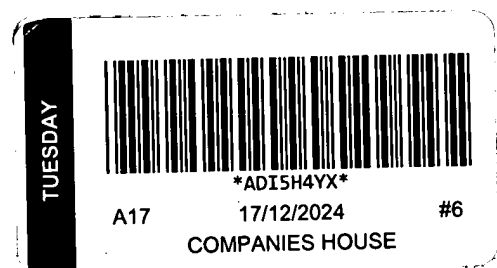


Driver Hire Merseyside Limited

Directors' report and financial statements

Registered number 10656708

Period ended 31 March 2024



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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the 53 week Period ended 31 March 2024, with comparative information for the 52 week Period ended 26 March 2023.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company is that of an employment business.

Business review

The directors expect to achieve a moderate growth in 2024/25.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2023: *£nil*). The loss for the financial Period of £20,924 (2023: *£1,175 profit*) has been transferred into reserves.

Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the Period were as follows:

C Chidley
P McNulty

Certain directors benefit from qualifying third party indemnity provisions in place during the financial Period and at the date of this report.

Political and charitable donations

During the Period the company did not make any political or charitable donations of a level requiring disclosure (2023: *£nil*).

Disclosure of information to auditor

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and each director 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.

Strategic report

The Company is exempt by virtue of Section 414B of the Companies Act 2006 from preparing a Strategic Report.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Directors do recognise the continued short term uncertainty created by inflationary pressures and potential interest rate rises in the short to medium term. The UK unemployment rate, however, is at its lowest level in recent years and the number of job vacancies is at its highest level for several years. This potential creates opportunities for temporary labour providers such as Driver Hire.

Further detail is within the consolidated financial statements of Specialist People Services Group Limited, the Company's ultimate parent company.

Auditor

Pursuant to Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be appointed and Forvis Mazars LLP will therefore continue in office.

Small companies note

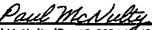
In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Going concern

The Company continues to be profitable and is in a net asset position. The directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements. Please refer to note 1.2 for full details.

Directors' report *(continued)*

By order of the board


Paul McNulty (Dec 12, 2024 12:43 GMT)

P McNulty
Director

Dec 12, 2024

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Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' report and 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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK accounting standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*.

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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are 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.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Driver Hire Merseyside Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Driver Hire Merseyside Limited ("the company") for the 53 week Period ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Profit and Loss account, the Balance sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity, 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 United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 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 company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its loss for the period 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 company 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 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.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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.

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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

Opinions on other matters 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 Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Driver Hire Merseyside Limited *(continued)*

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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 directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Directors' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 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.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the 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 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 the financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

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.

Based on our understanding of the company and its industry, we considered that non-compliance with the following laws and regulations might have a material effect on the financial statements: employment regulation, health and safety regulation, anti-money laundering regulation, data protection legislation, and the Bribery Act 2010.

To help us identify instances of non-compliance with these laws and regulations, and in identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect to non-compliance, our procedures included, but were not limited to:

- Inquiring of management and, where appropriate, those charged with governance, as to whether the company is in compliance with laws and regulations, and discussing their policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- Inspecting correspondence, if any, with relevant licensing or regulatory authorities;
- Communicating identified laws and regulations to the engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout our audit; and
- Considering the risk of acts by the company which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the preparation of the financial statements, such as tax legislation, pension legislation, and the Companies Act 2006.

In addition, we evaluated the directors' and management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements, including the risk of management override of controls, and determined that the principal risks related to: posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to assumptions and judgements used in assessing the carrying values of goodwill balances, revenue recognition (which we pinpointed to the cut off assertion), and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Driver Hire Merseyside Limited (*continued*)

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

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- Making enquiries of the directors and management on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- Discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud; and
- Addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by performing journal entry testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of the audit 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.

Ashley Barraclough
Ashley Barraclough (Dec 12, 2024 16:41 GMT)

Ashley Barraclough (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Forvis Mazars LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor
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Dec 12, 2024

Profit and loss account
for the Period ended 31 March 2024

	Note	31 March 2024 £	26 March 2023 £
Turnover	2	753,895	873,272
Cost of sales		(628,547)	(718,772)
Gross profit		125,348	154,500
Distribution costs		(15,645)	(20,303)
Administrative expenses		(139,792)	(133,339)
Operating (loss)/profit	3	(30,089)	858
Interest receivable and similar income	6	2,275	-
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(1)	-
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(27,815)	858
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	8	6,891	317
(Loss)/profit for the financial Period		(20,924)	1,175

The company had no recognised gains and losses other than the results above and therefore, no separate statement of other comprehensive income has been presented.

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

Balance sheet
at 31 March 2024

	<i>Note</i>	31 March 2024		26 March 2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	9	22,050		29,400	
		<u>22,050</u>		<u>29,400</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	10	122,137		97,198	
Cash at bank and in hand		148,868		103,410	
		<u>271,005</u>		<u>200,608</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(202,193)		(118,222)	
Net current assets		<u>68,812</u>		<u>82,386</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>90,862</u>		<u>111,786</u>	
Net assets		<u>90,862</u>		<u>111,786</u>	
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	12	100		100	
Share premium	13	73,451		73,451	
Profit and loss account	13	17,311		38,235	
Shareholders' funds		<u>90,862</u>		<u>111,786</u>	

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on Dec 12, 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Paul McNulty
Paul McNulty (Dec 12, 2024 22:43 GMT)

P McNulty
Director

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

Statement of changes in equity
for the Period ended 31 March 2024

	Called up share capital £	Share premium £	Profit & loss account £	Total shareholder's equity £
Balance at 28 March 2022	100	73,451	37,060	110,611
Total comprehensive income for the Period				
Profit for the Period	-	-	1,175	1,175
Total comprehensive income for the Period	-	-	1,175	1,175
Balance at 26 March 2023	100	73,451	38,235	111,786
	Called up share capital £	Share premium £	Profit & loss account £	Total shareholder's equity £
Balance at 27 March 2023	100	73,451	38,235	111,786
Total comprehensive loss for the Period				
Loss for the Period	-	-	(20,924)	(20,924)
Total comprehensive loss for the Period	-	-	(20,924)	(20,924)
Balance at 31 March 2024	100	73,451	17,311	90,862

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

Notes

(the accompanying notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

Driver Hire Merseyside Limited (the "Company") is a company limited by shares and incorporated and domiciled in the UK.

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102").

The accounts are made up to the Sunday nearest the company's accounting reference date of 31 March. The results for 2024 are for the 53 week period ended 31 March 2024 (2023: 52 week period 26 March 2023).

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking, Specialist People Services Group Limited, includes the Company in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Specialist People Services Group Limited are available to the public and may be obtained from the registered office. In these financial statements, the company is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purposes of this FRS) and has applied the exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the following disclosures:

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirements of Section 3 Financial Statement Presentation paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of Section 11 Financial Instruments paragraphs 11.41(b), 11.41(c), 11.41(e), 11.41(f), 11.42, 11.44 to 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of Section 12 Other Financial Instruments paragraphs 12.26 to 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A; and
- the requirements of Section 33 Related Party Disclosures paragraph 33.7 and 33.7A.

This information is included in the consolidated financial statements of Specialist People Services Group Limited as at 31 March 2024.

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

Judgements made by the directors, in the application of these accounting policies that have significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year are discussed in note 15.

1.1 Measurement convention

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.2 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the directors consider to be appropriate for the following reasons.

As a member of the Specialist People Services Group of companies, headed by Specialist People Services Group Limited, together referred to as "the Group", the Company meets its day-to-day working capital requirements through operating cash flows and intercompany funding. The entity forms an integral part of the wider operation of the Group and as such is reliant on the continuation of the Group including for funding already provided. In making the going concern assessment the Directors have considered the cash flow forecasts for the Group for the period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

As at 31 March 2024, the Group had borrowings committed through to 2028 and 2029, amounting to £28.8 million. The external borrowing facility is subject to financial performance covenants. Driver Hire Merseyside Limited is included in the cross guarantee of the lending facilities.

The Board of the Group has prepared a working capital forecast based on assumptions as to future trading for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. These forecasts demonstrate that the Group will be able meet its liabilities as they fall due out of its available cash balances and will meet the performance covenants attached to the new borrowing facility.

In approving the financial statements, the Directors currently anticipate that the Company will continue to be cash generative, even in the severe but plausible downside scenario, and therefore not require additional financial support to continue to pay its debts as they fall due. If additional financial support is required, the Company will depend on Specialist People Services Group Limited providing such financial support during the going concern period. Specialist People Services Group Limited has indicated its intention to continue to make available such funds as are needed by the company, for the period covered by the forecasts. As with any company placing reliance on other group entities for financial support, the directors acknowledge that there can be no certainty that this support will continue although, at the date of approval of these financial statements, they have no reason to believe that it will not do so.

Consequently, the directors are confident that the company will have sufficient funds to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements and therefore have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

1.3 Foreign currency

The Company's functional and presentational currency is GBP. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the Company's functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are retranslated to the functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at that date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value are retranslated to the functional currency at foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates the fair value was determined. Foreign exchange differences arising on translation are recognised in the profit and loss account.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Basic financial instruments

Trade and other debtors / creditors

Trade and other debtors are recognised initially at transaction price less attributable transaction costs. Trade and other creditors are recognised initially at transaction price plus attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses in the case of trade debtors. If the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, for example, if payment is deferred beyond normal business terms, then it is measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of instrument for a similar debt instrument.

1.5 Intangible assets, goodwill and negative goodwill

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of franchises, is capitalised and amortised over its estimated useful life on a straight-line basis. The useful life of goodwill is determined based on the individual circumstances of each franchise acquired. Goodwill is reviewed for impairment at the end of the first full financial Period following the acquisition and in other years if changes in circumstances or events indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

1.6 Employee benefits

Defined contribution plans and other long term employee benefits

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in the profit and loss account in the Periods during which services are rendered by employees.

1.7 Taxation

Tax on the profit or loss for the Period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the profit and loss account except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss 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 on timing differences which arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements. The following timing differences are not provided for: differences between accumulated depreciation and tax allowances for the cost of a fixed asset if and when all conditions for retaining the tax allowances have been met; and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that it is not probable that they will reverse in the foreseeable future and the reporting entity is able to control the reversal of the timing difference. Deferred tax is not recognised on permanent differences arising because certain types of income or expense are non-taxable or are disallowable for tax or because certain tax charges or allowances are greater or smaller than the corresponding income or expense.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rate that is expected to apply to the reversal of the related difference, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

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.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.8 Finance costs

All finance costs are recognised in profit or loss in the year in which they are incurred.

Interest payable

Interest payable and similar charges include interest payable, finance charges on shares classified as liabilities and finance leases recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method, unwinding of the discount on provisions, and net foreign exchange losses that are recognised in the profit and loss account (see foreign currency accounting policy).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

2 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts derived by the company in respect of sales completed during the Period, excluding value added tax. Turnover is wholly attributable to activities within the UK. Income from the provision of temporary labour is recognised at the end of the completed working week based on hours worked multiplied by contracted rates. Income from permanent placements is recognised when the candidate starts work.

3 Operating (loss)/profit

	31 March 2024	26 March 2023
	£	£
Operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging:		
Amortisation of goodwill	7,350	7,350

Auditor's remuneration for the Period was borne by another group company, SPS Bidco Limited.

Notes (continued)

4 Remuneration of directors

	31 March 2024	26 March 2023
	£	£
Directors' emoluments:		
Remuneration	-	26,490
Company contributions to defined contribution pension schemes	-	832
	<u>-</u>	<u>27,322</u>

None of the directors are remunerated through the company (2023: 1).

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to no directors (2023: 1) in respect of defined contribution pension schemes.

5 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the company (excluding directors) during the Period was as follows:

	Number of employees	
	31 March 2024	26 March 2023
Administration	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	31 March 2024	26 March 2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	91,461	86,209
Social security costs	8,253	8,293
Cost of defined contribution scheme	2,386	2,606
	<u>102,100</u>	<u>97,108</u>

6 Interest receivable and similar income

	31 March 2024	26 March 2023
	£	£
Interest receivable	<u>2,275</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Interest payable and similar charges

	31 March 2024	26 March 2023
	£	£
Factoring interest	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

Notes (continued)

8 Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities

Analysis of credit in Period

	31 March 2024		26 March 2023	
	£	£	£	£
<i>UK corporation tax</i>				
Current tax on income for the Period	-		1,805	
Total current tax		-		1,805
<i>Deferred taxation</i>				
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(6,891)		(2,122)	
Total deferred tax		(6,891)		(2,122)
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities		(6,891)		(317)

The tax assessed for the Period is lower (2023: *lower*) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 25% (2023: 19%).

Reconciliation of tax credit:

	31 March 2024	26 March 2023
	£	£
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before tax	(27,815)	858
Corporation tax in the UK at 25% (2023: 19%)	(6,954)	163
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	63	29
Adjustments in respect of previous Periods	-	(509)
Total tax credit included in profit or loss	(6,891)	(317)

Factors that may affect future tax charges

An increase in the rate of corporation tax in the United Kingdom from 19% to 25%, effective 1 April 2023, was substantively enacted on 24 May 2021. Companies with profits of £50,000 or less will continue to be taxed at 19%, which is a new small profits rate. Where taxable profits are between £50,000 and £250,000, the higher 25% rate will apply but with a marginal relief applying as profits increase.

Notes (continued)

9 Intangible assets

	Goodwill £
Cost	
Balance at 27 March 2023	73,500
Balance at 31 March 2024	73,500
Amortisation	
Balance at 27 March 2023	44,100
Charge for the Period	7,350
Balance at 31 March 2024	51,450
Net book value at 31 March 2024	22,050
Net book value at 26 March 2023	29,400

The goodwill arose in 2017 on the purchase of the Liverpool and Runcorn franchises and is being amortised over a period of 10 years.

10 Debtors

	31 March 2024 £	26 March 2023 £
Trade debtors	102,601	83,348
Prepayments and accrued income	1,336	1,488
Deferred tax	18,200	11,309
Other debtors	-	1,048
Corporation tax	-	5
	122,137	97,198

The movement in deferred taxation in the Period was as follows:

	31 March 2024 £	26 March 2023 £
Balance at start of period	11,309	9,187
Credit to profit and loss account (note 8)	6,891	2,122
Balance at end of period	18,200	11,309

The deferred taxation asset relates wholly to the excess of capital allowances over depreciation.

Deferred tax is provided for at 25% (2023: 25%) being the corporation tax rate substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Notes (continued)

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31 March 2024	26 March 2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	71,220	57,889
Social security and other taxes	10,121	10,154
Amounts owed to group undertakings (repayable upon demand)	103,687	35,113
Other creditors and accruals	15,360	13,261
Corporation tax	1,805	1,805
	<u>202,193</u>	<u>118,222</u>

No interest is charged on the amounts owed to UK group undertakings, 5% interest is charged on the amounts owed to non-UK undertakings.

12 Called up share capital

	31 March 2024	26 March 2023
	£	£
<i>Issued, allotted and fully paid</i>		
51 Ordinary A shares of £1 each	51	51
49 Ordinary B shares of £1 each	49	49
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

13 Reserves

	Share premium account	Profit and loss account
	£	£
Balance at 27 March 2023	73,451	38,235
Loss for the financial Period	-	(20,924)
Balance at 31 March 2024	<u>73,451</u>	<u>17,311</u>

The share premium account relates to the premiums received on the issue of the ordinary B shares.

14 Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments contracted for but not provided at 31 March 2024 and 26 March 2023.

15 Accounting estimates and judgements

Critical accounting judgements in applying the Company's accounting policies

The Company believes that the major judgement applied is the use of the going concern principle which supports the valuation of assets included in the Balance Sheet.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The Company believes that there are no areas of material uncertainty which affect the financial statements.

Notes *(continued)*

16 Ultimate parent company

The Company's immediate parent company is Driver Hire Ventures Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.

The Company's ultimate parent company is Specialist People Services Group Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.

The financial statements of Specialist People Services Group Limited and Specialist People Services Group Limited are available online at Companies House.

17 Related party transactions

During the Period, the company purchased services of £71,340 (2023: £83,716) from Driver Hire Group Services Limited.

During the period the company sold services of £204,981 (2023: £221,248) to Driver Hire Contracts Ltd. At 31 March 2024, there are trade debtors of £44,448 (2023: £17,103).

18 Post balance sheet events

The company ceased trading on 30 June 2024.