

**ARBORICULTURAL ASSOCIATION TRADING LIMITED**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

## **ARBORICULTURAL ASSOCIATION TRADING LIMITED**

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**ARBORICULTURAL ASSOCIATION TRADING LIMITED**

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

<b>Directors</b>	M Ryan P Barton H Bhula J Parker
<b>Registered office</b>	The Malthouse Stroud Green Standish Stonehouse GL10 3DL
<b>Auditors</b>	Hazlewoods LLP Staverton Court Staverton Cheltenham GL51 0UX

**ARBORICULTURAL ASSOCIATION TRADING LIMITED**

**DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Directors of the company**

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

- M Ryan
- P Barton
- H Bhula
- J Parker

**Principal activity**

The principal activity of the company is the assessment of Registered Consultants and Approved Contractors for inclusion into The Arboricultural Association's Directories.

**Charitable donations**

During the year the company made donations of £26,391 (2022 - £69,706). All donations were made to The Arboricultural Association.

**Going concern**

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and have continued to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies in the financial statements.

**Disclosure of information to the auditors**

Each director has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information. The directors confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditors are unaware.

**Small companies provision statement**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

28/5/2024

Approved by the Board on ..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
J Parker  
Director

## **ARBORICULTURAL ASSOCIATION TRADING LIMITED**

### **STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for preparing the Annual 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 profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and 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.

## **ARBORICULTURAL ASSOCIATION TRADING LIMITED**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ARBORICULTURAL ASSOCIATION TRADING LIMITED**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Arboricultural Association Trading Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet, 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 Section 1A '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 December 2023 and of its 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 auditor 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 director's 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 original financial statements were 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 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 auditor's 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 matter 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.

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

In the light of our 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 where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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- 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' exemptions in preparing the Directors' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

#### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out 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 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 these financial statements.

#### *Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud*

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

We considered the nature of the company's industry and its control environment and reviewed the company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the company operates in and identified the key laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, including the UK Companies Act and tax legislation, and, those that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

We discussed among the audit engagement team regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgments made in accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatements due to fraud;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and

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- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities is available 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 auditor's 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 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.



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Felicity Sang (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of Hazlewoods LLP, Statutory Auditor

Staverton Court  
Staverton  
Cheltenham  
GL51 0UX

Date: 30/05/2024.....



**ARBORICULTURAL ASSOCIATION TRADING LIMITED****PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<b>2023</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>£</b>
Turnover	385,988	401,299
Cost of sales	<u>(169,799)</u>	<u>(177,174)</u>
Gross profit	216,189	224,125
Administrative expenses	<u>(189,798)</u>	<u>(154,419)</u>
Profit before tax	26,391	69,706
Taxation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Profit for the financial year	<u><u>26,391</u></u>	<u><u>69,706</u></u>

The above results were derived from continuing operations.

The company has no other comprehensive income for the year.

**ARBORICULTURAL ASSOCIATION TRADING LIMITED****(REGISTRATION NUMBER: 05180170)  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	6	17,736	26,171
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>112,986</u>	<u>100,068</u>
		130,722	126,239
<b>Creditors:</b> Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(125,812)</u>	<u>(121,329)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><u>4,910</u></u>	<u><u>4,910</u></u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital		1	1
Profit and loss account		<u>4,909</u>	<u>4,909</u>
Shareholders' funds		<u><u>4,910</u></u>	<u><u>4,910</u></u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved and authorised by the Board on <sup>28/5/2024</sup> ..... and signed on its behalf by:



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J Parker  
Director

**ARBORICULTURAL ASSOCIATION TRADING LIMITED****STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<b>Share capital</b>	<b>Profit and loss</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>account</b>	<b>£</b>
		<b>£</b>	
At 1 January 2022	1	4,909	4,910
Profit for the year	-	69,706	69,706
Gift Aid Donations	-	(69,706)	(69,706)
	<u>1</u>	<u>4,909</u>	<u>4,910</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>1</u>	<u>4,909</u>	<u>4,910</u>

	<b>Share capital</b>	<b>Profit and loss</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>account</b>	<b>£</b>
		<b>£</b>	
At 1 January 2023	1	4,909	4,910
Profit for the year	-	26,391	26,391
Gift Aid Donations	-	(26,391)	(26,391)
	<u>1</u>	<u>4,909</u>	<u>4,910</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1</u>	<u>4,909</u>	<u>4,910</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### 1 General information

The company is a private company limited by share capital, incorporated in England & Wales.

The address of its registered office is:

The Malthouse  
Stroud Green  
Standish  
Stonehouse  
GL10 3DL

#### 2 Accounting policies

##### Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

##### Statement of compliance

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' Section 1A Small Entities.

##### Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention.

The presentational currency of the financial statements is Pounds Sterling, being the functional currency of the primary economic environment in which the company operates. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest Pound.

##### Name of parent of group

These financial statements are consolidated in the financial statements of The Arboricultural Association.

The financial statements of The Arboricultural Association may be obtained from the charity's registered office.

##### Going concern

After reviewing the Group's forecasts and projections, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Company therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

##### Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

##### Judgements

No significant judgements have been made by management in preparing these financial statements.

##### Key sources of estimation uncertainty

No key sources of estimation uncertainty have been identified by management in preparing these financial statements other than those detailed in these accounting policies.

##### Revenue recognition

Turnover comprises the fair value of the consideration receivable for the provision of services in the ordinary course of the Company's activities. Turnover is shown net of value added tax, returns, rebates and discounts. The Company recognises revenue when: the amount of revenue can be reliably measured; it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity; and specific criteria have been met for each of the Company's activities.

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### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits.

#### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business. Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price and are subsequently measured at amortised cost, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the Company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### **Trade creditors**

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the Company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

#### **Share capital**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity and are measured at the fair value of the cash received, net of direct costs of issue.

#### **Gift Aid Donations**

Gift Aid donations to the company's charitable parent company are recognised as a liability in the financial statements in the reporting period in which the gift aid donation is agreed by a deed of covenant.

Gift Aid donations are recognised as distributions and presented in the Statement of Changes in Equity.

#### **Financial instruments**

##### ***Classification***

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities. Where shares are issued, any component that creates a financial liability of the company is presented as a liability on the balance sheet. The corresponding dividends relating to the liability component are charged as interest expenses in the profit and loss account.

##### ***Recognition and measurement***

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the balance sheet when, and only when, there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the company intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

**ARBORICULTURAL ASSOCIATION TRADING LIMITED****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023****Impairment**

Assets, other than those measured at fair value, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss as described below.

**Non-financial assets:**

An asset is impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after initial recognition, the estimated recoverable value of the asset has been reduced. The recoverable amount of an asset is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

Where indicators exist for a decrease in impairment loss, the prior impairment loss is tested to determine reversal. An impairment loss is reversed on an individual impaired asset to the extent that the revised recoverable value does not lead to a revised carrying amount higher than the carrying value had no impairment been recognised.

**Financial assets:**

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of an impairment is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate.

For financial assets carried at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the best estimate of the amount that would be received for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Where indicators exist for a decrease in impairment loss, and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the prior impairment loss is tested to determine reversal. An impairment loss is reversed on an individual impaired financial asset to the extent that the revised recoverable value does not lead to a revised carrying amount higher than the carrying value had no impairment been recognised.

**3 Staff numbers**

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year, was 4 (2022 - 4).

**4 Auditors' remuneration**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Audit of the financial statements	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>

**5 Taxation**

As the company has no taxable profit, no tax was payable in the current or prior year.

**6 Debtors**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Trade debtors	<u>17,736</u>	<u>26,171</u>

**ARBORICULTURAL ASSOCIATION TRADING LIMITED****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023****7 Creditors**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Trade creditors	25,559	21,575
Amounts due to parent entity	80,566	78,458
Accrued expenses	2,971	2,971
Deferred income	16,716	18,325
	<u>125,812</u>	<u>121,329</u>

**8 Share capital****Allotted, called up and fully paid shares**

	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>£</b>
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

**9 Related party transactions**

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from disclosing transactions with other members of the group.

**10 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking**

The company's immediate and ultimate parent is The Arboricultural Association, incorporated in England and Wales.