

ADVANTAGE BOOK COMPANY LIMITED

ABBREVIATED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 1997

Company Number: 977310

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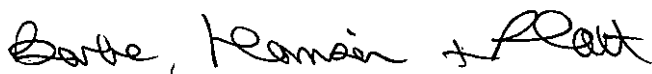


ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

The following reproduces the text of our report on the company's annual financial statements, from which the abbreviated accounts (set out on pages 2 to 5) have been prepared.

To the directors of ADVANTAGE BOOK COMPANY LIMITED

'As described on the balance sheet you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 1997, set out on pages 4 to 11, and you consider that the company is exempt from an audit. In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited financial statements in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us'.



BARBER HARRISON & PLATT

Chartered Accountants

Sheffield

20 November 1997

ADVANTAGE BOOK COMPANY LIMITED**ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 JULY 1997**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
		£	£
Assets employed:			
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	(2)	11,023	13,593
Current assets			
Stock		29,418	30,043
Debtors		13,180	14,245
Cash at bank and in hand		27,378	11,394
		<u>69,976</u>	<u>55,682</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		<u>27,922</u>	<u>22,358</u>
Net current assets		<u>42,054</u>	<u>33,324</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>53,077</u>	<u>46,917</u>
Financed by:			
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	(3)	66	66
Profit and loss account		53,011	46,851
Equity shareholders' funds		<u>53,077</u>	<u>46,917</u>

The Directors' Statement on page 3 forms part of this Balance Sheet.

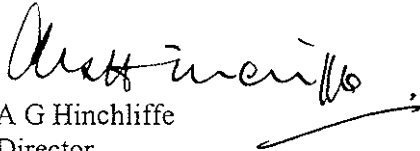
ADVANTAGE BOOK COMPANY LIMITED**ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET - continued****AS AT 31 JULY 1997**

The Directors consider that for the year ended 31 July 1997 the company was entitled to exemption under subsection 1 of section 249A of the Companies Act 1985. No member or members have deposited a notice requesting audit for the current financial year under subsection 2 of section 249B of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Companies Act 1985 and preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

The abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 5 were approved by the Board of Directors on 20 November 1997 and are signed on its behalf by:-

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A G Hinchliffe', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

A G Hinchliffe
Director

ADVANTAGE BOOK COMPANY LIMITED**NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 1997****1. Accounting policies****(a) Turnover**

Represents invoiced sales, excluding value added tax.

(b) Depreciation

Depreciation of fixed assets is provided at rates estimated to write off each asset over the term of its useful life.

The annual rates used are:-

Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	15% reducing balance
Leasehold premises	Over period of lease

(c) Stock

Stock is valued consistently at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the price at which the stock could be realised in the normal course of business. Provision is made for obsolete, slow moving and defective stock.

(d) Deferred taxation

Provision is made for deferred taxation using the liability method on all timing differences to the extent that it is probable that the liability will crystallise.

(e) Pensions

Pension costs are charged to the profit and loss account as they fall due. Any differences between the charge to the profit and loss account and the actual contributions paid is included as an asset or liability in the balance sheet.

ADVANTAGE BOOK COMPANY LIMITED**NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS - continued****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 1997****2. Tangible fixed assets**

	<u>Total</u> £
Cost	
At 1 August 1996	30,179
Disposals	-
At 31 July 1997	<u>30,179</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 August 1996	16,586
Disposals	-
Charge for the year	2,570
At 31 July 1997	<u>19,156</u>
Net Book Amount	
At 31 July 1997	<u>11,023</u>
At 31 July 1996	<u>13,593</u>

3. Called up share capital

	<u>1997 and 1996</u>	
	<u>Authorised</u> £	<u>Issued, called up and fully paid</u> £
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>100</u>	<u>66</u>

4. Transactions with Directors

During the year the company made sales of £100,166 to Bookworld, a partnership consisting of the company's directors. At the year-end the amount due to the company from Bookworld was £6,626.