



tax statement

This statement relates to Wilkinson Hardware Stores Limited and related entities* for the year ended 30th January 2021. The publication of this statement is regarded as complying with Part 2 of Sch. 19 FA 2016.

We're compliant

We always aim to comply with tax laws and practices wherever we operate. We make sure we file our returns on time, make all the required disclosures and pay tax in line with the local tax rules.

Managing the risk

While the board is accountable, we put the responsibility for managing tax risk in the capable hands of the Chief Financial Officer and Senior Accounting Officer. We have internal policies and procedures in place to support our tax control framework. We work with professional advisors to help us to manage our tax risk.

Working together with HMRC and other tax authorities

We work closely with tax authorities on an ongoing basis to minimise our tax risk. We are committed to being open and up front with tax authorities about our tax affairs and protect our reputation for transparency in our tax affairs. We provide all the information they need to be able to understand our tax position on time.

Tax planning

We will only engage in tax planning that aligns with our commercial and economic activity. We don't get involved in any artificial tax schemes, structures or arrangements which could threaten the reputation of our business. We apply the 'arm's length principle' when we deal with things like transfer pricing and this follows guidelines from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

**This statement is approved by the Board of Wilkinson Hardware Stores Limited
The figures quoted are tax payments made in the financial year ended 1st February 2020**

UK taxes paid

£147m

Collected by wilko on behalf of HMRC

£29m

Overseas tax paid

£1m

Our total tax payments

£176m