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# FRIENDS PROVIDENT

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Securities and Exchange Commission  
Office of International Corporate Finance  
Mail Stop 3 -2  
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Washington DC 20549

3 February 2003



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Dear Sir

**Friends Provident plc - File number ~~82-524~~**

Since our previous submission to you on 29th January 2003 and pursuant to rule 12g3 - 2(b) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, please find enclosed a recent press release to the London Stock Exchange.

30th January 2003 - Holding in Company

Should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by email to [hornj@friendsprovident.co.uk](mailto:hornj@friendsprovident.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

Ms. Jenni Horn  
Company Secretariat Assistant

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### Announcement Details

Company	Headline	Embargo	Last Update	Add Dist Re
Friends Provident PLC	Holding(s) in Company		16:07 30 Jan 03	

### Full Announcement Text

## SCHEDULE 10

### NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

1) Name of company

Friends Provident plc

2) Name of shareholder having a major interest

Legal and General Group plc

3) Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18

Non-beneficial

4) Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 914945

276,700 shares

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 775180

400,000 shares

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 886603

5,787,800 shares

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 775245

9,762,146 shares

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 130007

282,000 shares

900,000 shares

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 357206

41,493,315 shares

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 866203

2,343,963 shares

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 916681

89,689 shares

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 754612

2,056,000 shares

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 360509

2,180,671 shares

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 766793

74,920 shares

5) Number of shares/amount of stock acquired

14,535,945

6) Percentage of issued class

0.844%

7) Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

n/a

8) Percentage of issued class

n/a

9) Class of security

Ordinary shares of 10p each

10) Date of transaction

Over a period of time since 22 May 2002

11) Date company informed

30 January 2003

65,748,104

13) Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

3.81%

14) Any additional information

Not subject to a concert party

15) Name of contact and telephone number for queries

Diana Monger 01306 653026

16) Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

Date of notification 30<sup>th</sup> January 2003

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