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Annual report and
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Strategic report

The Director presents here a strategic review of the business of the Company for the 52 week period ended 28 March 2014. This contains certain forward looking statements with respect to the financial condition, results, operations and business of the company. By their nature, these statements and forecasts involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that may or may not occur in the future. There are a number of factors that could cause actual results or developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward looking statements and forecasts.

Review of the business

The Company operates in the UK waste and recycling industry and is a member of a group of companies owned by Wasteholdco 1 Limited ("The Biffa Group").

The company operates a state of the art plastics reprocessing facility, providing tailored solutions for plastics converters and consumers whilst minimising the effects on the environment. It has the world's first food grade recycled High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) plant that recycles used milk bottles back into useable milk bottles.

The company has experienced improved trading conditions during the period.

In December 2012 the director took the difficult decision to temporarily moth-ball its mixed plastics line. However, following various trials, the Company has found an improved feedstock for the line, and the mixed plastics line was reopened in October 2013. The new line recovers Polypropylene-rich materials from the mixed recycling waste stream and converts them into a clean, washed regrind flake ready to be used in a range of applications in the agricultural, automotive and packaging sectors. The line is now running full time and is expected to deliver a stronger performance than the previous line.

Future developments

The Company is continuing the development of new processes and products. It is working on developing a higher specification of output as well as a coloured product which it is expected will increase the volume and value of future sales.

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Strategic report (*continued*)

Risk and risk management strategy

Principal risks and uncertainties

There are a number of potential risks and uncertainties which could have a material impact on the Company's long term performance. These risks and uncertainties are monitored by the director on a regular basis.

The director and management team consider the risk implications of all significant business decisions and risks are reassessed on a regular basis to ensure that any changes in the Company's operations, or the external environment, are identified and appropriately managed. The key risks affecting the business are as follows:

1. Much of the Company's revenues come from the sale of recovered plastics. The selling price of each of these is subject to fluctuations, which can affect the Company's financial performance.
2. The Company is dependent on sourcing sufficient quantities of high grade material feedstock to keep its plant operating at high enough capacity to maintain its operating margins.
3. The Company operates in the waste and recycling industry. The economics of this industry are heavily affected by legislative and fiscal measures including but not limited to Landfill Tax, Waste Management Licensing, Hazardous Waste Regulations, the EU Packaging and Waste Electronics Directives and mandatory domestic recycling targets. Whilst these measures are, on the whole, of benefit to the Company's business model, its financial performance can be affected by any changes in the fiscal and legislative framework that governs the industry.
4. The Company handles waste and recyclable materials and its operations are subject to its compliance with various planning and licensing regulations. Infringement of these regulations could disrupt the Company's operations or leave it at risk of liability to prosecution. The Company continues to review its compliance with all relevant legal duties and provide adequate resources for planning, provision and maintenance of safe working conditions and a safe system of work.
5. The Company is affected by the downturn in the economy.
6. The company's operational performance depends on the use of technology which may fail to meet expectations. To mitigate this risk the Company make significant investment in new technologies and keeps abreast of developments in the market by maintaining good relationships with both its suppliers and customers and regularly reviews its service offerings to ensure they are fully compliant and meet the needs of its customers.

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Strategic report (*continued*)

Risk and risk management strategy (*continued*)

The Company also faces a number of financial risks in the ordinary course of business, including credit risk, liquidity risk, and market risk (interest rate risk and price risk). The most significant exposure relates to credit risk.

The Company's overall risk management programme is the responsibility of the director. He seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Company's financial performance from fluctuations in financial markets and to manage these risks in a non-speculative manner.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a customer or counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the Company's receivables from customers and cash and cash equivalents.

The director has a credit policy in place where credit evaluations are performed on all customers requiring credit over certain thresholds and credit limits are established for each customer. The Company's exposure to credit risk and credit limits are monitored regularly.

Trade debtors are monitored by geographic region and by customer. At the balance sheet date there were no significant concentrations of credit risk.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company's approach to manage liquidity is to ensure as far as possible that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Company's reputation. It is the policy of the Company to have adequate committed undrawn facilities available at all times to cover unanticipated financing requirements. As set out in note 2(e), the Company's parent undertaking has indicated its intention in writing to continue to provide financial support to the Company.

Obligations under finance leases are secured on related assets.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates and commodity prices, will affect the Company's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return on risk.

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Strategic report (*continued*)

Risk and risk management strategy (*continued*)

Interest rate risk

In managing interest rate risk, the Company's objective is to reduce the impact of short-term fluctuations on the Company's income. Over the long-term, however, permanent changes in interest rates would have an impact on income. The Company is primarily financed by finance leases and intercompany payables. The Company had no derivative financial instruments in place during the period ended 28 March 2014 or the period ended 29 March 2013 to manage exposures to interest rate risks.

Price risk

Price risk arises from the purchase of raw materials for use in the Company's recycling facilities and the sale of finished goods from the Company's recycling facilities. It also arises from the sale of PRN's (Packaging Recovery Notes) in the Company's recycling operations. The Company's objective is to reduce exposure to price risks on raw materials, work-in-progress and finished goods through a low stockholding and a high stock turnover.

The Company had a total stockholding of £1,123,000 at 28 March 2014 (*2013: £1,385,000*).

Employee engagement

The Company regularly reviews its employment practices to ensure it promotes dignity at work, equal opportunity, and good working relations based on fairness, equality and inclusiveness. The safety of employees is the top priority.

The Company puts employee engagement at the heart of its people strategy and plans. The Company is committed to the continual development of the skills and knowledge and behaviours of its people, providing statutory and safety related training, quality role specific personal development programmes, 'core skills' and management capability building programmes. Opportunities for continual professional development are offered through a variety of approaches, including classroom based training, e-learning and on the job coaching and assignment to projects.

The Company places great emphasis on recruiting and training high quality competent staff from both within and outside the sector. The directors consider succession planning issues on a regular basis

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Strategic report (*continued*)

Key performance indicators

The key performance indicators focused on by management include:

	2014	2013
	£'000	£'000
Revenue	19,787	15,985
EBIT	37	(4,423)
EBIT margin	0.187%	(27.7%)
Profit/(loss) for the period	83	(3,494)

The company performed favourably against its budgeted Key performance indicators in the period.

By order of the sole director



I. Wakelin
Director

12 December 2014

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Director's report

The director presents his director's report together with the audited financial statements of the Company for the 52 week period ended 28 March 2014.

Results and dividends

The results for the period are set out on page 11.

There was no dividend paid during the period (2013: *£nil*). The director does not recommend the payment of a dividend for the period ended 28 March 2014.

FRS 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework

The financial statements have been prepared and approved by the director in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework issued by the Financial Reporting Council. The Company has early adopted FRS 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework to take advantage of the reduced disclosures available as the Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity.

Director and Company secretary

The director and Company secretary who held office during the period and subsequent to the period end were as follows:

I. Wakelin

K. Woodward (Company secretary)

Disabled employees

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered bearing in mind the respective aptitudes and abilities of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled, every effort is made to ensure that their employment within the Company continues and that appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the Company that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should, as far as possible, be identical with that of other employees

Going concern

The Company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the Strategic report on pages 1-5.

The Company is managed as part of the Biffa Group of companies. The Biffa Group of companies have committed facilities which the director considers sufficient to service its ongoing working capital and capital investment requirements.

After considering the above and making enquiries, the director has a reasonable expectation that the Company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully, and has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, he continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

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Director's report (*continued*)

Disclosure of information to auditor

The director who held office at the date of approval of this Director's Report confirms that, so far as he is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Auditor

Deloitte LLP was reappointed as auditor during the period and pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and Deloitte LLP, Chartered Accountants, will therefore continue in office.

By order of the sole director



I. Wakelin
Director
12 December 2014

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Statement of director's responsibilities

The director is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the director to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the director has elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework.

Under company law the director must not approve the financial statements unless he is 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 director is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- follow Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The director is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

The director is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Biffa Polymers Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Biffa Polymers Limited for the period ended 28 March 2014 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes 1 to 22. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework.

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.

Respective responsibilities of director and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of director's responsibilities, the director is responsible for preparing the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). These standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Boards' Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 28 March 2014 and of its profit for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Biffa Polymers Limited (*continued*)

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Director's Report and Strategic Report is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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



Ross Howard FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
London, United Kingdom

12 December 2014

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Profit and loss account

for the 52 week period ended 28 March 2014

	Notes	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Continuing operations			
Turnover	4	19,787	15,985
Cost of sales		(18,581)	(15,751)
Impairment of Mixed Plastics facility	6	(104)	(3,300)
Gross profit/(loss)		1,102	(3,066)
Distribution costs		(19)	(10)
Administration expenses		(1,414)	*(1,436)
Other income: government grants*		368	*89
Profit/(loss) from operating activities		37	(4,423)
Interest receivable & similar income	7	3	5
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(24)	(62)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before income tax		16	(4,480)
Income tax credit	8	67	986
Profit/(loss) for the financial period		83	(3,494)

* Other income previously reported in administrative expenses has been separately reflected in the prior period figures for consistency with the current period. The income relates to government grants for plant and equipment which are released to the profit and loss account over the expected useful lives of the related equipment.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

The Company has no gains or losses other than the profit shown above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

There is no material difference between the result for the period stated above and its historical cost equivalents.

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Balance Sheet

As at 28 March 2014

	Notes	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	4,376	5,351
Current assets			
Stocks	11	1,123	1,385
Debtors	12	6,189	5,033
Cash at bank and in hand		991	594
Total current assets		8,303	7,012
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(17,623)	(16,869)
Net current liabilities		(9,320)	(9,857)
Total assets less current liabilities		(4,944)	(4,506)
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(606)	(1,127)
Provisions for liabilities	15	(206)	(206)
Net liabilities		(5,756)	(5,839)
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	17	-	-
Share premium	18	43	43
Retained earnings	18	(5,799)	(5,882)
Total shareholder's deficit		(5,756)	(5,839)

Company number: 02729607. The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements. These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the sole director on 12 December 2014 and were signed on its behalf by:



I. Wakelin
Director

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Statement of changes in equity *For the 52 week period 28 March 2014*

	Share Capital £'000	Share Premium £'000	Retained earnings £'000	Total £'000
At 30 March 2013	-	43	(5,882)	(5,839)
Profit for the period	-	-	83	83
At 28 March 2014	-	43	(5,799)	(5,756)

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Notes to the financial statements

1 Reporting entity

Biffa Polymers Limited (the “Company”) is a company incorporated in Great Britain and domiciled in the United Kingdom. The registered office of the company is 3rd Floor, The Gatehouse, Gatehouse Way, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP19 8DB. The nature of the Company, its operations and its principal activities are set out in the Strategic Report and Directors’ Report.

2 Basis of preparation

(a) Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared and approved by the director in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework issued by the Financial Reporting Council. The Company has early adopted FRS 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework to take advantage of the reduced disclosures available as the Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity.

Details of the parent in whose consolidated financial statements the Company is included are shown in note 20 to the financial statements.

As permitted by FRS 101, exemptions from applying the following requirements have been adopted:

- a) IFRS 7 ‘Financial Instruments: Disclosures’;
- b) IAS 1 ‘Presentation of Financial Statements’ paragraphs 10(d), 10(f), 38 (requirement to present comparative information), 39(c) and 134-136;
- c) IAS 16 ‘Property, Plant and Equipment’ paragraph 73(e)
- d) IAS 7 ‘Statement of Cash Flows’;
- e) IAS 8 ‘Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors’ paragraphs 30 and 31;
- f) IAS 24 ‘Related Party Disclosures’ paragraph 17, and the Company has also taken advantage of the exemption from the requirements in IAS 24 ‘Related Party Disclosures’ to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of the Biffa Group Limited
- g) IAS 36 ‘Impairment of Assets’ paragraphs 134(d)-(f) and 135(c)-(e)

(b) Measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

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Notes to the financial statements (*continued*)

2 Basis of preparation (*continued*)

(c) Consolidation

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under IAS 27 *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements*, not to prepare consolidated financial statements.

The Company is a 100% owned subsidiary of Greenstar UK Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain.

The largest group in which the Company's results are consolidated is that headed by Wasteholdco 1 Limited. The principal shareholders of Wasteholdco 1 Limited are GL Europe Luxembourg SARL, Silver Oak Capital LLC and Sankanty European Investments SARL. The smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Biffa Group Holdings Limited (formerly Wasteholdco 3 Limited) which owns the entire shareholding of the Company via its holdings in subsidiary undertakings and is an indirect subsidiary undertaking of Wasteholdco 1 Limited. Copies of the consolidated financial statements of Wasteholdco 1 Limited and Biffa Group Holdings Limited (formerly Wasteholdco 3 Limited) can be obtained from the Jersey Financial Services Commission, PO Box 111, 14-18 Castle Street, St Helier, Jersey, JE4 9QD

(d) Estimates and uncertainties

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework, requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. Judgements made by management that have significant effect on the financial statements and critical accounting estimates are discussed below.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

2 Basis of preparation *(continued)*

(d) Estimates and uncertainties *(continued)*

Key sources of estimation uncertainty and critical accounting judgements in applying the Company's accounting policies

(i) Leases

The Company has made judgements in determining when substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of lease assets are transferred from other entities.

(ii) Recoverability of trade debtors

The Company has made judgements when assessing the impairment of its trade debtors. Outstanding balances have been grouped on the basis of similar risk characteristics such as past-due status, and impairment has been reviewed with reference to historical loss experience updated for current conditions.

(ii) Recoverability of plant & machinery

The Company has made judgements when assessing the impairment of its plant & machinery. These include assessing the recoverable amount of the plant & machinery, which is the greater of its net selling price and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the equipment.

(e) Going concern

The Company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the Strategic Report on pages 1 to 5.

The Company is managed as part of the Biffa Group of companies. The Biffa Group of companies have committed facilities which the director considers sufficient to service its ongoing working capital and capital investment requirements.

Biffa Group Limited which owns the entire shareholding of the Company via its holdings in subsidiary undertakings has indicated its intention in writing to continue to provide financial support to the Company to enable it to meet its debts as they fall due.

After considering the above and making enquiries, the director has a reasonable expectation that the Company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully, and have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

3 Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

(a) Foreign currency

(i) Functional and presentation currency

The Financial statements are presented in Sterling, which is also the Company's functional currency. Items included in the Financial statements of the Company are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates, which is primarily Sterling.

(ii) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary assets that are carried at historical cost are not subsequently re-translated. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated to functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at that date. Foreign exchange differences arising on translations are recognised in profit or loss. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value are translated to functional currency at foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates the fair values were determined.

(b) Tangible fixed assets

(i) Owned assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses (see accounting policy (c)). Cost includes those costs, including employee and other costs, which are directly attributable to bringing assets into working condition for their intended use. The cost of self-constructed assets and acquired assets includes, where relevant, (i) the initial estimate at the time of installation of the assets of dismantling and removing the items and of restoring the site on which they are located; and (ii) changes in the measurement of existing liabilities recognised for those costs during the period of use resulting from changes in the timing or outflow of resources required to settle the obligation or from changes in the discount rate.

Costs in relation to assets in development and construction are capitalised, where, in the opinion of the director, the related project will be successfully developed and the economic benefits arising from future operations will at least equal the amount of capitalised expenditure incurred to date. Depreciation commences when the asset is substantially complete and ready for its intended use.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

3 Significant accounting policies *(continued)*

(b) Tangible fixed assets *(continued)*

(i) Owned assets *(continued)*

When parts of an item of have different useful lives, those components are accounted for as separate items of tangible fixed assets.

(ii) Leased assets

Leases under the terms of which the Company assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership, are classified as finance leases. Assets acquired by way of finance lease are stated at the present value of the minimum lease payments at inception of the lease, less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses (see accounting policy (c)). The capital element of finance lease obligation payments is recorded as a liability, while the interest element is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease to produce a constant rate of charge on the balance of capital repayments outstanding. Operating lease payments are accounted for as described in accounting policy (j)(i).

(iii) Subsequent expenditure

The Company recognises in the carrying amount of an item of tangible fixed assets the cost of replacing part of such an item when that cost is incurred if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the item will flow to the Company and the cost of the replaced item can be measured reliably for its derecognition. All other costs are recognised in the profit and loss account as an expense as incurred.

(iv) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write each asset down to its estimated residual value on a straight line basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Land and buildings short leasehold	shorter of life of lease or 10 years
Plant and machinery	3-10 years
Computers	3-4 years
Fixtures and fittings	4-10 years

The residual value, if significant, and remaining useful lives are reassessed annually.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

3 Significant accounting policies *(continued)*

(c) Impairment

The carrying amounts of the Company's assets, other than stocks (see accounting policy (d)) and deferred tax assets (see accounting policy (k)), are reviewed at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. Non-depreciable assets and goods are assessed annually for impairment. In assessing an asset for impairment, the recoverable amount of the asset or its cash generating unit is estimated. An impairment loss is recognised when the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss.

(i) Calculation of recoverable amount

The recoverable amount of such assets is the greater of their net selling price and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For an asset that does not generate largely independent cash inflows, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

(ii) Reversals of impairment

An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount.

An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

(d) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is based on a combination of the first-in first-out and weighted average methods and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories and bringing them to their existing location and condition. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less further costs expected to be incurred to completion and disposal. Provision is made for obsolete, slow-moving or defective items where appropriate.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

3 Significant accounting policies *(continued)*

(e) Financial instruments

Non-derivative financial instruments

Non derivative financial instruments comprise trade and other debtors, cash at bank and in hand, borrowings, and trade and other creditors. Non-derivatives are recognised initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs, except as described below. Subsequent to initial recognition, non-derivative financial instruments are measured as described below.

A financial instrument is recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are derecognised when the Company's contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial assets expire, are extinguished or if the Company transfers the financial asset to another party without retaining control or substantially all risks and rewards of the asset. Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are accounted for at trade date i.e. the date that the Company commits itself to purchase or sell the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised if the Company's obligations specified in the contracts expire or are discharged or cancelled.

(i) Investments in subsidiary undertakings

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at their cost less impairment losses (see accounting policy (c)).

(ii) Trade debtors

Trade debtors are stated at their cost less impairment losses (see accounting policy (c)).

(iii) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprise cash balances and call deposits. Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Company's cash management are included as a component of cash at bank and in hand.

(iv) Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, less attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, interest-bearing borrowings are stated at amortised cost with any difference between cost and redemption value being recognised in profit or loss over the period of the borrowings on an effective interest basis.

(v) Trade creditors

Trade creditors are stated at their expected settlement amount.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

3 Significant accounting policies *(continued)*

(f) Classification of financial instruments issued by the Company

Financial instruments issued by the Company are treated as equity only to the extent that they meet the following two conditions:

- (a) they include no contractual obligations of the Company to deliver cash or other financial assets or to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another party under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the Company; and
- (b) where the instrument will or may be settled in the Company's own equity instruments, it is either a non-derivative that includes no obligation to deliver a variable number of the Company's own equity instruments or is a derivative that will be settled by the Company exchanging a fixed amount of cash or other financial assets for a fixed number of its own equity instruments.

To the extent that this definition is not met, the instrument is classified as a financial liability. Where a financial instrument that contains both equity and financial liability components exists these components are separated and accounted for individually under the above policy. The finance cost on the financial liability component is correspondingly higher over the life of the instrument.

(g) Provisions

A provision is recognised in the balance sheet when the Company has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. If the effect is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to that liability.

(h) Turnover

Turnover represents the fair value of goods and services delivered to customers in the normal course of business, net of trade discounts and VAT. Turnover from the sale of goods is recognised when the goods are despatched. Services are deemed to have been delivered when, and to the extent that, the Company has met its obligations under its service contracts. Payments received in advance of performance are deferred and recognised as revenue when the related service is delivered.

(i) Cost of sales

Cost of sales include those costs directly attributable to the Company's revenue streams including those direct costs associated with the Company's recycling operations.

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3 Significant accounting policies *(continued)*

(j) Expenses

(i) Operating lease payments

Payments made under operating leases are recognised in the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the terms of the lease even if payments are not made on such a basis. Lease incentives received are recognised in profit or loss as an integral part of the total lease expense.

(ii) Interest payable and interest receivable

Interest payable and interest receivable comprise interest payable on borrowings calculated using the effective interest rate method, interest receivable on funds invested, dividend income and foreign exchange gains and losses and gains that are recognised in the profit and loss and the unwinding of discounts on provisions.

Interest income is recognised in profit or loss as it accrues, taking into account the effective yield on the asset.

The interest expense component of finance lease payments is recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest rate method.

(k) Income tax

Income tax on the profit for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the period, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous periods.

Deferred tax is provided using the balance sheet liability method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The following temporary differences are not provided for: goodwill not deductible for tax purposes; those arising on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable profit; and differences relating to retained earnings in subsidiaries, to the extent that they will probably not reverse in the foreseeable future. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

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3 Significant accounting policies *(continued)*

(l) Employee benefits - defined contribution plans

Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in profit or loss in the period in which the relevant employee service is received.

(m) Government grants

Government grants are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the Company will comply with the conditions attaching to them and that the grants will be received.

Government grants relating to property, plant and equipment are treated as deferred income and released to profit or loss over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned.

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4 Turnover

The following is an analysis of the Company's turnover by business segment:

	2014	2013
	£'000	£'000
Sale of goods	19,525	15,588
Provision of services	262	397
	19,787	15,985

The following is an analysis of the Company's turnover by geographical segment:

	2014	2013
	£'000	£'000
United Kingdom	18,576	15,016
Rest of Europe	1,211	915
Asia	-	54
	19,787	15,985

5 Employee benefits and transactions with executive directors

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the period is as follows:

	2014	2013
	No.	No.
Operations	93	105
Administration	10	15
	103	120

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5 Employee benefits and transactions with executive directors *(continued)*

Staff costs comprise:

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Wages and salaries	2,675	3,039
Social welfare costs	250	276
Pension costs	29	13
Redundancy costs	304	40
	3,258	3,368

The director in office at 28 March 2014 was paid by a fellow subsidiary company in the current and prior period. The director is not accruing retirement benefits under money purchase schemes in the current or prior period. There were no loans to the director in the current or prior period

6 Statutory and other information

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Impairment of trade debtors	10	80
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		
- owned	1,453	1,183
- leased	535	539
Impairment of Mixed Plastics facility	104	3,300
Operating lease rentals		
- premises	183	182
- other	292	376

Auditor's remuneration of £3,000 (2013: £3,000) was borne by a fellow subsidiary company during the current and prior period.

Impairment of Mixed Plastics facility

During the prior period the Company experienced difficulty in getting a reliable source of mixed plastics to feed the Company's mixed plastics processing line and the resulting yield from the line was much lower than expected. The director therefore took the difficult decision towards the end of the prior period to temporarily mothball this line and an impairment charge of £3,300,000 was recognised in the prior period in respect of this line. This consisted of a full impairment of the capitalised commissioning and pre-installation costs for the line of £1,916,000 and a partial impairment other capitalised items of £1,384,000 in plant & machinery which weren't considered to be recoverable following the change of use of the line see also Note 9. A further impairment charge for the facility was recognised in the current period of £104,000 which relates to a revision of the estimates made in the prior period.

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7 Interest receivable & interest payable

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Interest receivable & similar income		
Bank interest receivable	3	5
	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
Interest payable & similar charges		
Finance lease interest	24	53
Bank overdraft and other interest	-	9
	<u>24</u>	<u>62</u>

8 Income tax credit

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Recognised in the profit and loss account		
<i>Current tax:</i>		
Current period	-	113
Prior period adjustment	13	-
	<u>13</u>	<u>113</u>
Total current tax charge	13	113
<i>Deferred tax:</i>		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(392)	(1,184)
Prior period adjustment	-	(2)
Effect of change in rate	312	87
	<u>(80)</u>	<u>(1,099)</u>
Total deferred tax credit	(80)	(1,099)
	<u>(67)</u>	<u>(986)</u>

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8 Income tax credit *(continued)*

The difference between the total income tax credit shown above and the amount calculated by applying the standard rate of UK corporation tax is as follows:

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Profit before taxation	16	(4,480)
Tax on loss before income tax at standard		
UK corporation tax rate of 23% (2013: 24%)	4	(1,075)
<i>Effects of:</i>		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	4	4
Prior period adjustment	13	(2)
Effect of change in rate	312	87
Group relief	(400)	-
Total income tax credit for the period	(67)	(986)

Legislation reducing the main rate of corporation tax from 23% to 21% with effect from 1 April 2014 and to 20% with effect from 1 April 2015 was substantively enacted during the period. Accordingly, current tax has been provided for at a rate of 23% and deferred tax has been provided for at a rate of 20%.

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings short leasehold	Plant and machinery	Computers	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<i>Cost</i>					
At 30 March 2013	150	14,849	110	20	15,129
Additions	10	1,084	2	21	1,117
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
At 28 March 2014	160	15,933	112	41	16,246
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
<i>Depreciation</i>					
At 30 March 2013	46	9,609	104	19	9,778
Impairment for the period	-	104	-	-	104
Charge for the period	15	1,964	5	4	1,988
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
At 28 March 2014	61	11,677	109	23	11,870
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
<i>Carrying amounts</i>					
At 28 March 2014	99	4,256	3	18	4,376
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
At 30 March 2013	104	5,240	6	1	5,351
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

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9 Tangible fixed assets *(continued)*

During the prior period the Company experienced difficulty in getting a reliable source of mixed plastics to feed the Company's mixed plastics processing line and the resulting yield from the line was much lower than expected. The director therefore took the difficult decision towards the end of the prior period to temporarily mothball this line and an impairment charge of £3,300,000 was recognised in the prior period in respect of this line. A further impairment charge for the facility was recognised in the current period of £104,000 which relates to a revision of the estimates made in the prior period.

The director does not consider the remaining useful lives of tangible fixed assets to be materially different from the period over which the assets are being depreciated.

Leased plant and machinery

The Company leases equipment, principally items of plant and machinery, under a number of finance lease agreements. At the end of each lease term the Company has the option to purchase the equipment at a beneficial price. The carrying amount of leasehold plant was as follows:

	2014	2013
	£'000	£'000
At beginning of period	1,109	1,648
Depreciation for period	(535)	(539)
At end of period	574	1,109

Directive 2002/96/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 2003 on Waste Electrical and Electronic equipment was introduced on 13 August 2005. The Company has adopted a comprehensive policy on collection, treatment, recovery, reuse and recycling of waste and does not believe that the introduction of this directive has had a material effect on the carrying cost of property, plant and equipment purchased prior to 13 August 2005. The cost of collection, treatment, recovery and recycling of property, plant and equipment purchased subsequent to 13 August 2005 is financed through the payment of charges on acquisition. These charges are capitalised as part of the cost of the related asset and depreciated over the assets' expected useful life.

Obligations under finance leases are secured on related assets.

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10 Deferred tax asset

	2014		2013	
	Assets	Total	Assets	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fixed asset timing differences	2,028	2,028	1,939	1,939
Other timing differences	54	54	63	63
	2,082	2,082	2,002	2,002

The movement in temporary differences during the period was as follows:

	Fixed asset timing differences £'000	Other timing differences £'000	Total £'000
At 30 March 2013	1,939	63	2,002
Recognised in profit and loss (note 8)	89	(9)	80
At 28 March 2014	2,028	54	2,082

Legislation reducing the main rate of corporation tax from 23% to 21% with effect from 1 April 2014 and to 20% with effect from 1 April 2015 was substantively enacted during the period. Accordingly, current tax has been provided for at a rate of 23% and deferred tax has been provided for at a rate of 20%.

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11 Stocks

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Consumables	605	620
Finished goods	518	765
	1,123	1,385

In the opinion of the Director, there is no material difference between the carrying values of the Company's stocks and the fair value less costs to sell. The total amount of stock recognised as an expense during the period was £7,018,000 (2013: £4,138,000).

12 Debtors

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Trade debtors	3,972	2,873
Deferred tax (<i>see note 10</i>)	2,082	2,002
Other debtors & prepayments	135	158
	6,189	5,033

The deferred tax asset is not recoverable within one year.

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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Trade creditors	1,075	1,460
Other creditors and accruals	867	945
Other taxation and social security	280	196
Group relief payable	-	113
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts (note 16)	257	736
Government grants	124	178
Amounts due to related parties	15,020	13,241
	17,623	16,869

The government grants creditor relates to a grant from The Waste and Resources Action Programme for capital expenditure on the Mixed Plastics recycling facility. The creditor is being released to the profit and loss account over the expected useful life of the related assets.

Amounts due to related parties are unsecured, non-interest bearing and repayable on demand.

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts (note 16)	-	206
Government grants	606	921
	606	1,127

The grants relate to a grant from The Waste and Resources Action Programme for capital expenditure on a Mixed Plastics recycling facility. The creditor is being released to the profit and loss account over the period in which depreciation is recognised on these assets.

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15 Provision for liabilities

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Restoration provision	206	206
	206	206

The provision relates to management's best estimate of expected dilapidation costs to be incurred at the end of a contract and is not expected to be payable until 2020.

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16 Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts

This note provides information about the contractual terms of the Company's finance leases and hire purchase contracts

	Present value of minimum lease payments		Minimum lease payments	
	2014 £'000	2013 £'000	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Amounts payable under finance leases				
Within one year	257	736	259	760
Due in less than one year	257	736	259	760
Between one and two years	-	206	-	207
Between two and five years	-	-	-	-
Due in more than one year	-	206	-	207
	257	942	259	967
Less future charges	-	-	(2)	(25)
Present value of lease obligations	257	942	257	942

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17 Share capital

	2014		2013	
	No.of shares	£	No.of shares	£
<i>Authorised</i>				
Ordinary shares of £1 each				
At beginning and end of period	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
<i>Allotted, called up and fully paid</i>				
Ordinary shares of £1 each				
At beginning and end of period	118	118	118	118

Capital management

The Company defines share capital and share premium as its capital. The Company's shares are 100% owned by Biffa Group Limited. The Director's policy is to maintain a suitable balance between capital and external borrowings. The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

18 Shareholder's deficit

	Share Capital £'000	Share Premium £'000	Retained earnings £'000	Total £'000
At 30 March 2013	-	43	(5,882)	(5,839)
Profit for the period	-	-	83	83
At 28 March 2014	-	43	(5,799)	(5,756)

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19 Commitments and guarantees

(i) Operating lease commitments

Total commitments payable under non cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	Other*	2014 Premises	Total	Other*	2013 Premises	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Less than one year	188	150	338	151	148	299
Between one and five years	149	602	751	418	594	1,012
More than five years	-	226	226	-	520	520
	<u>337</u>	<u>978</u>	<u>1,315</u>	<u>569</u>	<u>1,262</u>	<u>1,831</u>
	<u><u>337</u></u>	<u><u>978</u></u>	<u><u>1,315</u></u>	<u><u>569</u></u>	<u><u>1,262</u></u>	<u><u>1,831</u></u>

* Principally plant and machinery.

(ii) Capital commitments

The Company had the following capital commitments:

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Contracted for	-	43
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>43</u></u>

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20 Parent and ultimate controlling party

The Company is a 100% owned subsidiary of Greenstar UK Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain.

The largest group in which the Company's results are consolidated is that headed by Wasteholdco 1 Limited. The principal shareholders of Wasteholdco 1 Limited are GL Europe Luxembourg SARL, Silver Oak Capital LLC and Sankanty European Investments SARL. The smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Biffa Group Holdings Limited (formerly Wasteholdco 3 Limited) which owns the entire shareholding of the Company via its holdings in subsidiary undertakings and is an indirect subsidiary undertaking of Wasteholdco 1 Limited. Copies of the consolidated financial statements of Wasteholdco 1 Limited and Biffa Group Holdings Limited (formerly Wasteholdco 3 Limited) can be obtained from the Jersey Financial Services Commission, PO Box 111, 14-18 Castle Street, St Helier, Jersey, JE4 9QD

21 Subsidiaries

At 28 March 2014, the Company had the following subsidiaries:

Held directly:

Name	Activity	Domiciled	Ownership
Wespack Limited	*Inactive	UK	100%

* The company ceased trading in the period ended 30 March 2012.

The registered office of all subsidiary companies is 3rd Floor, The Gatehouse, Gatehouse Way, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP19 8DB.

22 Pension commitments

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held in external funds administered by independent trustees.

The Company's total pension costs in respect of its defined contribution plan for the period ended 28 March 2014 were £29,000 (2013: £13,000). Pension costs outstanding at 28 March 2014 were £1,000 (2013: £nil).