

# Shareholder Information

## Company Secretary and Registered Office

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Smiths News PLC is registered in England and Wales (Number 5195191).

## Company website

Smiths News PLC Annual Reports and results announcements are available via the internet on our website [www.smithsnews.co.uk](http://www.smithsnews.co.uk). The site provides a wide range of information about the Company including AGM information, share price data, financial calendar and regulatory news releases.

## Annual Report and Financial Statements

This Annual Report and Financial Statements is published on our website at [www.smithsnews.co.uk](http://www.smithsnews.co.uk) and has only been sent to those shareholders who have asked for a copy. Shareholders who have not requested a paper copy of the Annual Report have been notified of its availability on the website.

A paper copy of the Annual Report can be obtained by writing to the Company Secretary, Smiths News PLC, Wakefield House, Pipers Way, Swindon, Wiltshire SN3 1RF or you can e-mail your request to [investor.relations@smithsnews.co.uk](mailto:investor.relations@smithsnews.co.uk).

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Wakefield House, Pipers Way, Swindon, Wiltshire SN3 1RF on Friday 15 January 2010 at 11.30am. The Notice of Annual General Meeting sets out the business to be transacted. Shareholders who wish to attend the meeting should detach the Attendance Card from the Proxy Form and present it at the registration desk on arrival.

## Proxy Form

A Proxy Form is enclosed for those shareholders unable to attend the Annual General Meeting. To be effective, it must be completed and lodged with the Company's Registrars, Equiniti, by not later than 11.30am on 13 January 2010.

## Electronic proxy voting

You may if you wish register the appointment of a proxy for the meeting electronically, by logging onto the website [www.sharevote.co.uk](http://www.sharevote.co.uk). Full details of the procedure are given on the website. You will need to have your Proxy

Form to hand when you log on as it contains information which will be required. CREST members may appoint a proxy electronically via Equiniti (ID RA19). Electronic proxy voting instructions must be received by not later than 11.30am on 13 January 2010.

## Registrars

If you have any enquiries about your shareholding in Smiths News PLC or wish to advise of a change of address, please contact Equiniti, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex BN99 6DA (telephone 0871 384 2771). A textphone facility for shareholders with hearing difficulties is available by telephoning 0871 384 2255. In addition, Equiniti provides a range of shareholder information online at [www.shareview.co.uk](http://www.shareview.co.uk) (to register for this service you will need your shareholder reference number which can be found on the Proxy Form).

### Financial calendar

Financial year end	31 August 2009
Results announced	22 October 2009
Annual Report published	14 December 2009
Final dividend ex-dividend date	6 January 2010
Final dividend record date	8 January 2010
Interim Management Statement	15 January 2010
Annual General Meeting	15 January 2010
Final dividend payment date	5 February 2010
Half-year end	28 February 2010
Interim results announced	22 April 2010
Interim dividend ex-dividend date	May 2010
Interim dividend record date	May 2010
Interim dividend payment date	June 2010
Interim Management Statement	July 2010
Financial year end	31 August 2010
Results announced	October 2010

## Share dealing services

The Company has arranged for Shareview Dealing, a telephone and internet share dealing service offered by Equiniti, to be made available to UK shareholders wishing to buy or sell the Company's shares.

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For telephone dealing call 08456 037 037 between 8.30am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday, and for internet dealing log on to [www.shareview.co.uk/dealing](http://www.shareview.co.uk/dealing). You will need your shareholder reference number shown on your share certificate.

JPMorgan Cazenove provides a postal share dealing service for private investors who wish to buy or sell the Company's shares. Further details are available from JPMorgan Cazenove, telephone 020 7155 5155.

## ShareGIFT

If you only have a small number of shares which are uneconomic to sell, you may wish to consider donating them to charity under ShareGIFT, a charity share donation scheme administered by the Orr Mackintosh Foundation. A ShareGIFT transfer form may be obtained from Equiniti. Further information about the Scheme can be found on the ShareGIFT website at [www.sharegift.org](http://www.sharegift.org).

## Shareholder security

Shareholders are advised to be wary of any unsolicited advice, offers to buy shares at a discount or offers of free reports about the Company. Details of any share dealing facilities that the Company endorses will be included in the Company's mailings or on our website. More detailed information can be found at [www.moneymadeclear.fsa.gov.uk](http://www.moneymadeclear.fsa.gov.uk).

## UK Capital Gains Tax

### Demerger 31 August 2006

Following the demerger of new WH Smith PLC on 31 August 2006, in order to calculate any chargeable gains or losses arising on the disposal of shares after 31 August 2006, the original tax base cost of your old WH Smith PLC ordinary shares of 2<sup>13</sup>/<sub>81</sub>p (adjusted if you held your shares at 24 September 2004 and 22 May 1998 to take into account the capital reorganisations of 27 September 2004 and 26 May 1998 respectively (see below)) will be apportioned between the shareholdings of ordinary shares of 5p in the Company and ordinary shares of 22<sup>6</sup>/<sub>67</sub>p (or 20p if the disposal took place before 22 February 2008) in new WH Smith PLC in the ratio of 0.30415 and 0.69585 respectively.

### Capital reorganisation 27 September 2004

If your shares result from a holding of old WH Smith PLC shares acquired on or before 24 September 2004, in order to calculate any chargeable gains or losses arising on the disposal of shares after 24 September 2004, the original

tax base cost of your old WH Smith PLC ordinary shares of 55<sup>9</sup>/<sub>9</sub>p (adjusted if you held your shares as at 22 May 1998 to take into account the capital reorganisation of 26 May 1998 (see below)) will be apportioned between the shareholdings of ordinary shares of 2<sup>13</sup>/<sub>81</sub>p and 'C' shares resulting from the capital reorganisation.

The cost of your shareholding of ordinary shares of 2<sup>13</sup>/<sub>81</sub>p is calculated by multiplying the original base cost of your ordinary shares of 55<sup>9</sup>/<sub>9</sub>p (adjusted where necessary to take into account the capital reorganisation of 26 May 1998 referred to above) by 0.73979.

The cost of the 'C' shares is calculated by multiplying the original base cost of your ordinary shares of 55<sup>9</sup>/<sub>9</sub>p (again adjusted where necessary, to take into account the capital reorganisation of 26 May 1998 referred to above) by 0.26021.

### Capital reorganisation 26 May 1998

If your shares result from a holding of old WH Smith PLC shares acquired on or before 22 May 1998, in order to calculate any chargeable gains or losses arising on the disposal of shares after 22 May 1998, the original tax base cost of your old WH Smith PLC ordinary shares of 50p will be apportioned between the shareholdings of ordinary shares of 55<sup>9</sup>/<sub>9</sub>p and redeemable 'B' shares resulting from the capital reorganisation.

The cost of your shareholding of ordinary shares of 55<sup>9</sup>/<sub>9</sub>p is calculated by multiplying the original base cost of your ordinary shares of 50p by 0.90714.

The original cost of the 'B' shares is calculated by multiplying the original base cost of your ordinary shares of 50p by 0.09286.

### March 1982 values

31 March 1982 base values per share:

#### Arising from an original shareholding of old WH Smith PLC

	'A' ordinary shares	'B' ordinary shares
Ordinary shares of 5p	26.93p	22.25p
WH Smith PLC ordinary shares of 22 <sup>6</sup> / <sub>67</sub> p	61.62p	50.92p