general meetings on any resolutions relating to their rights and privileges.

20 Reserves

The profit and loss account represents cumulative profits and losses net of dividends and other adjustments. The non distributable reserve represents the revaluation of investment properties to their fair value, adjusted for the associated deferred tax.

The capital redemption reserve represents the shareholdings purchased in the year.

21 Capital commitments

	Group		Company	
	30 September 2024	30 September 2023	30 September 2024	30 September 2023
	£	£	£	£
Capital expenditure contracted but not provided for in the accounts	-	98,889	-	98,889

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22 Operating lease commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases:

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	-	10,397
Between one and five years	-	-
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Total lease payments recognised as an expense in the year are £24,324 (2023: £99,868).

23 Contingent liability

The company has given a guarantee to HM Revenue & Customs in respect of deferred duty amounting to £350,000 (2023: £350,000).

24 Related party transactions

Key management personnel compensation in the year totalled £421,643 (30 September 2023: £399,151).

During the period the company has paid dividends to the following directors:

J H Hinchliffe	£1,426
G A Wilby	£6,150

25 Ultimate parent undertaking

The company is a subsidiary of Harold Hinchliffe Limited which is the ultimate parent company and the parent undertaking of the largest and smallest group which prepares consolidated financial statements and is registered in England and Wales. The ultimate controlling party is J H Hinchliffe.

Copies of the financial statements of Harold Hinchliffe Limited may be obtained from:

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