

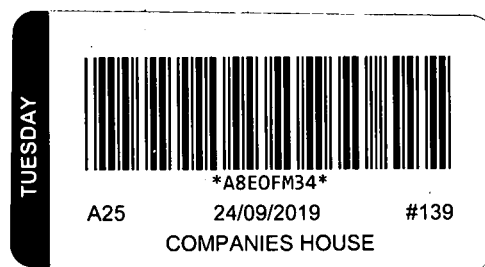
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**BEN BURGESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2019**



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## **BEN BURGESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

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### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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<b>Directors</b>	B B Turner J F Rupp P J Lockhart D G Fairman M J Fuller
<b>Company secretary</b>	A Wade
<b>Registered number</b>	04625134
<b>Registered office</b>	Central Square South Orchard Street Newcastle Upon Tyne NE1 3XX
<b>Trading Address</b>	38 Europa Way Martineau Lane Norwich Norfolk NR1 2EN
<b>Independent auditors</b>	Larking Gowen LLP Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors King Street House 15 Upper King Street Norwich NR3 1RB
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank PLC 5/7 Red Lion Street Norwich Norfolk NR1 3QH

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## BEN BURGESS HOLDINGS LIMITED

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### GROUP STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2019

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#### Introduction

The directors present their strategic report for Ben Burgess Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 January 2019.

#### Business review and future outlook

*The principal activity of the Group during the year continued to be the supply, maintenance and hire of agricultural, construction and grounds care equipment.*

Market conditions in the UK remained challenging, despite the continued uncertainty caused by Brexit, although this has been balanced to a degree by the impact of favourable exchange rates on some of our customers' businesses and thus spending power. The diversity of our principal activities has allowed the Group to continue to trade profitably, and turnover has increased by £3.2 million to £94.9 million (2018 - £91.7 million). The operating profit margin has decreased to 5.6% (2018 - 6.2%), partly reflective of sales mix, pricing pressures and also due to the continuing investment we are making in our people.

The increase in turnover has been driven by the Group's continued investment into people, grounds care, construction, export, machine hire and customer care. In particular our fantastic new facility at Ellington finally opened for business towards the end of the year, and should drive further growth as we move through the 2019/20 financial year. The new site sits beside the A1/A14 corridor and will allow the Group to continue its commitment to the agricultural community in that area as well as the continued development of construction and grounds care markets. In addition, the site will act as a central location for the distribution of used equipment to the United Kingdom.

As a result of the above results, the Company received dividends of £3,900,000 during the year from its subsidiary undertaking Ben Burgess & Co Limited. The majority of these funds were deployed to complete the construction of the Group's new premises at Ellington and to make further inward investment to existing operations, in particular advancing our plans for the proposed new site at Swainsthorpe, near Norwich. In July 2018, following a public consultation, a planning application was submitted to South Norfolk Council for this proposed development which will provide us with a new headquarters and associated infrastructure, and allow us to generate more employment for our region than is possible from our current site which we outgrew some years ago. We expect to continue navigating through a number of planning matters relating to our proposal throughout the rest of 2019.

At the end of the year the Group is in a strong financial position with net assets of £49.0 million, up from £45.3 million. This includes cash and deposits of £3.8 million and stock of £29.4 million.

The directors believe the continued ongoing investment into existing and new operations, and the strong financial position will yield satisfactory results in future years for the Group.

#### Financial key performance indicators

The directors consider that their key financial performance indicators are those that communicate the financial performance and strength of the Group as a whole, these being turnover and operating profit margin.

These are discussed within the business review above.

The main non-financial key performance indicators are around the Group's people, as recruiting and retaining the right people is key to the continued success of our business and the investments we are making. The average number of employees within the Group was up again year on year and show that we employed 235 members of staff across our business, more than at any time in our history.

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### GROUP STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2019

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#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The management of the business and execution of the Group's strategy are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. The most prominent risk is reduced confidence resulting from customer uncertainty about future prospects for the UK economy and the impact of Brexit on agriculture, which at present seems unclear. The directors remain confident that these risks can continue to be mitigated by the Group's historic market presence and commitment to developing and expanding the Group's activities within and outside of the UK.

The Group is also subject to financial risks, these are managed through the use of financial instruments as detailed below:

#### *Credit Risk*

The Group is subject to credit risk. All customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures. Receivable balances are monitored on an on-going basis and provision is made for doubtful debts where necessary.

#### *Liquidity Risk*

The Group manages its cash and borrowing requirements centrally to maximise interest income and minimise interest expense, whilst ensuring that the Group has sufficient liquid resources to meet the operating needs to its business. The Group's principal financial instruments include various financial assets and liabilities arising directly from its operations.

#### *Price Risk*

The Group's main exposures to price risk arise from increases to purchase costs from principal suppliers. This risk is minimised as the Group actively monitors purchase prices to ensure procurement is made in the most cost effective manner.

#### *Currency Risk*

The Group's principal foreign currency exposures arise from trading overseas. This risk is managed by setting prices to their sterling equivalent to minimise large gains or losses on foreign exchange.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.



**B B Turner**  
Director

Date: 30/4/2019

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## BEN BURGESS HOLDINGS LIMITED

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### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2019

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The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2019.

#### Directors

The directors who served during the year were:

B B Turner  
J F Rupp  
P J Lockhart  
D G Fairman  
M J Fuller

#### Results and dividends

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £4,029,804 (2018 - £4,628,870).

A dividend has been paid of £292,588 in the year (2018 - £263,000), which represents a dividend in respect of the year to 31 January 2019 of £4.45 per share (2018 - £4.00 per share).

On 27 July 2018 the Company purchased 500 of its Ordinary shares for £20,000, leaving 65,250 Ordinary shares in issue.

#### Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the Group strategic report, the Directors' report and the consolidated 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 applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 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 the Group and of the profit or loss of the Group for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the Group's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping 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 the Group and to 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 the Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2019**

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**Charitable donations**

During the year the group made direct charitable donations of £12,554 (2018 - £9,223).

**Matters covered in the strategic report**

Information regarding the use of financial instruments and future developments is included in the Group strategic report.

**Disclosure of information to auditors**

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company and the Group's auditors are unaware, and
- the director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company and the Group's auditors are aware of that information.

**Post balance sheet events**

There have been no significant events affecting the Group since the year end.

**Auditors**

The auditors, Larking Gowen LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.



**A Wade**  
Secretary

Date: 30/4/2019

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## **BEN BURGESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

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### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BEN BURGESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

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#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Ben Burgess Holdings Limited (the 'parent Company') and its subsidiaries (the 'Group') for the year ended 31 January 2019, which comprise the Group Statement of income and retained earnings, the Group and Company Statements of financial position, the Group Statement of cash flows, the Group and Company Statement of changes in equity and the related notes, 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 Financial Reporting Standard 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 Group's and of the parent Company's affairs as at 31 January 2019 and of the Group's profit for the year 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Group's or the parent Company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.



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## **BEN BURGESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

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### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BEN BURGESS HOLDINGS LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

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#### **Other information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

#### **Opinion 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 Group strategic report and the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Group strategic report and the Directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Group and the parent Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Group strategic report or 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 by the parent Company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent Company 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.

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## BEN BURGESS HOLDINGS LIMITED

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BEN BURGESS HOLDINGS LIMITED (CONTINUED)

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#### Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement on page 3, 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 Group's and the parent 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 Group or the parent Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditors' 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 Auditors' 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 these financial statements.

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](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

#### Use of our 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 Auditors' 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.



Anders Rasmussen FCA (Senior statutory auditor)  
for and on behalf of

**Larking Gowen LLP**  
Chartered Accountants &  
Statutory Auditors

King Street House  
15 Upper King Street  
Norwich  
NR3 1RB

Date: 21/5/2019

**BEN BURGESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2019**

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
Turnover		94,948,864	91,706,478
Change in stocks		(3,813,632)	10,103,102
Other operating income	5	282,213	269,315
Raw materials and consumables		(71,154,627)	(82,664,185)
Other external charges		(4,392,927)	(3,658,983)
Staff costs		(8,469,779)	(8,367,249)
Depreciation and amortisation		(1,895,744)	(1,699,904)
Defecit on revaluation of investment properties		(184,800)	-
<b>Operating profit</b>	6	<b>5,319,568</b>	<b>5,688,574</b>
Interest receivable and similar income	10	28,490	44,481
Interest payable and expenses	11	(159,094)	(85,811)
<b>Profit before tax</b>		<b>5,188,964</b>	<b>5,647,244</b>
Tax on profit	12	(1,159,160)	(1,018,374)
<b>Profit after tax</b>		<b>4,029,804</b>	<b>4,628,870</b>

The notes on pages 18 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

**BEN BURGESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
**REGISTERED NUMBER: 04625134**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31 JANUARY 2019**

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	15	23,906,726	17,308,658
Investments	16	67	67
Investment property	17	4,625,369	4,810,169
		<u>28,532,162</u>	<u>22,118,894</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	18	29,361,977	33,031,438
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	19	7,962,895	8,655,432
Cash at bank and in hand	20	3,833,260	5,128,017
		<u>41,158,132</u>	<u>46,814,887</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	21	(20,045,454)	(23,089,621)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>21,112,678</u>	<u>23,725,266</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>49,644,840</u>	<u>45,844,160</u>
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>			
Deferred taxation	22	(652,942)	(569,978)
		<u>(652,942)</u>	<u>(569,978)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><u>48,991,898</u></u>	<u><u>45,274,182</u></u>

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**BEN BURGESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
**REGISTERED NUMBER: 04625134**


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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED)**  
**AS AT 31 JANUARY 2019**

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	Note	2019 £	2018 £
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	23	65,250	65,750
Capital redemption reserve	24	500	-
Profit and loss account	24	48,926,148	45,208,432
		<u>48,991,898</u>	<u>45,274,182</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:



**B B Turner**  
Director



**P J Lockhart**  
Director

Date: 30/4/2019

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**BEN BURGESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
**REGISTERED NUMBER: 04625134**

**COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31 JANUARY 2019**

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	15	12,692,244	9,394,164
Investments	16	17	17
Investment property	17	4,625,369	4,810,169
		<u>17,317,630</u>	<u>14,204,350</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	18	6,425	7,938
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19	6,000,000	6,000,000
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	19	14,061,466	12,089,303
Cash at bank and in hand	20	3,047,666	3,925,877
		<u>23,115,557</u>	<u>22,023,118</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	21	(1,296,563)	(870,475)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>21,818,994</u>	<u>21,152,643</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>39,136,624</u>	<u>35,356,993</u>
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>			
Deferred taxation	22	(183,124)	(172,224)
		<u>(183,124)</u>	<u>(172,224)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><u>38,953,500</u></u>	<u><u>35,184,769</u></u>

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**BEN BURGESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
**REGISTERED NUMBER: 04625134**

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**COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED)**  
**AS AT 31 JANUARY 2019**

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	Note	2019 £	2018 £
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	23	65,250	65,750
Capital redemption reserve	24	500	-
Profit and loss account	24	38,887,750	35,119,019
		<u>38,953,500</u>	<u>35,184,769</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:



**B B Turner**  
Director



**P J Lockhart**  
Director

Date:

30/4/2019

The notes on pages 18 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

**BEN BURGESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2019**

	Called up share capital £	Capital redemption reserve £	Profit and loss account £	Total equity £
<b>At 1 February 2017</b>	<b>65,750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,842,562</b>	<b>40,908,312</b>
<b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>				
Profit for the year	-	-	4,628,870	4,628,870
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,628,870</b>	<b>4,628,870</b>
Dividends: Equity capital	-	-	(263,000)	(263,000)
<b>Total transactions with owners</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(263,000)</b>	<b>(263,000)</b>
<b>At 1 February 2018</b>	<b>65,750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,208,432</b>	<b>45,274,182</b>
<b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>				
Profit for the year	-	-	4,029,804	4,029,804
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,029,804</b>	<b>4,029,804</b>
Dividends: Equity capital	-	-	(292,588)	(292,588)
Purchase of own shares	-	500	(19,500)	(19,000)
Shares cancelled during the year	(500)	-	-	(500)
<b>Total transactions with owners</b>	<b>(500)</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>(312,088)</b>	<b>(312,088)</b>
<b>At 31 January 2019</b>	<b>65,250</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>48,926,148</b>	<b>48,991,898</b>

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**BEN BURGESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2019**

	Called up share capital £	Capital redemption reserve £	Profit and loss account £	Total equity £
<b>At 1 February 2017</b>	65,750	-	31,100,437	31,166,187
<b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>				
Profit for the year	-	-	4,281,582	4,281,582
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	-	-	4,281,582	4,281,582
<b>Contributions by and distributions to owners</b>				
Dividends: Equity capital	-	-	(263,000)	(263,000)
<b>Total transactions with owners</b>	-	-	(263,000)	(263,000)
<b>At 1 February 2018</b>	65,750	-	35,119,019	35,184,769
<b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>				
Profit for the year	-	-	4,080,819	4,080,819
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	-	-	4,080,819	4,080,819
<b>Contributions by and distributions to owners</b>				
Dividends: Equity capital	-	-	(292,588)	(292,588)
Purchase of own shares	-	500	(19,500)	(19,000)
Shares cancelled during the year	(500)	-	-	(500)
<b>Total transactions with owners</b>	(500)	500	(312,088)	(312,088)
<b>At 31 January 2019</b>	65,250	500	38,887,750	38,953,500

The notes on pages 18 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

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**BEN BURGESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2019**

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	2019 £	2018 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Profit for the financial year	4,029,804	4,628,870
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation of tangible assets	1,895,744	1,739,484
Loss on disposal of tangible assets	(30,550)	(31,251)
Interest paid	159,094	85,811
Interest received	(28,490)	(44,481)
Taxation charge	1,159,160	1,018,374
(Increase) in stocks and assets on hire	(732,098)	(10,099,780)
Decrease in debtors	692,537	311,725
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(4,254,053)	6,262,299
Deficit on revaluation of investment properties	184,800	-
Corporation tax (paid)	(958,219)	(1,183,452)
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>2,117,729</b>	<b>2,687,599</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(4,180,593)	(3,789,205)
Sale of tangible fixed assets	119,390	86,603
Purchase of investment properties	-	(532,581)
Sale of current asset investments	-	750,000
Interest received	28,490	44,481
HP interest paid	(12,387)	(1,964)
<b>Net cash from investing activities</b>	<b>(4,045,100)</b>	<b>(3,442,666)</b>

**BEN BURGESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2019**

	2019 £	2018 £
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Purchase of ordinary shares	(20,000)	-
Repayment of loans	(358,500)	(478,000)
Repayment of/new finance leases	1,450,409	1,500,665
Dividends paid	(292,588)	(263,000)
Interest paid	(146,707)	(83,847)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>632,614</b>	<b>675,818</b>
<b>Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(1,294,757)</b>	<b>(79,249)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	5,128,017	5,207,266
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year</b>	<b>3,833,260</b>	<b>5,128,017</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year comprise:</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	3,833,260	5,128,017
	<b>3,833,260</b>	<b>5,128,017</b>

The notes on pages 18 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

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**CONSOLIDATED ANALYSIS OF NET DEBT  
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	At 1 February 2018 £	Cash flows £	At 31 January 2019 £
Cash at bank and in hand	5,128,017	(1,294,757)	3,833,260
Debt due within 1 year	(358,500)	358,500	-
Finance leases	(2,643,314)	(1,450,409)	(4,093,723)
	<u>2,126,203</u>	<u>(2,386,666)</u>	<u>(260,463)</u>

The notes on pages 18 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2019

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#### 1. General information

Ben Burgess Holdings Limited is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales, registration number 04625134. The registered office is Central Square South, Orchard Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 3XX.

#### 2. Accounting policies

##### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are presented in GBP Sterling and rounded to the nearest £.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires Group management to exercise judgment in applying the Group's accounting policies (see note 3).

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of income and retained earnings in these financial statements.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

##### 2.2 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements present the results of the Company and its own subsidiaries ("the Group") as if they form a single entity. Intercompany transactions and balances between Group companies are therefore eliminated in full.

##### 2.3 Turnover

Turnover is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the turnover can be reliably measured. Turnover is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes.

Turnover from the sale of wholegoods and parts is recognised on despatch or collection by the customer. Bonuses and other incentives receivable from manufacturers are recognised in the period to which they relate provided they can be estimated with reasonable certainty.

Turnover from hire agreements is recognised on a straight line basis over the course of the agreement.

Turnover from maintenance work is recognised on completion of the respective job.

Rent, management charges and commissions receivable are recognised in the period to which they relate.

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#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.4 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

The Group adds to the carrying amount of an item of fixed assets the cost of replacing part of such an item when that cost is incurred, if the replacement part is expected to provide incremental future benefits to the Group. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. Repairs and maintenance are charged to the Consolidated statement of income and retained earnings during the period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets, less their residual value, over their estimated useful lives.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold property	- 2% straight line
Long-term leasehold property	- over lease term
Plant and machinery	- 10-33% straight line
Motor vehicles	- 20% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	- 10-33% straight line
Plant hire assets	- 70-80% of hire income

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised within administrative expenses in the Consolidated statement of income and retained earnings.

Assets on hire are transferred into fixed assets at the lower of cost or net realisable value when they have been on hire for greater than 6 months.

##### 2.5 Investment property

Investment properties are measured at fair value annually by the directors based on historical 3rd party valuations and current market data, with any change recognised in the Consolidated statement of income and retained earnings.

##### 2.6 Valuation of investments

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less accumulated impairment.

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#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued on a basis consistent with previous years as follows:

Machinery and equipment stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value;

Spare stocks are valued at the lower of bulk purchase price and net realisable value;

Manufactured stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of prime cost and net realisable value.

At each reporting date, stocks are assessed for impairment. If stock is impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell. The impairment loss is recognised immediately in the Consolidated statement of income and retained earnings.

##### 2.8 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

##### 2.9 Financial instruments

The Group only enters into basic financial transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors.

Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade creditors or trade debtors, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration, expected to be paid or received. However if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially, at the present value of the future cash flow discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost. An example of a financing transaction is the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not market rate or in case of an outright short-term loan not at market rate.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Consolidated statement of income and retained earnings.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

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#### **2. Accounting policies (continued)**

##### **2.10 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.

In the Consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Group's cash management.

##### **2.11 Short term investments**

Short term investments consist of deposits with financial institutions that mature in more than three months and less than twelve months.

##### **2.12 Creditors**

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **2.13 Foreign currency translation**

###### **Functional currency and presentation currency**

The financial statements are presented in the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (its functional currency). For the purpose of the financial statements, the results and financial position are presented in Sterling (£).

###### **Transactions and balances**

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency are recognised at the spot rate on the dates of the transactions, or at an average rate where this rate approximates to the actual rate at the date of the transaction. At the end of each reporting period, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated.

Exchange differences are recognised in the Consolidated statement of income and retained earnings in the period in which they arise.

##### **2.14 Finance costs**

Finance costs are charged to the Consolidated statement of income and retained earnings over the term of the debt using the effective interest method so that the amount charged is a constant rate on the carrying amount.

##### **2.15 Dividends**

Equity dividends are recognised when they become legally payable. Interim equity dividends are recognised when paid. Final equity dividends are recognised when approved by the shareholders at an annual general meeting.



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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2019

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#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.16 Operating leases: the Group as lessor

Rentals receivable under operating leases are recognised in the Consolidated statement of income and retained earnings on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

##### 2.17 Leased assets: the Group as lessee

Where assets are financed by leasing agreements that give rights approximating to ownership (finance leases), the assets are treated as if they had been purchased outright. The amount capitalised is the present value of the minimum lease payments payable over the term of the lease. The corresponding leasing commitments are shown as amounts payable to the lessor. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged to the Consolidated statement of income and retained earnings over the shorter of estimated useful economic life and the term of the lease.

Lease payments are analysed between capital and interest components so that the interest element of the payment is charged to Consolidated statement of income and retained earnings over the term of the lease and is calculated so that it represents a constant proportion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding. The capital part reduces the amounts payable to the lessor.

##### 2.18 Pensions

###### Defined contribution pension plan

The Group operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Group pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Group has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in the Consolidated statement of income and retained earnings when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Statement of financial position. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Group in independently administered funds.

##### 2.19 Holiday pay accrual

A liability is recognised to the extent of any unused holiday pay entitlement which is accrued at the Statement of financial position date and carried forward to future periods. This is measured at the undiscounted salary cost of the future holiday entitlement so accrued at the Statement of financial position date.

##### 2.20 Interest income

Interest income is recognised in the Consolidated statement of income and retained earnings using the effective interest method.

##### 2.21 Borrowing costs

All borrowing costs are recognised in the Consolidated statement of income and retained earnings in the year in which they are incurred.

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#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.22 Current and deferred taxation

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the Consolidated statement of income and retained earnings, except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the Company and the Group operate and generate income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the Statement of financial position date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits;
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met; and
- Where they relate to timing differences in respect of interests in subsidiaries, associates, branches and joint ventures and the Group can control the reversal of the timing differences and such reversal is not considered probable in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax balances are not recognised in respect of permanent differences except in respect of business combinations, when deferred tax is recognised on the differences between the fair values of assets acquired and the future tax deductions available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

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#### 3. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Preparation of the financial statements requires management to make significant judgements and estimates. The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

##### **Stocks**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, being the estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is based on the cost of purchase on a first in, first out basis.

At each reporting date, stocks are assessed for impairment. If stock is impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell. The impairment loss is recognised immediately in the Consolidated statement of income and retained earnings. Stock is valued at £29,361,977 (2018 - £33,031,438).

##### **Provisions**

The Group has recognised provisions for impairment of stock, impairment of debtors, post year-end credit notes and returns in respect of turnover in its financial statements which require management to make judgements. The judgements, estimates and associated assumptions necessary to calculate these provisions are based on historical experience and other reasonable factors.

##### **Impairment of debtors**

The Group makes an estimate of the recoverable value of trade and other debtors. When assessing impairment of trade and other debtors, management considers factors including the current credit rating of the debtor, the ageing profile of debtors and historical experience. See note 19 for the net carrying amount of the debtors and associated impairment provision.

##### **Useful economic lives of tangible assets**

The annual depreciation charge for tangible assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are re-assessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets. See note 15 for the carrying amount of the property plant and equipment, and note 2.4 for the useful economic lives for each class of assets.

##### **Investment properties**

Investment properties are measured at fair value annually by the directors based on historical 3rd party valuations and current market data, with any change recognised in the Consolidated statement of income and retained earnings.

#### 4. Turnover

The whole of the turnover is attributable to the principal activities of the Group, namely from the supply, maintenance and hire of agricultural, construction and grounds care equipment and the manufacture of sheet metal work. The majority of turnover arose within the European Union.

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**5. Other operating income**

	2019 £	2018 £
Net rents receivable	131,514	125,863
Sundry income	29,655	26,647
Commissions receivable	121,044	116,805
	<u>282,213</u>	<u>269,315</u>

**6. Operating profit**

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	2019 £	2018 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets owned by the group	1,666,671	1,535,970
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets held under finance lease	229,073	203,514
(Profit) on disposal of assets	(30,100)	(31,251)
Other operating lease rentals	42,135	43,288
Defined contribution pension cost	421,410	374,323
	<u>421,410</u>	<u>374,323</u>

**7. Auditors' remuneration**

	2019 £	2018 £
Fees payable to the Group's auditor and its associates for the audit of the Group's annual financial statements	6,600	6,400
	<u>6,600</u>	<u>6,400</u>

**Fees payable to the Group's auditor and its associates in respect of:**

The auditing of accounts of subsidiaries of the Group pursuant to legislation	25,770	25,170
Taxation compliance services	4,380	3,780
	<u>30,150</u>	<u>28,950</u>

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**8. Employees**

Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows:

	<b>Group 2019 £</b>	<b>Group 2018 £</b>	<b>Company 2019 £</b>	<b>Company 2018 £</b>
Wages and salaries	<b>7,295,979</b>	7,280,753	<b>986,781</b>	958,084
Social security costs	<b>752,390</b>	712,173	<b>117,040</b>	125,416
Cost of defined contribution scheme	<b>421,410</b>	374,323	<b>72,936</b>	81,030
	<b><u>8,469,779</u></b>	<u>8,367,249</u>	<b><u>1,176,757</u></b>	<u>1,164,530</u>

The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the year was as follows:

	<b>2019 No.</b>	<b>2018 No.</b>
Workshop and stores	<b>158</b>	151
Administration and management	<b>77</b>	74
	<b><u>235</u></b>	<u>225</u>

**9. Directors' remuneration**

Key management is considered to be the directors. The employment costs of key management, being director's remuneration, are as follows:

	<b>2019 £</b>	<b>2018 £</b>
Directors' emoluments	<b>718,978</b>	706,567
Company contributions to defined contribution pension schemes	<b>30,831</b>	68,031
	<b><u>749,809</u></b>	<u>774,598</u>

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 5 directors (2018 - 5) in respect of defined contribution pension schemes.

The highest paid director received remuneration of £200,715 (2018 - £205,675).

The value of the company's contributions paid to a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of the highest paid director amounted to £4,568 (2018 - £6,482).

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**10. Interest receivable**

	2019 £	2018 £
Other interest receivable	28,490	44,481

**11. Interest payable and similar expenses**

	2019 £	2018 £
Bank interest payable	139,085	83,585
Other loan interest payable	7,622	262
Finance leases and hire purchase contracts	12,387	1,964
	<u>159,094</u>	<u>85,811</u>

**12. Taxation**

	2019 £	2018 £
<b>Corporation tax</b>		
Current tax on profits for the year	1,088,710	1,162,427
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	(12,514)	-
<b>Total current tax</b>	<u>1,076,196</u>	<u>1,162,427</u>
<b>Deferred tax</b>		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	82,964	(144,053)
<b>Total deferred tax</b>	<u>82,964</u>	<u>(144,053)</u>
<b>Taxation on profit on ordinary activities</b>	<u>1,159,160</u>	<u>1,018,374</u>

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**12. Taxation (continued)****Factors affecting tax charge for the year**

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2018 - *lower than*) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2018 - 19.17%). The differences are explained below:

	2019 £	2018 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	<u>5,188,964</u>	<u>5,647,244</u>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2018 - 19.17%)	985,903	1,082,577
<b>Effects of:</b>		
Non-tax deductible expenses	54,688	3,360
Fixed asset differences	14,345	1,933
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	(12,514)	-
Short term timing difference leading to an increase (decrease) in taxation	46,241	(66,407)
Other differences leading to an increase (decrease) in taxation	70,497	(3,089)
<b>Total tax charge for the year</b>	<u>1,159,160</u>	<u>1,018,374</u>

**Factors that may affect future tax charges**

There were no material factors that may affect future tax charges.

**13. Dividends**

	2019 £	2018 £
Dividends paid to shareholders	292,588	263,000
	<u>292,588</u>	<u>263,000</u>

The dividend paid of £292,588 in the year (2018 - £263,000), represents a dividend in respect of the year to 31 January 2019 of £4.45 per share (2018 - £4.00 per share).

**14. Parent company profit for the year**

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of income and retained earnings in these financial statements. The profit after tax of the parent Company for the year was £4,080,819 (2018 - £4,281,582).

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15. Tangible fixed assets

Group

	Freehold property £	Long-term leasehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Assets under construction £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>							
At 1 February 2018	8,647,723	72,304	9,920,403	2,183,913	1,022,179	834,652	22,681,174
Additions	329,853	-	898,084	661,525	63,637	2,227,494	4,180,593
Transfers from stock	-	-	8,764,811	-	-	-	8,764,811
Disposals	-	-	(113,597)	(216,307)	-	-	(329,904)
Transfers to stock	-	-	(5,353,538)	-	-	-	(5,353,538)
Transfers between classes	3,039,319	-	22,827	-	-	(3,062,146)	-
At 31 January 2019	12,016,895	72,304	14,138,990	2,629,131	1,085,816	-	29,943,136
<b>Depreciation</b>							
At 1 February 2018	370,570	28,531	2,747,848	1,301,951	923,616	-	5,372,516
Charge for the year on owned assets	74,413	-	1,376,717	372,426	72,188	-	1,895,744
Disposals	-	-	(42,385)	(198,679)	-	-	(241,064)
Transfers to stock	-	-	(990,786)	-	-	-	(990,786)
At 31 January 2019	444,983	28,531	3,091,394	1,475,698	995,804	-	6,036,410



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**15. Tangible fixed assets (continued)**

**Net book value**

At 31 January 2019	<u>11,571,912</u>	<u>43,773</u>	<u>11,047,596</u>	<u>1,153,433</u>	<u>90,012</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,906,726</u>
At 31 January 2018	<u>8,277,153</u>	<u>43,773</u>	<u>7,172,555</u>	<u>881,962</u>	<u>98,563</u>	<u>834,652</u>	<u>17,308,658</u>

The net book value of assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts, included above, are as follows:

	2019 £	2018 £
Plant and machinery	<u>3,113,965</u>	<u>1,307,893</u>
	<u>3,113,965</u>	<u>1,307,893</u>

Included in plant and machinery is cost of £11,567,637 (2018 - £8,156,365) and accumulated depreciation of £1,819,069 (2018 - £1,501,136) relating to assets on operating leases. Income received from operating leases is £3,617,883 (2018 - £3,205,630).

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15. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Company

	Freehold property £	Long-term leasehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Assets under construction £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>							
At 1 February 2018	8,647,723	72,304	178,733	153,148	463,344	834,652	10,349,904
Additions	329,853	-	835,743	31,674	24,777	2,227,494	3,449,541
Disposals	-	-	-	(27,405)	-	-	(27,405)
Transfers between classes	3,039,319	-	22,827	-	-	(3,062,146)	-
At 31 January 2019	12,016,895	72,304	1,037,303	157,417	488,121	-	13,772,040
<b>Depreciation</b>							
At 1 February 2018	370,570	28,531	39,822	79,966	436,851	-	955,740
Charge for the year on owned assets	74,413	-	2,801	27,787	46,460	-	151,461
Disposals	-	-	-	(27,405)	-	-	(27,405)
At 31 January 2019	444,983	28,531	42,623	80,348	483,311	-	1,079,796

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15. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Net book value

At 31 January 2019	<u>11,571,912</u>	<u>43,773</u>	<u>994,680</u>	<u>77,069</u>	<u>4,810</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,692,244</u>
At 31 January 2018	<u>8,277,153</u>	<u>43,773</u>	<u>138,911</u>	<u>73,182</u>	<u>26,493</u>	<u>834,652</u>	<u>9,394,164</u>

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**16. Fixed asset investments**

**Group**

	Investments in subsidiary companies £	Unlisted investments £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 February 2018	20	50	70
At 31 January 2019	20	50	70
<b>Impairment</b>			
At 1 February 2018	3	-	3
At 31 January 2019	3	-	3
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 January 2019	17	50	67
At 31 January 2018	17	50	67

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**16. Fixed asset investments (continued)**

**Company**

	<b>Investments in subsidiary companies £</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 February 2018	17
At 31 January 2019	17

**Subsidiary undertakings**

The Group holds 100% of the ordinary share capital of the following companies, all of whom are incorporated in England and are dormant, except for Ben Burgess & Co Limited, whose principal activity is the supply, maintenance and hire of agricultural and grounds care equipment.

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the Company:

- Ben Burgess & Co Limited
- BB Risk Services Limited
- Greencrop Pumps Limited
- Greencrop Irrigation Limited
- BB Finance Limited
- Ben Burgess Newmarket Limited
- Anker of Coates Limited
- Anker of Coates (Ellington) Limited
- Ben Burgess Coates Limited
- Ben Burgess Ellington Limited
- Ben Burgess Norwich Limited
- Ben Burgess Aylsham Limited
- Thomas Wilch and High Limited
- Ben Burgess Beeston Limited
- Ben Burgess Garden Equipment Limited
- FC Walker Limited
- Ben Burgess Groundscare Equipment Limited

The registered office for all subsidiary undertakings is the same as Ben Burgess Holdings Limited.

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**17. Investment property**

**Group and Company**

	Freehold investment property £
<b>Valuation</b>	
At 1 February 2018	4,810,169
Defecit on revaluation	(184,800)
<b>At 31 January 2019</b>	<b>4,625,369</b>

The 2019 valuations were made by the directors, on an open market value for existing use basis.

If the Investment properties had been accounted for under the historic cost accounting rules, the properties would have been measured as follows:

	2019 £	2018 £
Historic cost	<b>3,446,782</b>	3,446,782

**18. Stocks**

	Group 2019 £	Group 2018 £	Company 2019 £	Company 2018 £
Raw materials and consumables	3,795,560	3,651,548	6,425	7,938
Work in progress	101,421	121,592	-	-
Finished goods and goods for resale	25,464,996	29,258,298	-	-
	<b>29,361,977</b>	33,031,438	<b>6,425</b>	7,938

Included within this figure is an impairment loss of £738,350 (2018 - £789,861) which was recognised against stock during the year due to slow-moving and obsolete stock.

Included within the stock figure above is stock held under hire purchase contracts valued at £917,042 (2018 - £1,287,651).

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**19. Debtors**

	<b>Group 2019 £</b>	<b>Group 2018 £</b>	<b>Company 2019 £</b>	<b>Company 2018 £</b>
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	6,000,000	6,000,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>
	<b>Group 2019 £</b>	<b>Group 2018 £</b>	<b>Company 2019 £</b>	<b>Company 2018 £</b>
Trade debtors	6,281,871	5,413,361	28,725	31,971
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	13,603,583	11,392,279
Other debtors	391,556	659,682	7,000	345,738
Prepayments and accrued income	1,289,468	2,582,389	422,158	319,315
	<u>7,962,895</u>	<u>8,655,432</u>	<u>14,061,466</u>	<u>12,089,303</u>

An impairment loss of £30,115 (2018 - credit of £245) was recognised against trade debtors.

Included in the amounts owed from Group undertakings is an amount for £19,603,583 (2018 - £17,392,279) owed to Ben Burgess Holdings Limited which is secured by a debenture dated 18 September 2008 over all the company's assets and liabilities. £6,000,000 (2018 - £6,000,000) of this amount has been included within debtors falling due after more than one year. Interest is charged to Ben Burgess & Co Limited on the amount due after more than one year at a market rate of interest as determined by the bank base rate plus an appropriate percentage, currently resulting in a total interest rate of 2.78% (2018 - 2.46%).

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**20. Cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>Group 2019 £</b>	<i>Group 2018 £</i>	<b>Company 2019 £</b>	<i>Company 2018 £</i>
Cash at bank and in hand	3,833,260	5,128,017	3,047,666	3,925,877
	<u>3,833,260</u>	<u>5,128,017</u>	<u>3,047,666</u>	<u>3,925,877</u>

**21. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>Group 2019 £</b>	<i>Group 2018 £</i>	<b>Company 2019 £</b>	<i>Company 2018 £</i>
Bank loans	-	358,500	-	358,500
Trade creditors	9,095,925	13,882,763	56,819	146,447
Corporation tax	215,762	97,785	215,762	97,785
Other taxation and social security	1,223,462	432,620	924,480	163,578
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	4,093,723	2,643,314	-	-
Other creditors	702,463	861,856	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	4,714,119	4,812,783	99,502	104,165
	<u>20,045,454</u>	<u>23,089,621</u>	<u>1,296,563</u>	<u>870,475</u>

Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts are secured by fixed charges on the assets concerned.

The bank loan was secured over selected properties owned by Ben Burgess Holdings Limited.

**22. Deferred taxation**

**Group**

	<b>2019 £</b>	<i>2018 £</i>
At beginning of year	(569,978)	(714,031)
Charged to statement of income and retained earnings	(82,964)	144,053
<b>At end of year</b>	<u>(652,942)</u>	<u>(569,978)</u>



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**22. Deferred taxation (continued)**

**Company**

	2019 £	2018 £
At beginning of year	(172,224)	(261,180)
Charged to statement of income and retained earnings	(10,900)	88,956
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>(183,124)</b>	<b>(172,224)</b>

The provision for deferred taxation is made up as follows:

	Group 2019 £	Group 2018 £	Company 2019 £	Company 2018 £
Other short term timing differences	(652,942)	(569,978)	(183,124)	(172,224)
	<b>(652,942)</b>	<b>(569,978)</b>	<b>(183,124)</b>	<b>(172,224)</b>

The amount of the net reversal of deferred tax expected to occur next year is £56,748 (2018 - (£47,218)), relating to the reversal of existing timing differences on tangible fixed assets.

**23. Share capital**

	2019 £	2018 £
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
65,250 (2018 - 65,750) Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	<b>65,250</b>	<b>65,750</b>

**24. Reserves**

**Capital redemption reserve**

The capital redemption reserve represents the nominal value of shares purchased and cancelled.

**Profit and loss account**

The profit and loss account includes all current and prior period retained profit and losses.

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**25. Contingent liabilities**

The Company has provided a guarantee of £5 million as part of a cross guarantee in relation to the banking arrangements of the subsidiary undertaking Ben Burgess & Co Limited.

**26. Capital commitments**

At 31 January 2019 the Group and Company had capital commitments as follows:

	<b>Group 2019 £</b>	<b>Group 2018 £</b>	<b>Company 2019 £</b>	<b>Company 2018 £</b>
Contracted for but not provided in these financial statements	-	(1,600,000)	-	(1,600,000)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,600,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,600,000)</u>

**27. Pension commitments**

The Group operates a defined contribution pension plan. The assets of the plan are held separately from those of the Group in independently administered funds. The pension cost charges represent contributions payable by the Group to the plan and amounted to £421,410 (2018 - £374,323).

Contributions totaling £nil (2018 - £nil) were payable to the fund at the Statement of financial position date and are included in creditors.

**28. Related party transactions**

	<b>2019 £</b>	<b>2019 £</b>
Sales to a partnership in which directors have an interest	60,947	61,742
Rent charged to a partnership in which directors have an interest	9,624	9,624
Amounts owing by a partnership in which directors have an interest	10,187	4,866
Subcontractor expenses from business in which directors have an interest	(2,024)	(16,603)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Amounts owed by the partnership in which directors have an interest are unsecured and repayable on demand.

**29. Controlling party**

There is no ultimate controlling party.