

C DBFE

Records relating to Fenner PLC

1938-2015

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Historical Background: The Fenner Group was founded in 1861 by Joseph Henry Fenner and was located at 21½ Bishop Lane in Hull and later moved to Marfleet. The early products manufactured were leather belting for use in power transmission, lacing and hoses, including fire hoses. By the 1890s, the company was exporting its products widely across Europe and into India and the Far East and immediately prior to the First World War, export markets accounted for over 70 per cent of sales. The loss of many of these markets during the war forced the company to focus on domestic opportunities after the war was over. In the 1920s and 1930s, Fenner made many technological developments and, during this period, Fenner first established its technical leadership in textiles, particularly as reinforcements for rubber products.

In 1937, Fenner became a public company with share capital of £250,000. During the Second World War, however, the Hull factory suffered substantial damage. Rebuilding commenced in 1947 and by December 1948, the factory was fully operational once more.

In response to a tragic conveyor belt fire at the Cresswell Colliery in 1950, in which 80 miners died mainly from toxic fumes, the National Coal Board asked Fenner, because of its expertise in reinforced polymers, to develop a fire resistant belt. That belt and its successor products became, and continue to be, a world standard in underground coal mining. The 1950s also saw Fenner expand on a worldwide basis establishing companies in Australia, South Africa and India. This was followed by the Group's first acquisition in the USA in 1970. Alongside its increasing global reputation in conveyor belting, Fenner continued to develop product areas which made use of its knowledge of polymeric materials together with its product, application and manufacturing expertise; these areas included power transmission which remains an important part of Fenner Drives and Fenner Precision.

The 1990s were a decade of transformation for Fenner. Major restructuring took place, with a series of acquisitions and disposals being made. By the end of the decade, the company had transformed from an industrial conglomerate into a group with two distinct divisions, each focused on products made from reinforced polymers and well positioned to make further strategic progress. After 2000, Fenner's conveyor belting businesses saw continued growth through acquisition as well as organically. New plants were constructed, most particularly to serve the iron ore industry in Australia, and existing plants extended and modernised. Alongside these investments, Fenner had significantly increased its conveyor service offering, most notably in North America and Australia, as well as increasing its presence in South America, Africa and the Middle East.

On 31 May 2018, Fenner became part of the Michelin group of companies, headquartered in Clermont-Ferrand, France. The terms of the acquisition valued Fenner at some £1.3 billion. Fenner PLC changed its name to Fenner Group Holdings Limited in December 2018.

Custodial history: Created and acquired through the day to day running of the business as Dr. Barker worked as one of the Directors of Fenners Ltd. Deposited on Dr. and Mrs. Barker's behalf by Mrs. Wendy Leighton in April 2019.

Description: Includes annual reports and accounts, and publications produced by the company including magazines, journal and 150th anniversary book

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Arrangement:

C DBFE/1	Annual Reports and accounts	1938-2007
C DBFE/2	Publications	1958-2015
C DBFE/3	Documents sent to shareholders	1978-2001
C DBFE/4	Scrapbook	1922-1996

Extent: 4 boxes, 1 volume

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C DBFE/1	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. 152 items	1938-2007
C DBFE/1/1	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 30 Jun 1938 2 items	30 Jun 1938- 30 Aug 1938
C DBFE/1/2	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 30 Jun 1939 2 items	30 Jun 1939- 30 Aug 1939
C DBFE/1/3	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 30 Jun 1940 2 items	30 Jun 1940- 28 Nov 1940
C DBFE/1/4	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 30 Jun 1941 Includes auditors report 3 items	30 Jun 1941- 25 Nov 1941
C DBFE/1/5	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 30 Jun 1942 2 items	30 Jun 1942- 29 Oct 1942
C DBFE/1/6	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 30 Jun 1943 2 items	30 Jun 1943- 18 Nov 1943
C DBFE/1/7	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 30 Jun 1944 3 items	30 Jun 1944- 7 Nov 1944
C DBFE/1/8	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 30 Jun 1945 2 items	30 Jun 1945- 12 Dec 1945
C DBFE/1/9	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 30 Jun 1946 2 items	30 Jun 1946- 4 Dec 1946

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C DBFE/1/10	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 30 Jun 1947 2 items	30 Jun 1947- 18 Dec 1947
C DBFE/1/11	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 30 Jun 1948 2 items	30 Jun 1948- 21 Dec 1948
C DBFE/1/12	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 30 Jun 1949 2 items	30 Jun 1949- 29 Dec 1949
C DBFE/1/13	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 30 Jun 1950 2 items	30 Jun 1950- 20 Dec 1950
C DBFE/1/14	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 30 Jun 1951 1 item	30 Jun 1951
C DBFE/1/15	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 30 Jun 1952 1 item	30 Jun 1952
C DBFE/1/16	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 30 Jun 1953 1 item	30 Jun 1953
C DBFE/1/17	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 30 Jan 1954 1 item	30 Jan 1954
C DBFE/1/18	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1955 1 item	31 Aug 1955
C DBFE/1/19	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1956 1 item	31 Aug 1956
C DBFE/1/20	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1957 1 item	31 Aug 1957
C DBFE/1/21	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1958 1 item	31 Aug 1958
C DBFE/1/22	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1959 1 item	31 Aug 1959

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C DBFE/1/23	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1960 1 item	31 Aug 1960
C DBFE/1/24	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1961 Includes a letter to the holders of ordinary shares of the company 2 items	31 Aug 1961- 11 Dec 1961
C DBFE/1/25	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1962 1 item	31 Aug 1962
C DBFE/1/26	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1963 Includes a letter to the holders of ordinary shares of the company 2 items	31 Aug 1963- 9 Dec 1963
C DBFE/1/27	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1964 1 item	31 Aug 1964
C DBFE/1/28	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1965 Includes a letter to the holders of ordinary shares of the company 2 items	31 Aug 1965- 10 Dec 1965
C DBFE/1/29	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1966 1 item	31 Aug 1966
C DBFE/1/30	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1967 Includes interim statement for the half year ended 29 Feb 1968 and a booklet advertising Fenner's range of products for the year 1968 3 items	29 Feb 1968- 31 Aug 1967
C DBFE/1/31	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1968 Includes a letter to the holders of ordinary shares of the company with notice of resolutions, a booklet advertising Fenner's range of products for the year 1969 and two different proxy vote cards 5 items	31 Aug 1968- 16 Dec 1968
C DBFE/1/32	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1969	31 Aug 1969

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C DBFE/1/33	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1970 Includes an interim statement for the half year ended 28 Feb 1971, newscuttings from the Financial Times regarding the Company, letter from Gilbert Robinson, Salthouse Road, Hull, to Peter regarding his promotion, and a report on observations and options on discount warehouse operation 6 items	28 Feb 1970- 3 Dec 1970
C DBFE/1/34	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1971 1 item	31 Aug 1971
C DBFE/1/35	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1972 1 item	31 Aug 1972
C DBFE/1/36	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1973 Includes an interim statement for the half year ended 2 Mar 1973 2 items	31 Aug 1973
C DBFE/1/37	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1974 Includes an interim statement for the half year ended 1 Mar 1974, notice of an extraordinary general meeting, 1 item	1 Mar 1974- 18 Dec 1974
C DBFE/1/38	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1975 1 item	31 Aug 1975
C DBFE/1/39	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 28 Aug 1976 1 item	28 Aug 1976
C DBFE/1/40	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 3 Sep 1977 1 item	3 Sep 1977
C DBFE/1/41	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 2 Sep 1978 Includes a letter to ordinary shareholders giving notice of extraordinary general meeting and two proxy voting cards 4 items	2 Sep 1978- 18 Dec 1978

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C DBFE/1/42	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 1 Sep 1979 1 item	1 Sep 1979
C DBFE/1/43	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 30 Aug 1980 Includes interim statement for half year ended 1 Mar 1980 1 item	30 Aug 1980
C DBFE/1/44	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 29 Aug 1981 1 item	29 Aug 1981
C DBFE/1/45	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 28 Aug 1982 Includes an interim statement for half year ended 27 Feb 1982 4 items	27 Feb 1982- 28 Mar 1983
C DBFE/1/46	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 3 Sep 1983 Includes an interim report for half year ended 26 Feb 1983 2 items	26 Feb 1983- 3 Sep 1983
C DBFE/1/47	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 1 Sep 1984 Includes an interim report for half year ended 3 Mar 1984 2 items	3 Mar 1984- 1 Sep 1984
C DBFE/1/48	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1985 Includes document regarding existing share option scheme 3 items	31 Aug 1985- 18 Dec 1985
C DBFE/1/49	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 30 Aug 1986 Includes an interim report for half year ended 1 Mar 1986 and a document regarding the reorganisation and proposed listing of Fenner's South African subsidiary Fenner Group SA Ltd on the Johannesburg stock exchange 4 items	1 Mar 1986- 16 Apr 1987
C DBFE/1/50	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 29 Aug 1987 Includes an interim report for half year ended 28 Feb 1987	28 Feb 1987- 29 Aug 1987

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C DBFE/1/51	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 3 Sep 1988 Includes an interim report for half year ended 29 Feb 1988 2 items	29 Feb 1988- 3 Sep 1988
C DBFE/1/52	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 2 Sep 1989 Includes an interim report for half year ended 4 Mar 1989, a document regarding proposals to change the name of the company and to modify the memorandum of association, etc., and a letter inviting shareholders to the annual general meeting 4 items	4 Mar 1989- 8 Dec 1989
C DBFE/1/53	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 1 Sep 1990 Includes interim statement for half year ended 3 Mar 1990 2 items	3 Mar 1990- 1 Sep 1990
C DBFE/1/54	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1991 Includes an interim statement for half year ended 2 Mar 1991 2 items	2 Mar 1991- 31 Aug 1991
C DBFE/1/55	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 29 Aug 1992 Includes interim report for half year ended 29 Feb 1992 and a booklet advertising 'power transmission polymers conveyor belting fluid power' 3 items	29 Feb 1992- 29 Aug 1992
C DBFE/1/56	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1993 Includes an interim report for half year ended 28 Feb 1993, annual report for year ended 31 Mar 1993, notices regarding the annual general meeting and a proxy form to appoint individuals to vote in relation to the company on their behalf 6 items	28 Feb 1993- 26 Aug 1993
C DBFE/1/57	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1994 Includes interim report for half year ended 28 Feb 1994, and a notice of annual general meeting 3 items	28 Feb 1994- 8 Dec 1994

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C DBFE/1/58	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1995 Includes an interim report for half year ended 28 Feb 1995 and a notice of the general annual meeting 3 items	28 Feb 1995- 13 Dec 1995
C DBFE/1/59	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1996 Includes notice of general annual meeting 2 items	31 Aug 1995- 12 Dec 1995
C DBFE/1/60	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1997 Includes an interim report for half year ended 28 Feb 1997 and notice of the general annual meeting 3 items	31 Aug 1997- 11 Dec 1997
C DBFE/1/61	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1998 Includes an interim report for half year ended 28 Feb 1998 and a notice of the general annual meeting 3 items	28 Feb 1998- 10 Dec 1998
C DBFE/1/62	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 1999 Includes interim report for half year ended 28 Feb 1999 and a notice for the annual general meeting 1 item	28 Feb 1999- 8 Dec 1999
C DBFE/1/63	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 2000 Includes interim report for half year ended 29 Feb 2000 and a notice for the annual general meeting 4 items	29 Feb 2000- 6 Dec 2000
C DBFE/1/64	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 2001 Includes interim report for half year ended 28 Feb 2001 and a notice for the annual general meeting 4 items	28 Feb 1002- 5 Dec 2001
C DBFE/1/65	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 2002 Includes interim report for half year ended 28 Feb 2002 and a notice for the annual general meeting 4 items	28 Feb 2002- 4 Dec 2002

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C DBFE/1/66	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 2003 Includes interim report for half year ended 28 Feb 2003 and a notice for the annual general meeting 3 items	28 Feb 2003- 3 Dec 2003
C DBFE/1/67	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 2004 Includes interim report for half year ended 29 Feb 2004 and a notice for the annual general meeting 1 item	29 Feb 2004- 8 Dec 2004
C DBFE/1/68	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 2005 Includes interim report for half year ended 28 Feb 2005 and a notice for the annual general meeting 3 items	28 Feb 2005- 7 Dec 2005
C DBFE/1/69	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 2006 Includes interim report for half year ended 28 Feb 2006 2 items	28 Feb 2006- 31 Aug 2006
C DBFE/1/70	Annual reports and accounts of J H Fenner and Co. Ltd. For year ended 31 Aug 2007 Includes interim report for half year ended 28 Feb 2007 2 items	28 Feb 2007- 31 Aug 2007
C DBFE/2	Publications produced by Fenners PLC 2 volumes and 86 items	1958-2015
C DBFE/2/1	The Conveyor Journal of the Manufacturers Equipment Co. Ltd., Hull 1 volume	Nov 1958- Sep 1965
C DBFE/2/2	Fenner V-Belt Journal Includes issue no.52 (c.March 1963) to no.61 (July 1965) and one later magazine issue no.102 (c.1980) 1 volume and 1 item	1963-c.1980
C DBFE/2/3	Transmission: Newspaper of the Fenner Group Includes issue no.93 (June 1993) to no.97 (September 1994) and no.99 (April 1995) 6 items	Jun 1993- Apr 1995

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C DBFE/2/4	<p>Divisional Digest: Internal magazine of the Fenner Group Includes issue no. 1 (July 1995) to no.17 (March 2000). Issue no.2 was not deposited with the collection. 16 items</p>	<p>Jul 1995- Mar 2000</p>
C DBFE/2/5	<p>Fenner Focus: Internal Newsletter of the Fenner Group Includes issue no.18 to 75 with gaps 56 items</p>	<p>Aug 2000- Dec 2015</p>
C DBFE/2/6	<p>Fenner: The Group and it's products Includes 3 publications reviewing the productivity and revenue of the Fenner Group for years 1997 and 2006-2007 3 items</p>	<p>Nov 1997-2007</p>
C DBFE/2/7	<p>Fenner Systems Engineering publication advertising the design, specification and supply of products and systems created by Fenner 1 item</p>	<p>c.1985</p>
C DBFE/2/8	<p>Fenner: A worldwide reputation in industrial motion and control Gives brief history of the company and advertises products and systems produced by Fenner 1 item</p>	<p>c.1988</p>
C DBFE/2/9	<p>Fenner: Welton Hall Booklet regarding Welton Hall, the headquarters of the Fenner Group. Gives a brief history of the building with old and current photographs of external and internal views of the house. 1 item</p>	<p>c.1995</p>
C DBFE/2/10	<p>Publication 'Fenner 150 years: 1861-2011' Publication produced to celebrate 150 years of the company 1 item</p>	<p>2011</p>

C DBFE/3	Documents sent to shareholders Regarding changes to the company, acquisition of other companies and the disposal of sections of the company effecting share rates 18 items	1978-2001
C DBFE/3/1	Document sent to shareholders regarding the recommended offer by Hill Samuel and Co. Ltd. On behalf of J.H. Fenner and Co. (Holdings) ltd. For the whole of the share capital of James Dawson and Son Ltd. 1 item	15 Mar 1978
C DBFE/3/2	Documents sent to shareholders relating to the Hawker Siddeley offer regarding ordinary shares of Fenner PLC 4 items	19 Jul 1984- 11 Aug 1984
C DBFE/3/3	Document sent to shareholders regarding the reorganisation and proposed listing of Fenner's South African subsidiary, Fenner Group SA Ltd., on the Johannesburg stock exchange following the acquisition of three businesses 1 item	16 Apr 1987
C DBFE/3/4	Document sent to shareholders of J.H. Fenner (Holdings) PLC regarding the proposed disposal of fluid sealing division 1 item	15 Nov 1988
C DBFE/3/5	Document sent to shareholders of J.H. Fenner (Holdings) PLC regarding proposed Rights Issues Includes documents: proposed rights issue on a 1 for 3 basis of up to 10,447,083 Ordinary shares of 25p each 160p per share and acquisition of BTL Ltd., 1989; proposed 1 for 2 rights issue at 80p per share share, subscription profit, estimate for the year ended 31 st August 1993 includes newscuttings regarding Fenner; and proposed 1 for 3 rights issue at 120p per share, profit forecast for the year ending 31 st August 1995. 3 items	8 Mar 1989- 5 Jul 1995

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C DBFE/3/6	Document sent to shareholders of J.H. Fenner (Holdings) PLC regarding the proposals to change the name of the Company, to modify the Memorandum of Association, to adopt new Articles of Association, to implement a Scrip Dividend Scheme and to authorise the issue of shares. 1 item	8 Dec 1989
C DBFE/3/7	Documents sent to shareholders of Fenner PLC regarding the interim dividend scrip alternative for years 1990 to 1992 3 items	21 May 1990- 18 Jun 1992
C DBFE/3/8	Document sent to shareholders of Fenner PLC regarding the proposed acquisition of Scandura Holdings Inc. and interim results for the six months ended 28 February 1997 1 item	21 May 1997
C DBFE/3/9	Document sent to shareholders of Fenner PLC regarding the proposed disposal of the Power Transmission Division and notice of Extraordinary general meeting 1 item	3 Apr 1998
C DBFE/3/10	Document sent to shareholders of Fenner PLC regarding the proposed disposal of the UK and US operations of the Fluid Power Division and notice of Extraordinary general meeting 1 item	14 Mar 2000
C DBFE/3/11	Document sent to shareholders of Fenner PLC regarding the proposed acquisition of the Belting Division of Unipoly SA and notice of Extraordinary general meeting 1 item	25 Oct 2001
C DBFE/4	Scrapbook relating to Fenners 1 volume	Dec 1922- Apr 1996
C DBFE/4/1	Scrapbook relating to Fenners Includes mostly photographs with newspaper cuttings, invitations, menus and programmes of events, as well as publications of Fenners PLC sent to shareholders regarding various decisions made 1 volume	1 Dec 1922- 1 Apr 1996