

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
	52 weeks	53 weeks	52 weeks	52 weeks	52 weeks
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Revenue	279.3	268.9	245.9	227.0	210.8
Operating profit before exceptional items	46.9	46.1	41.2	37.6	33.2
Operating exceptional items	(3.4)	(3.4)	(2.8)	3.4	(0.5)
Net finance costs and other finance charges	(5.9)	(5.7)	(5.6)	(5.4)	(6.0)
Profit before tax	37.6	37.0	32.8	35.6	26.7
Taxation charge	(7.5)	(7.0)	(6.2)	(9.4)	(4.9)
Profit for the period from continuing operations	30.1	30.0	26.6	26.2	21.8
Adjusted profit before tax	41.0	40.4	35.6	32.2	27.2
Net assets employed					
Non-current assets	782.6	724.0	684.8	642.3	582.1
Current assets and assets held for sale	18.0	18.5	22.7	9.0	11.3
Current liabilities	(47.1)	(71.4)	(41.8)	(38.2)	(32.4)
Non-current liabilities	(204.3)	(178.1)	(213.2)	(205.5)	(180.1)
	549.2	493.0	452.5	407.6	380.9
Financed by					
Share capital	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0
Reserves	543.1	486.9	446.4	401.5	374.9
	549.2	493.0	452.5	407.6	380.9
Purchase of fixed assets, lease premiums and business combinations	53.0	38.3	45.1	50.9	33.6
Net debt	(140.5)	(126.6)	(130.2)	(129.0)	(112.0)
	Pence	Pence	Pence	Pence	Pence
Per 12.5p ordinary share					
Adjusted basic earnings from continuing operations	67.74	66.43	58.44	51.04	42.70
Basic earnings from continuing operations	61.60	61.51	54.73	54.14	45.19
Dividends – paid in period	19.03	17.95	16.94	15.97	15.06
Gearing	25.6%	25.7%	28.8%	31.6%	29.4%
Average number of employees	4,116	3,924	3,735	3,496	3,357