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Form 6-K  
August 02, 2005

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934

August 02, 2005

Commission File Number 001-14978

SMITH & NEPHEW plc  
(Registrant's name)

15 Adam Street  
London, England WC2N 6LA  
(Address of registrant's principal executive offices)

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Smith & Nephew plc  
(Registrant)

Date: August, 02, 2005

By: /s/ Paul Chambers  
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Paul Chambers  
Company Secretary

## NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

1. Name of company

Smith & Nephew plc

2. Name of shareholder having a major interest

Barclays 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 interest

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

Barclays Capital Nominees Limited	1,786,178
Barclays Trust Co & Others	7,705
Barclays Trust Co E99	36
Barclays Trust Co R69	11,920
Chase Nominees Limited	516,711
Gerrard Nominees Limited	106,805
Greig Middleton Nominees Limited	725,595
Greig Middleton Nominees Limited	83,050
Investors Bank and Trust Co.	1,822,057
Investors Bank and Trust Co.	26,702
Investors Bank and Trust Co.	13,652
Investors Bank and Trust Co.	183,430
Investors Bank and Trust Co.	179,950
Investors Bank and Trust Co.	170,324
Investors Bank and Trust Co.	50,148
Investors Bank and Trust Co.	252,423
Investors Bank and Trust Co.	1,088,628
Investors Bank and Trust Co.	212,486
Investors Bank and Trust Co.	9,915
Investors Bank and Trust Co.	283,518
Investors Bank and Trust Co.	4,769,060
JP Morgan (BGI Custody)	289,097
JP Morgan (BGI Custody)	55,799

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JP Morgan (BGI Custody)	517,519
JP Morgan (BGI Custody)	113,241
JP Morgan (BGI Custody)	10,019,295
JP Morgan (BGI Custody)	15,268
JP Morgan (BGI Custody)	38,843
JP Morgan Chase Bank	60,469
JP Morgan Chase Bank	9,587
JP Morgan Chase Bank	788
JP Morgan Chase Bank	161,182
JP Morgan Chase Bank	182,061
JP Morgan Chase Bank	125,539
JP Morgan Chase Bank	495,553
JP Morgan Chase Bank	99,632
JP Morgan Chase Bank	8,045
JP Morgan Chase Bank	9,258
JP Morgan Chase Bank	26,806
JP Morgan Chase Bank	131,787
JP Morgan Chase Bank	38,362
JP Morgan Chase Bank	28,881
Mellon Trust - Boston & SF	130,277
Mitsubishi Trust International	6,073
R C Greig Nominees Limited	3,604,046
R C Greig Nominees Limited	1,436,699
R C Greig Nominees Limited	280,892
R C Greig Nominees Limited	186,261
R C Greig Nominees Limited GP1	425,605
R C Greig Nominees Limited SA1	334,125
Reflex Nominees Limited	1,500
State Street	16,123
State Street Boston	80,662
State Street Boston	610,405
Zeban Nominees Limited	84,248

5. Number of shares / amount of stock acquired

31,924,221

6. Percentage of issued class

3.40%

7. Number of shares / amount of stock disposed

8. Percentage of issued class

9. Class of security

Ordinary Shares of 12 2/9p

10. Date of transaction

11. Date company informed

02.08.2005

12. Total holding following this notification

31,924,221

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13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

3.40%

14. Any additional information

15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

Kate Cummins - Company Secretarial Assistant  
020 7960 2251

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

Kate Cummins - Company Secretarial Assistant

Date of notification

02.08.2005

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