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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 9, 2013

Shire plc

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Jersey, Channel Islands

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-29630
(Commission File Number)

98-0601486
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

5 Riverwalk, Citywest Business Campus, Dublin
24, Republic of Ireland

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

+353 1 429 7700

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 8.01. Other Events

Shire plc has issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.01 which is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed herewith:

99.01 Press Release dated January 9, 2013

SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

SHIRE PLC

By: /s/ A C Russell

Name: Angus Russell

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Dated: January 9, 2013

EXHIBIT INDEX

Number	Description
99.01	Press release dated January 9, 2013

Press Release

www.shire.com



Transaction in Own Shares

January 9, 2013 – Shire plc (LSE: SHP, NASDAQ: SHPG) (the “Company”), announces that in accordance with the authority granted by shareholders at the Company's Annual General Meeting on April 24, 2012 it purchased 197,598 of its ordinary shares of 5 pence each (“Ordinary Shares”) on January 8, 2013 through both direct purchases of Ordinary Shares and through the purchase of Ordinary Shares underlying ADRs. The highest and lowest price paid for the directly acquired Ordinary Shares was 1971.00 pence per share and 1926.30 pence per share respectively and for those Ordinary Shares acquired through the purchase of ADRs was 3189.00 cents per share and 3146.66 cents per share respectively.

The purchased shares will be held as treasury shares. Following the above purchase, the Company holds 4,106,860 Ordinary Shares as treasury shares and has 558,439,475 Ordinary Shares in issue (excluding treasury shares).

The purchases were made by an independent third party which makes its trading decisions independently of, and uninfluenced by the Company. The independence of the third party enables the Company to continue to purchase Ordinary Shares (including Ordinary Shares underlying ADRs) during close periods and other prohibited periods, should they arise. The third party has been appointed by the Company to make purchases to December 31, 2013.

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Notes to editors

Shire enables people with life-altering conditions to lead better lives.

Through our deep understanding of patients' needs, we develop and provide healthcare in the areas of:

- Behavioral Health and Gastro Intestinal conditions
- Rare Diseases
- Regenerative Medicine

as well as other symptomatic conditions treated by specialist physicians.

We aspire to imagine and lead the future of healthcare, creating value for patients, physicians, policymakers, payors and our shareholders.

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