

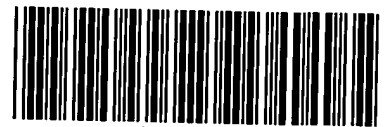
A.E.Burgess & Sons,Limited

Registered number: 00373335

Annual report and financial statements

For the year ended 30 September 2024

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A.E.BURGESS & SONS,LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors	N V Burgess S V Burgess R Gundle
Company secretary	J Burgess
Registered number	00373335
Registered office	Ulverscroft Road Leicester LE4 6BY
Independent auditor	Forvis Mazars LLP Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor 6 Dominus Way Meridian Business Park Leicester LE19 1RP

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**STRATEGIC REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Introduction

The Directors present their strategic report for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the Company during the year continued to be that of the dealing in ferrous metals, skip hire and waste management.

Business review

The Board aim to present a balanced and comprehensive review of the development and performance of the business during the year and its position at the end of the year. Our review is appropriate and consistent with the size and nature of our business and is written in the context of the risks we face.

We consider our key financial performance indicators are those which communicate the financial performance of and strength of the Company as a whole being turnover, profitability and capital resources.

During the year, the Company's turnover and underlying business levels were in line with the previous year. The Board continued to review and maintain tight oversight on its controllable costs, whilst not adversely impacting the strategic capability and direction of the business, or its ability to scale up in production, as and when required. This approach successfully ensured profitability at gross margin level marginally increased in the year under review at c11%. Trading profits during FY24 remained broadly in line with the previous period but have been impacted by the ongoing strong macro-economic inflationary headwinds in the UK across all categories of inputs, but particularly in labour and energy.

The Board are pleased to report that underlying business levels and profitability have remained buoyant since the year end.

Continued control of costs, careful purchasing and cashflow management combined with a detailed ongoing assessment and review of the plant, equipment and machinery used within the business are anticipated to ensure the Company remains profitable, particularly as the Board expect continued strong pricing competition in its markets for the foreseeable future.

The performance in the year, despite the tough economic backdrop, has delivered acceptable trading returns, which the Board are pleased to report, particularly with the difficult prevailing conditions.

Shareholders' retained funds continued to remain strong at the year end and cash generation from trading activities continues to be exceptionally positive.

The business environment in which the Company operates remains competitive. Any plans for future development of the business may be subject to unforeseen events outside our control. The Board will therefore continue to closely assess their markets on an ongoing basis, be flexible and respond to market conditions and opportunities as they arise. The Directors remain optimistic of the options available to the business despite this prolonged challenging economic landscape, and are confident of the business going forwards.

**STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Going concern

Having carefully reviewed its forecasts, the Directors consider the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. As a result, the Directors continue to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

Principal risks and uncertainties

As with all businesses, the Company is exposed to a number of principal risks affecting its operational and financial performance.

Commodity prices

The nature of the Company's operations results in exposure to fluctuations in the commodities markets. The Company's operational procedures, and the short turnaround of the Company's stock holding, mitigate the Company's overall exposure to these risks.

Financial risks management objectives and policies

The business' principal financial instruments comprise bank balances, bank overdraft and other loans, trade debtors and trade creditors. The main purpose of these instruments is to finance the business operations. In respect of bank balances the liquidity risk is managed by maintaining a balance between the continuity of funding and flexibility through the use of overdrafts and other loan facilities. All of the business' cash balances are held in such a way that achieves a competitive rate of interest.

Trade debtors are managed in respect of credit and cashflow risk by policies concerning the credit offered to customers and the regular monitoring of amounts outstanding for both time and credit limits. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful debtors.

Trade creditors' liquidity risk is managed by ensuring sufficient funds are available to meet amounts due.

Legislative changes

Due to the highly regulative industry in which the Company operates, there remains a susceptibility to the continuing changes in policies, both in terms of operational practices and also the financial consequences of changes in rates and charges (e.g. landfill tax, tipping charges, etc.). The Company's management are constantly monitoring these legislative changes in order to ensure compliance with all relevant regulations and to maximise cost efficiencies.

Competitive market

The ongoing success of the Company relies on management's ability to actively meet customers' needs, to retain its reputation within the market, and to sustain competitive price structures.

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



STEVEN BURGESS (Sep 11, 2025 16:13:37 GMT+1)

S V Burgess
Director

Date: 11/09/2025

**DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Directors' responsibilities statement

The Directors are responsible for preparing the strategic report, 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 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 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 for the Company's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements 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 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 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 hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Results and dividends

The loss for the year, after taxation, amounted to £232,399 (2023 - £787,585).

Particulars of dividends paid are detailed in the notes to the financial statements.

Directors

The Directors who served during the year were:

N V Burgess
S V Burgess
R Gundle

**DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Economic impact of global events

UK businesses are currently facing many uncertainties such as the consequences of Brexit, environmental sustainability and geopolitical events such as the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the conflict in the Middle East. These uncertainties have contributed to an environment where there exists a range of issues and risks, including inflation, rising interest rates, labour shortages, disrupted supply chains and new ways of working.

The Directors have carried out an assessment of the potential impact of these uncertainties on the business, including the impact of mitigation measures, and have concluded that these are non-adjusting events with the greatest impact on the business expected to be from the economic ripple effect on the global economy. The Directors have taken account of these potential impacts in their going concern assessment.

A.E. Burgess & Sons,Limited continues to work with its partners to minimise any impacts of these events and maximise the realisation of any opportunities they may provide to the business.

Matters covered in the strategic report

As permitted by Paragraph 1A of Schedule 7 of the Large and Medium sized companies and groups (Accounts and reports) Regulations 2008 certain matters which are required to be disclosed in the director's report have been omitted as they are included in the strategic report on pages 1-2. These matters relate to the business review, principal risks and uncertainties and future developments.

Disclosure of information to auditor


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

- 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 the steps that ought to have been taken as Directors in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

The auditor, Forvis Mazars 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.


STEVEN BURGESS
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S V Burgess
Director

Date: 11/09/2025

A.E.BURGESS & SONS,LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF A.E.BURGESS & SONS,LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of A.E.Burgess & Sons,Limited (the 'Company') for the year ended 30 September 2024 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Cash Flows, the Analysis of Net Debt and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 30 September 2024 and of its loss 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's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF A.E.BURGESS & SONS,LIMITED

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the 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 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 light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the 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, 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.

Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF A.E.BURGESS & SONS,LIMITED

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

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

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

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

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

In addition, we evaluated the Directors' and management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements, including the risk of management override of controls, and determined that the principal risks related to posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, revenue recognition (which we pinpointed to the cut-off assertion), and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

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

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

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

A.E.BURGESS & SONS,LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF A.E.BURGESS & SONS,LIMITED

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

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

Use of the audit report

This report is made solely to the Company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Stephen English

Stephen English (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

Forvis Mazars LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
6 Dominus Way
Meridian Business Park
Leicester
LE19 1RP

Date: 11/09/2025

A.E.BURGESS & SONS,LIMITED

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Turnover	4	15,359,585	15,635,989
Cost of sales		(13,707,620)	(13,978,177)
Gross profit		1,651,965	1,657,812
Administrative expenses		(1,805,473)	(2,421,972)
Other operating income	5	45,000	45,000
Trading (loss)/profit	6	(108,508)	(80,840)
Exceptional items	6	-	(800,000)
Operating loss	6	(108,508)	(719,160)
Interest payable and similar expenses	9	(186,717)	(133,600)
Loss before tax		(295,225)	(852,760)
Tax on loss	10	62,826	65,175
Loss for the financial year		(232,399)	(787,585)

There was no other comprehensive income for 2024 (2023 - £Nil).

The notes on pages 14 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

A.E.BURGESS & SONS,LIMITED
REGISTERED NUMBER: 00373335

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	12	225,000	250,000
Tangible assets	13	3,399,854	3,362,790
		<u>3,624,854</u>	<u>3,612,790</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	14	1,376,452	1,367,069
Debtors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	536,243	386,624
Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	2,638,934	2,222,175
Cash at bank and in hand	16	424,373	734,398
		<u>4,976,002</u>	<u>4,710,266</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	17	(4,523,965)	(3,996,404)
Net current assets		<u>452,037</u>	<u>713,862</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>4,076,891</u>	<u>4,326,652</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(908,310)	(742,846)
Provisions for liabilities			
Deferred tax	20	(475,320)	(538,146)
Net assets		<u><u>2,693,261</u></u>	<u><u>3,045,660</u></u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	21	4,420	4,420
Profit and loss account	22	2,688,841	3,041,240
		<u><u>2,693,261</u></u>	<u><u>3,045,660</u></u>

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

STEVEN BURGESS
STEVEN BURGESS (Sep 11, 2025 16:13:37 GMT+1)

S V Burgess
 Director

Date: 11/09/2025

The notes on pages 14 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

A.E.BURGESS & SONS,LIMITED

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Called up share capital	Profit and loss account	Total equity
	£	£	£
At 1 October 2022	4,420	3,948,825	3,953,245
Loss for the year	-	(787,585)	(787,585)
Dividends paid	-	(120,000)	(120,000)
At 1 October 2023	4,420	3,041,240	3,045,660
Loss for the year	-	(232,399)	(232,399)
Dividends paid	-	(120,000)	(120,000)
At 30 September 2024	4,420	2,688,841	2,693,261

The notes on pages 14 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

A.E.BURGESS & SONS,LIMITED

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Loss for the financial year	(232,399)	(787,585)
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation of intangible assets	25,000	25,000
Depreciation of tangible assets	849,535	968,185
Profit on disposal of tangible assets	(65,237)	(3,087)
Interest paid	186,717	133,600
Taxation charge	(62,826)	(65,175)
Increase in stocks	(9,383)	(54,127)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(566,378)	157,576
Increase in creditors	204,465	248,786
Net cash generated from operating activities	<u>329,494</u>	<u>623,173</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(164,813)	(142,729)
Sale of tangible fixed assets	83,570	3,087
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(81,243)</u>	<u>(139,642)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayment of other loans	-	(16,667)
Repayment of hire purchase agreements	(574,127)	(518,481)
Increase on invoice discounting	309,734	94,077
Dividends paid	(120,000)	(120,000)
Interest paid	(118,920)	(96,347)
Hire purchase interest paid	(67,797)	(37,253)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(571,110)</u>	<u>(694,671)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(322,859)</u>	<u>(211,140)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	734,398	945,538
Net cash and cash equivalents at the end of year	<u><u>411,539</u></u>	<u><u>734,398</u></u>

A.E.BURGESS & SONS,LIMITED

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year comprise:		
Cash at bank and in hand	424,373	734,398
Bank overdraft	(12,834)	-
	<u>411,539</u>	<u>734,398</u>

**ANALYSIS OF NET DEBT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	At 1 October 2023 £	Cash flows £	New hire purchase agreements £	At 30 September 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	734,398	(310,025)	-	424,373
Bank overdraft	-	(12,834)	-	(12,834)
Invoice discounting facility	(1,311,284)	(309,734)	-	(1,621,018)
Hire purchase agreements	(1,124,687)	574,127	(740,119)	(1,290,679)
	<u>(1,701,573)</u>	<u>(58,466)</u>	<u>(740,119)</u>	<u>(2,500,158)</u>

The notes on pages 14 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

1. General information

A.E.Burgess & Sons,Limited is a private company, limited by shares and incorporated in England. The Company's registered number is 00373335. The address of its registered office is Ulverscroft Road, Leicester, LE4 6BY.

The principal activity of the Company during the year continued to be that of the dealing in ferrous metals, skip hire and waste management.

The financial statements have been presented in Pounds Sterling (£) as this is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 ("FRS 102"), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

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

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Going concern

Having carefully reviewed its forecasts, the Directors consider the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. As a result, the Directors continue to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

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. The following criteria must also be met before turnover is recognised:

Sale of goods

Turnover from the sale of goods is recognised when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- the Company has transferred the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the buyer;
- the Company retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- the amount of turnover can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the Company will receive the consideration due under the transaction; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

Rendering of services

Turnover such as the disposal of trade waste and skip hire is recognised in the period in which the services are provided.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Goodwill

Goodwill represents the difference between amounts paid on the cost of a business combination and the acquirer's interest in the fair value of its identifiable assets and liabilities of the acquiree at the date of acquisition. Subsequent to initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is amortised on a straight line basis over its useful economic life.

2.5 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.

Depreciation is provided evenly on the following basis:

Freehold property	- 5% per annum
Leasehold improvements	- Over the life of the lease
Plant & machinery	- 10% - 25% per annum

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 profit or loss.

2.6 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is based on the average purchase price.

2.7 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at transaction value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

2.8 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.

2.9 Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and other third parties and loans to related parties.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Creditors

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

2.11 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.

2.12 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight line basis over the lease term.

2.13 Hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase agreements are capitalised and disclosed under tangible fixed assets and are depreciated in accordance with the above depreciation policies.

Future installments payable under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. Rentals payable are apportioned between the capital element, which reduces the outstanding obligation within creditors, and the finance element, which is charged to the profit or loss under the sum of digits method.

2.14 Pensions

Defined contribution pension plan

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

The contributions are recognised as an expense in profit or loss when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Balance Sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Company in independently administered funds.

2.15 Borrowing costs

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

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.16 Current and deferred taxation

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet 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; and
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met.

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 balance sheet date.

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

The Directors make estimates and assumptions concerning the future, they are also required to exercise judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below.

In preparing these financial statements, the Directors have made the following judgements:

(a) Quantity and valuation of stock

The Directors determine the tonnage of each category of stock held by reference to the estimated number of lorry loads held. The valuation of stock includes estimates made by the Directors regarding current market conditions and their knowledge of the industry.

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4. Turnover

The whole of the turnover is attributable to the principal activity of the Company.

Analysis of turnover by country of destination:

	2024	2023
	£	£
United Kingdom	13,485,543	13,927,054
Rest of the world	1,874,042	1,708,935
	<u>15,359,585</u>	<u>15,635,989</u>

5. Other operating income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Management charges receivable	45,000	45,000
	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>

6. Operating loss

The operating loss is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets owned by the Company	560,614	691,274
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets held under hire purchase	288,921	276,911
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	25,000	25,000
Fees payable for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements	22,000	17,750
Operating lease rentals	292,864	411,472
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(65,237)	(3,087)
Exceptional items	-	800,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>800,000</u>

Exceptional items relate to a provision against amounts owed from a related undertaking.

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7. Employees

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,426,394	2,280,798
Social security costs	246,258	232,838
Cost of defined contribution scheme	50,332	47,356
	<u>2,722,984</u>	<u>2,560,992</u>

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

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Production	55	55
Administration	10	10
Directors	3	3
	<u>68</u>	<u>68</u>

8. Directors' remuneration

	2024	2023
	£	£
Directors' emoluments	179,547	173,866
Company contributions to defined contribution pension schemes	2,642	2,642
	<u>182,189</u>	<u>176,508</u>

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 2 Directors (2023 - 2) in respect of defined contribution pension schemes.

9. Interest payable and similar expenses

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other interest and similar charges	118,920	96,347
Hire purchase interest	67,797	37,253
	<u>186,717</u>	<u>133,600</u>

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10. Taxation

	2024	2023
	£	£
Corporation tax		
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	-	(29,996)
Total current tax	<u>-</u>	<u>(29,996)</u>
Deferred tax (note 20)		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(62,826)	(35,179)
Total deferred tax	<u>(62,826)</u>	<u>(35,179)</u>
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	<u>(62,826)</u>	<u>(65,175)</u>

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

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2023 - higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 25% (2023 - 25%). The differences are explained below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(295,225)	(852,760)
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 25% (2023 - 25%)	(73,806)	(213,190)
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	3,550	135,290
Fixed asset timing differences	8,313	2,927
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	-	(29,996)
Losses carried back	-	39,794
Other differences	(883)	-
Total tax charge for the year	(62,826)	(65,175)

Factors that may affect future tax charges

There were no factors that may affect future tax charges.

11. Dividends

	2024	2023
	£	£
Dividends paid on Ordinary A shares	120,000	120,000

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12. Intangible assets

	Goodwill £
Cost	
At 1 October 2023	500,000
At 30 September 2024	<u>500,000</u>
Amortisation	
At 1 October 2023	250,000
Charge for the year	25,000
At 30 September 2024	<u>275,000</u>
Net book value	
At 30 September 2024	<u>225,000</u>
At 30 September 2023	<u>250,000</u>

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13. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Leasehold improvements £	Plant & machinery £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 October 2023	740,180	515,400	12,542,065	13,797,645
Additions	10,953	7,439	886,540	904,932
Disposals	-	-	(388,049)	(388,049)
Transfers between classes	(9,926)	9,926	-	-
At 30 September 2024	<u>741,207</u>	<u>532,765</u>	<u>13,040,556</u>	<u>14,314,528</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2023	515,542	304,300	9,615,013	10,434,855
Charge for the year	16,149	28,083	805,303	849,535
Disposals	-	-	(369,716)	(369,716)
Transfers between classes	(8,437)	8,437	-	-
At 30 September 2024	<u>523,254</u>	<u>340,820</u>	<u>10,050,600</u>	<u>10,914,674</u>
Net book value				
At 30 September 2024	<u>217,953</u>	<u>191,945</u>	<u>2,989,956</u>	<u>3,399,854</u>
At 30 September 2023	<u>224,638</u>	<u>211,100</u>	<u>2,927,052</u>	<u>3,362,790</u>

Included in freehold property is freehold land of £118,000 (2023 - £118,000) which is not depreciated.

The net book value of assets held under hire purchase agreements, included above, are as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Plant & machinery	<u>1,841,418</u>	<u>1,736,855</u>

14. Stocks

	2024 £	2023 £
Scrap metal stock	1,155,752	1,139,889
Oils, spares and boxes	220,700	227,180
	<u>1,376,452</u>	<u>1,367,069</u>

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15. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Due after more than one year		
Amounts owed by related undertakings	536,243	386,624

Amounts owed by related undertakings are unsecured and interest free.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	2,371,501	1,930,089
Other debtors	40,063	35,834
Prepayments and accrued income	226,870	256,252
Corporation tax	500	-
	<u>2,638,934</u>	<u>2,222,175</u>

16. Cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	424,373	734,398
Less: bank overdraft	(12,834)	-
	<u>411,539</u>	<u>734,398</u>

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17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank overdraft	12,834	-
Invoice discounting facility	1,621,018	1,311,284
Trade creditors	1,762,665	1,747,499
Other taxation and social security	58,254	112,539
Obligations under hire purchase agreements (note 19)	465,244	428,330
Accruals and deferred income	351,910	384,846
Other creditors	252,040	11,906
	<u>4,523,965</u>	<u>3,996,404</u>

The invoice discounting facility is secured on the Company's trade debtors, and a cross company guarantee and debenture with TBD Morris Recycling Limited, a related undertaking.

The bank overdraft is secured by fixed and floating charge over the assets of the Company.

18. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Obligations under hire purchase agreements (note 19)	825,435	696,357
Other creditors	82,875	46,489
	<u>908,310</u>	<u>742,846</u>

19. Hire purchase agreements

Minimum lease payments under hire purchase fall due as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	465,244	428,330
Between 1-2 years	283,681	345,336
Between 2-5 years	541,754	351,021
	<u>1,290,679</u>	<u>1,124,687</u>

Hire purchase agreements are secured on the assets to which they relate.

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20. Deferred taxation

	2024 £	2023 £
At 1 October 2023	(538,146)	(573,325)
Credited to profit and loss	62,826	35,179
At 30 September 2024	<u>(475,320)</u>	<u>(538,146)</u>

The provision for deferred taxation is made up as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Accelerated capital allowances	(624,212)	(554,496)
Short term timing differences	1,046	897
Losses	147,846	15,453
	<u>(475,320)</u>	<u>(538,146)</u>

21. Share capital

	2024 £	2023 £
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
3,039 Ordinary A shares of £1 each	3,039	3,039
1,381 Ordinary B shares of £1 each	1,381	1,381
	<u>4,420</u>	<u>4,420</u>

The Ordinary A and B shares are separate classes of shares for the purposes of declaration and payment of dividends but rank pari passu in all other respects.

22. Reserves**Profit and loss account**

The profit and loss account represents generated distributable reserves.

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23. Pension commitments

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Company to the fund during the year and amounted to £50,332 (2023 - £47,356). At the year end there was a pension creditor balance of £10,100 (2023 - £8,747) included in other creditors.

24. Commitments under operating leases

At 30 September 2024 the Company had future minimum lease payments due under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods:

	2024 £	2023 £
Not later than 1 year	236,382	182,551
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	618,925	266,656
Later than 5 years	662,137	70,882
	<u>1,517,444</u>	<u>520,089</u>

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25. Related party transactions

During the year, the Company made purchases of £117,646 (2023 - £Nil) from TBD Morris Recycling Limited, a company in which SV Burgess is a Director.

Management charges of £45,000 (2023 - £45,000) and rent and utility costs of £37,140 (2023 - £188,803) were charged to TBD Morris Recycling Limited during the year.

At 30 September 2024, £536,243 (2023: £386,624) was due from TBD Morris Recycling Limited.

The Company rented land & buildings from AE Burgess & Sons Limited Retirement Benefits Scheme, of which directors NV Burgess and SV Burgess are Trustees and beneficiaries, for £97,000 (2023 - £97,000). As at 30 September 2024, a loan of £Nil (2023 - £Nil), is owed to AE Burgess & Sons Limited Retirement Benefit Scheme. Interest of £Nil (2023 - £583) was charged on this loan during the year.

At 30 September 2024, £23,470 (2023 - £22,489) was owed to NV Burgess and is included in other creditors due after more than one year. During the year loans of £69,024 (2023 - £58,000) were made to the Company and repayments made of £68,043 (2023 - £60,535).

At 30 September 2024, £35,405 (2023 - £1,137) was owed to/(by) S V Burgess and is included in other creditors due after more than one year (2023 - Other debtors). During the year, loans of £100,000 (2023 - £Nil) were made to the Company and repayments of £75,000 (2023 - £Nil) were made. The Company also made advances of £54,342 (2023 - £64,201) and repayments of £65,883 (2023 - £57,838) were made.

At 30 September 2024, £24,000 (2023 - £24,000) was owed to J Burgess, the wife of NV Burgess, and is included in other creditors due after more than one year. During the year loans of £47,000 (2023 - £47,000) were made to the Company and repayments made of £47,000 (2023 - £48,200).

No interest was charged on the above balances, other than where disclosed.

Dividends payable to the Directors during the year were £120,000 (2023 - £120,000).

26. Controlling party

The Company is controlled by S V Burgess.