

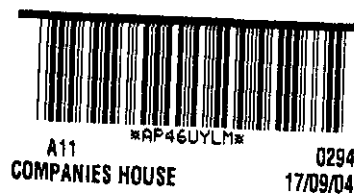
Company Registration Number

1950430

BAMFORD GROUP LIMITED

ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 December 2003



C L B Chartered Accountants MANCHESTER

BAMFORD GROUP LIMITED

Year to 31 December 2003

Directors	Sir Hugh Sykes Lady Sykes	Chairman
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Secretary	B W Evans	
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Auditors	C L B Century House St. Peter's Square Manchester M2 3DN	
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Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc P O Box 1385 2 Arena Court Sheffield S9 2WU	
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Registered Office	Bamford Hall The Hollow Bamford Hope Valley S33 OAU	
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Report of the Directors

The Directors submit their report to the shareholders, together with the audited accounts, for the year ended 31 December 2003.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Group were the provision of consultancy, business management and advisory services and property development.

Directors and their Interests

The Directors holding office during the year and their interest in the share capital of the Company are as follows :

	Ordinary shares	
	31 December 2003	31 December 2002
Sir Hugh Sykes	5,090	5,090
Lady Sykes	4,080	4,080

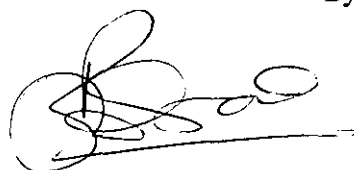
Sir Hugh and Lady Sykes have a joint interest in an additional 12,622 ordinary share on behalf of their children, which are held non-beneficially.

Auditors

C L B have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution to re-appoint them as auditors will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies .

By Order of the Board



B W EVANS

Secretary

19 August 2004

BAMFORD GROUP LIMITED

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and the Group and of the profit or loss of the Group for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to :

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- follow applicable accounting standards subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the accounts
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue in business

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Company and the Group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. 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.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Shareholders of BAMFORD GROUP LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 13.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

The director's responsibilities for the preparation of the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Director's Responsibilities on page 3.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the director's report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we required for our audit, or if information by law regarding director's remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the director's report and consider the implications for our report if we became aware of any apparent misstatements within it. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

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 Directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Group'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 and the Group as at 31 December 2003, and of the Group profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 .



C L B

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Manchester

19 August 2004

BAMFORD GROUP LIMITED**Consolidated Profit and Loss Account
Year to 31 December 2003**

	Note	2003 £	2002 £
Turnover			
Continuing operations	1	193,264	177,777
Net operating expenses	2	(289,138)	(252,989)
Operating loss - continuing operations	3	(95,874)	(75,212)
Profit on sale of investments		367,973	37,194
Provision for loss on permanent diminution in value of invest		-	(103,675)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before interest		272,099	(141,693)
Dividends received		33,293	35,260
Interest receivable		43,045	36,270
Property investment income		103,502	65,805
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		451,939	(4,358)
Taxation	4	7,992	4,436
Transfer to reserves	13	459,931	78

Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the year .

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Consolidated Balance Sheet At 31 December 2003

	Note	2003 £	2002 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	5,589	12,062
Investments	6	733,750	715,000
		739,339	727,062
Current assets			
Investments	7	1,476,505	1,141,901
Trading development properties	9	544,864	544,864
Debtors	10	234,101	185,086
Cash at bank and building societies		1,213,744	1,129,976
		3,469,214	3,001,827
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(50,364)	(30,631)
Net current assets		3,418,850	2,971,196
Total assets less current liabilities		4,158,189	3,698,258
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	12	22,942	22,942
Capital reserve		35,715	35,715
Capital redemption reserve		1,429	1,429
Investment revaluation reserve	14	700,000	700,000
Profit and loss account	13	3,398,103	2,938,172
Equity shareholders' funds	15	4,158,189	3,698,258

These accounts were approved by the Directors :

SIR HUGH SYKES
Director



19 August 2004

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Parent Balance Sheet At 31 December 2003

	Note	2003 £	2002 £
Investments	8	11,471	11,471
Current assets			
Amounts owed by group undertakings		13,271	13,271
Total assets less current liabilities		24,742	24,742
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	12	22,942	22,942
Profit and loss account	13	1,800	1,800
Equity shareholders' funds	15	24,742	24,742

These accounts were approved by the Directors :

SIR HUGH SYKES
Director



19 August 2004

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Statement of Accounting Policies

Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared using the historical cost basis of accounting .

Consolidation

The consolidated accounts incorporate the accounts of Bamford Group Limited and all of its subsidiary undertakings made up to 31 December 2003. A separate profit and loss account for the parent company is not presented as provided by Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided annually on a straight line basis over the estimated useful lives of fixed assets. The principal rates in use are :

Fixtures and fittings	10%
Motor vehicles	33%
Electronic equipment	25%

The investment property is included in the balance sheet at open market value and is not subject to depreciation.

Deferred taxation

The amount provided for deferred taxation is that which, in the opinion of the Directors, is anticipated to be payable in the foreseeable future.

Pensions

The cost of providing retirement pensions and related benefits is charged to the profit and loss account over the period benefiting from the employees' services.

Trading development properties

Trading development properties are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cash flow statement

The Group has taken advantage of the exemptions conferred by Financial Reporting Standard No 1 and has not produced a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small group.

Rental income

Rental income is accounted for in the period in which it falls.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

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Notes on the Accounts At 31 December 2003

	2003 £	2002 £
1 Turnover		
Turnover represents the amount invoiced for services provided (stated net of value added tax), all arising in the United Kingdom.		
2 Net operating expenses		
Administrative expenses	166,433	168,091
Other operating expenses	122,705	84,898
	<u>289,138</u>	<u>252,989</u>
3 Operating loss		
This is stated after charging the following :		
Auditors' remuneration	5,500	5,500
Depreciation	7,028	7,236
Directors emoluments	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
4 Taxation		
U K corporation tax at 19 % for the year	16,479	-
Prior years :		
Corporation tax	(24,471)	(4,436)
	<u>(7,992)</u>	<u>(4,436)</u>

Notes on the Accounts At 31 December 2003

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BAMFORD GROUP LIMITED**Notes on the Accounts
At 31 December 2003**

	2003 £	2002 £
7 Current Assets Investments - Group		
Quoted investments at cost	1,476,505	1,245,576
Less: provision for permanent diminution in value	-	(103,675)
	<u>1,476,505</u>	<u>1,141,901</u>
Market value of investments at 31 December 2003 was £1,633,466 (2002 - £1,012,463)		
8 Investments - Parent company		
Subsidiary undertakings	<u>11,471</u>	<u>11,471</u>
The only trading subsidiary is Bamford Hall Holdings Limited, which is 100% owned, and incorporated in England. Its principal activity is that of financial and management consultancy and property development.		
9 Trading development properties - Group		
At 1 January 2003	<u>544,864</u>	<u>544,864</u>
At 31 December 2003	<u>544,864</u>	<u>544,864</u>
10 Debtors - Group		
Due within one year :		
Trade debtors	13,610	10,603
Other debtors	220,491	170,047
Corporation tax recoverable	-	4,436
	<u>234,101</u>	<u>185,086</u>
11 Creditors - Group		
Due within one year :		
Trade creditors	6,890	4,335
Other taxation	4,260	4,273
Corporation tax	16,479	-
Other creditors	8,178	-
Accruals and deferred income	14,557	22,023
	<u>50,364</u>	<u>30,631</u>

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Notes on the Accounts At 31 December 2003

	2003 £	2002 £
12 Called up share capital		
Authorised		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	24,000	24,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	22,942	22,942

	2003 £	Group 2002 £	2003 £	Parent 2002 £
13 Profit and loss account				
At 1 January 2003	2,938,172	2,938,094	1,800	1,800
Retained profit for the year	459,931	78	-	-
At 31 December 2003	3,398,103	2,938,172	1,800	1,800

The profit after taxation dealt with in the accounts of the Parent was £Nil (2002 - £Nil).

14 Investment revaluation reserve - Group		
Revaluation surplus brought forward	700,000	400,000
Revaluation surplus in the year	-	300,000
	700,000	700,000

15 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds				
Retained profit for the financial year	459,931	78	-	-
Revaluation in year	-	300,000	-	-
At 1 January 2003	3,698,258	3,398,180	24,742	24,742
At 31 December 2003	4,158,189	3,698,258	24,742	24,742

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Notes on the Accounts
At 31 December 2003

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16 Pensions

The Group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Group to the fund and amounted to £4,125 (2002 - £4,425). Contributions totalling £ Nil (2002 - £ Nil) , were payable to the fund at the year end and are included in creditors.

17 Control

The Company is controlled by Sir Hugh and Lady Ruby Sykes.

18 Post balance sheet event

The Group, through its subsidiary, Bamford Hall Holdings Limited, acquired the whole of the share capital of Brookfield Manor Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales, on 26 April 2004.
