

HERRING BUYERS ASSOCIATION LIMITED
(Limited by Guarantee)

REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2002



HERRING BUYERS ASSOCIATION LIMITED
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Directors

P Croan (Chairman)
I A McFadden (Vice chairman)
Dr F Clark
R Duthie
M Taylor
A Robertson
R Turner
F Clark Junior
N Bowen
C Anderson
M Clark
M Croan
M J Croan

Secretary

E Leedham

Auditors

Chiene & Tait CA
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EH3 6NL

Bankers

Bank of Scotland
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Edinburgh
EH2 3NR

Solicitors

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The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2002.

Principal activity

The company acts as an association to further the interests of all United Kingdom buyers of Herring, Mackerel and all other pelagic fish and as a unified body on behalf of such buyers.

Directors

The directors who served during the year were as shown on page 1.

Under article 79, Messrs F Clark Jnr, M Clark, M Croan and M J Croan retire and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

A resolution to re-appoint Chiene & Tait, CA as auditors will be submitted at the Annual General Meeting.

Special provisions relating to small companies

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

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



E Leedham
Secretary

28/11 2002



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
HERRING BUYERS ASSOCIATION LIMITED
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We have audited the financial statements of Herring Buyers Association Limited for the year ended 31 March 2002 set out on pages 4 to 7. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

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

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

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

In forming our opinion, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures in note 2 to the financial statements concerning the completeness of income. The company is unable to verify the gross first hand purchases of pelagic fish by the individual members and is therefore unable to confirm the completeness of levy income. However, the Directors have procedures to ensure appropriate recording and safeguarding of income upon its receipt. Our opinion is not qualified in this respect.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2002 and of its deficit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chiene & Tait CA

CHIENE & TAIT CA
Registered Auditors
61 Dublin Street
Edinburgh EH3 6NL

25/11/2002

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INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 March 2002

	Notes	2002 £	2001 £
Turnover	2	38,593	85,481
Administrative expenses		(44,182)	(43,503)
Operating (deficit)/surplus		<u>(5,589)</u>	<u>41,978</u>
Interest receivable		889	-
Interest payable		-	(10)
(Deficit)/surplus before taxation	3	<u>(4,700)</u>	<u>41,968</u>
Taxation	4	1,938	(2,027)
(Deficit)/surplus for the financial year	7	<u><u>(2,762)</u></u>	<u><u>39,941</u></u>

A statement of total recognised gains and losses is not shown as all gains and losses are recognised in the income and expenditure account above.

The notes on pages 6 to 7 form part of these financial statements.

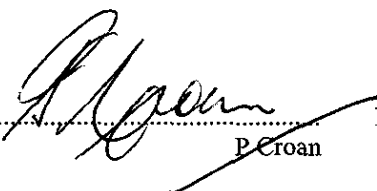
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BALANCE SHEET

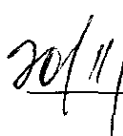
As at 31 March 2002

	Note	£	2002 £	£	2001 £
Current assets					
Debtors	5	32,574		21,159	
Cash at bank and in hand		44,013		17,301	
		<u>76,587</u>		<u>38,460</u>	
 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	 6	 46,560		 5,671	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			30,027		32,789
			<u></u>		<u></u>
Total assets less current liabilities			30,027		32,789
			<u></u>		<u></u>
 Reserves					
General reserve	7		30,027		32,789
			<u></u>		<u></u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).



 P. Croan Director


 20/11/2002

The notes on pages 6 to 7 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2002

1. Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

Deferred taxation

Provision is made for deferred taxation using the liability method, on short term timing differences and all other material timing differences which are expected to reverse in the future without being replaced.

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the income and expenditure account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

2. Turnover

Turnover, which is stated net of value added tax, represents levies receivable from members less rebates.

Turnover is based on actual receipts from the members based upon their first hand purchase of pelagic fish. The company is reliant upon the individual members' systems for recording all purchases calculating the levies due and remitting these to the company. No independent data is available regarding the purchases of pelagic fish by the members.

3. Operating (deficit)/surplus

	2002	2001
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Audit fee	1,000	975
Operating lease rentals	-	1,853
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4. Taxation

Corporation tax payable	89	2,027
Over provision in previous period	(2,027)	-
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	(1,938)	2,027
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No taxation has been provided on mutual income.

The taxation charge represents corporation tax at the small companies rate of 10% (2001: 10%) due on interest receivable by the company.

5. Debtors

	2002	2001
	£	£
Trade debtors	31,337	20,582
Other debtors	1,237	577
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	32,574	21,159
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6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2002	2001
	£	£
Accruals	46,124	3,365
Other creditors	347	279
Corporation tax	89	2,027
	46,560	5,671

7. Reserves	General reserve £
At 1 April 2001	32,789
Retained deficit for the year	(2,762)
At 31 March 2002	30,027

8. Pension commitments

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for an employee. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. During the period contributions payable amounted to £3,780 (2001: £3,487).

9. Members liability

Each member undertakes to contribute an amount not exceeding £50, in the event of the company being wound up.