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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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Yes No
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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

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

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 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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