

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 00028230

**THE WOLVERHAMPTON LAW SOCIETY
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 DECEMBER 2013**



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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

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THE DIRECTORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2013

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of promoting the interests and education of solicitors within the Wolverhampton area

DIRECTORS

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows

Mr G J Birkett
Mr R J Ennis
Mr N S Wynn-Williams
Mr J Sage

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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 the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). 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 surplus or deficit of the company for that year.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements and accounting 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 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.

In so far as the directors are aware

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

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THE DIRECTORS' REPORT *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

AUDITOR

Daw White Murrall are deemed to be re-appointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

Registered office
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Signed by order of the directors



JAMES SAGE
Company Secretary

Approved by the directors on 11 April 2014

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
WOLVERHAMPTON LAW SOCIETY**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

We have audited the financial statements of The Wolverhampton Law Society for the year ended 31 December 2013. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

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 DIRECTORS AND AUDITOR

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 1, the directors are responsible for the preparation of 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). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) 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. 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 31 December 2013 and of its surplus for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

OPINION ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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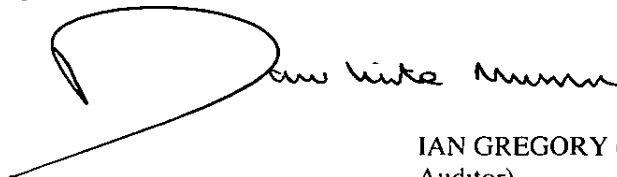
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WOLVERHAMPTON LAW SOCIETY *(continued)***

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

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 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



IAN GREGORY (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
DAW WHITE MURRALL
Chartered Accountants
& Statutory Auditor

1 George Street
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11 April 2014

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Note	2013 £	2012 £
TURNOVER		1,850	2,214
Administrative expenses		<u>1,111</u>	<u>2,628</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	2	739	(414)
Interest receivable		49	321
		—	—
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		788	(93)
Tax on surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities		78	—
		—	—
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u>710</u>	<u>(93)</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

31 DECEMBER 2013

	Note	2013 £	£	2012 £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	3	796		727
Cash at bank		<u>22,850</u>		<u>22,048</u>
		23,646		22,775
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year				
	4	<u>1,071</u>		<u>910</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			22,575	21,865
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			22,575	21,865
RESERVES				
Other reserves	7		1,087	1,087
Income and expenditure account	7		<u>21,488</u>	<u>20,778</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			22,575	21,865

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

These financial statements were approved by the directors and authorised for issue on 11 April 2014, and are signed on their behalf by



Guy Birkett
Director

Company Registration Number 00028230

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

Turnover

The turnover shown in the income and expenditure account represents amounts invoiced during the year

In respect of long-term contracts and contracts for on-going services, turnover represents the value of work done in the year, including estimates of amounts not invoiced. Turnover in respect of long-term contracts and contracts for on-going services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion

Financial instruments

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities

Where the contractual obligations of financial instruments are equivalent to a similar debt instrument, those financial instruments are classed as financial liabilities. Financial liabilities are presented as such in the balance sheet. Finance costs and gains or losses relating to financial liabilities are included in the profit and loss account. Finance costs are calculated so as to produce a constant rate of return on the outstanding liability

Where the contractual terms of share capital do not have any terms meeting the definition of a financial liability then this is classed as an equity instrument

2. OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)

Operating surplus/(deficit) is stated after charging

	2013	2012
	£	£
Auditor's fees	<u>810</u>	<u>810</u>

3. DEBTORS

	2013	2012
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>796</u>	<u>727</u>

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4. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2013	2012
	£	£
Corporation tax	11	–
Other creditors	<u>1,060</u>	<u>910</u>
	<u>1,071</u>	<u>910</u>

5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No transactions with related parties were undertaken such as are required to be disclosed under Financial Reporting Standard 8

6. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and has no authorised or issued share capital

7. RECONCILIATION OF MEMBERS' FUNDS AND MOVEMENT ON RESERVES

	Centenary - bfwd	Income and expenditure account	Total members' funds
	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	1,087	20,778	21,865
Surplus for the year	–	710	710
Balance carried forward	<u>1,087</u>	<u>21,488</u>	<u>22,575</u>