

## Shareholder information

### Annual general meetings

The annual general meeting will be held at 11.00 am on Thursday, 25th July 2002 at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Broad Sanctuary, Westminster, London. Each shareholder is entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, the arrangements for which are described in a separate notice.

The proposed date of the annual general meeting next year is 24th July 2003.

### Dividend payments

The proposed final dividend (if approved) will be paid on 16th August 2002 to shareholders registered on 14th June 2002. Most shareholders (excluding those in Canada and the USA) will have the opportunity to reinvest their cash dividend in existing shares bought on the London Stock Exchange through a dividend reinvestment plan. All applications to join that plan or amend existing instructions under it must be received by the company's registrars by 5.00 pm on 26th July 2002.

The expected dividend payment dates for the year to 31st March 2003 are:

Interim dividend	February 2003
Final dividend	August 2003

### Results

For the year to 31st March 2003:

Interim results announced	November 2002
Interim statement circulated	November 2002
Preliminary announcement of full year results	June 2003
Annual report circulated	June 2003

### Capital gains tax

For capital gains tax purposes, the market price of the company's ordinary shares of 25p each on 31st March 1982 was 112.5p.

### Low cost share dealing services

Details of special low cost dealing services in the company's shares may be obtained from:

- **Hoare Govett Limited** (telephone 020 7678 8300) Hoare Govett is regulated by the Financial Services Authority.
- **Natwest Stockbrokers Limited** (telephone 0870 600 2050) a member of the London Stock Exchange and regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

Both Hoare Govett Limited and Natwest Stockbrokers Limited have approved the references to themselves solely for the purposes of section 21(2)(b) of the Financial Services and Markets Act, 2000 only.

### Registrar and transfer office

Computershare Investor Services PLC, PO Box 82, The Pavilions, Bridgwater Road, Bristol BS99 7NH. Telephone 0870 702 0148.

### Company secretary and registered office

M J Oliver, The Boots Company PLC, Nottingham NG2 3AA. Telephone 0115 950 6111.

The Boots Company PLC is registered in England and Wales (No. 27657).

### Analysis of shareholders at 31st March 2002:

Shareholding range	Number	%	Total holding	%
1–500	48,621	39.43	11,231,087	1.26
501–1,000	29,263	23.73	22,280,341	2.49
1,001–10,000	42,798	34.71	108,159,687	12.09
10,001–100,000	2,052	1.66	52,628,803	5.88
100,001–1,000,000	439	0.36	143,595,242	16.05
Over 1,000,000	137	0.11	556,722,655	62.23
	123,310	100.00	894,617,815	100.00