

YORK CITY SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED
REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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YORK CITY SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED

BOARD REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

The Board of the York City Supporters' Society Limited ("the Trust") is pleased to present its Annual Report and Financial Statements covering the year to 30 June 2020.

Principal Activities

The Trust was set up with the following principles (as described in the Trust's Rules):

- To strengthen the bonds between York City Football Club and the community which it serves and to represent the interests of the community in the running of the Club;
- To benefit the present and future members of the community served by the Club by promoting, encouraging and furthering the game of football as a recreational facility, sporting activity and focus for community involvement;
- To provide and maintain facilities for the enjoyment of professional football in the area;
- To promote coaching schemes to develop the football skills of young people and to widen the interest in football regardless of the sex or ethnic origin of those involved; and
- To further the development of the game of football nationally and internationally and the upholding of its rules.

Society Status

The Trust is incorporated with Limited Liability under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965 to 1978. The Trust was registered with the Registrar of Friendly Societies on 30 January 2002.

The Trust is an Associate Member of the Football Supporters Association.

Membership

At 30 June 2020 the Current Trust membership stands at 903 of which 326 (and 3 Juniors) are annual members and 577 are life members. This was unchanged from the previous year. Each member is allotted one share of £1 each in the Trust.

Trust Board

Trust Board members who have served during the year to 30 June 2020 are:

Martyn Jones
Mike Brown – Chairman (appointed May 2018)
Sarah Stelling
Stephen Lambert
Richard Hall (appointed Jan 2020)

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BOARD REPORT (*Continued*)

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Review of the year

The Trust retains a 25% shareholding in the football club with additional comprehensive rights and protections relating to the new stadium development and the future finance and governance of the club. Designed to protect the football club and the interests of its supporters, these provisions were enshrined in various contracts and the club's Articles of Association following a restructuring in 2007.

With the support of our legal team at DLA Piper, the Trust has focused on due diligence work relating to the club's departure from Bootham Crescent and move to the new council-owned LNER Community Stadium. Through liaison with the local authority, we were able to secure a commitment by the football club board to formally request the Supporters Trust's consent to signing a lease for the new stadium. We were initially advised that this request would be made in December 2019, but various delays in the stadium build project put this on hold beyond the financial year end.

Throughout the year the Trust continued to raise its profile through a series of social events in the local community, fundraising activities and extensive communications. Our events programme culminated in a 'Farewell Bootham Crescent' dinner at the Principal Hotel attended by over 100 club legends, supporters, corporate partners, and other special guests. We were particularly pleased to be joined by the University of York's Women's football team as part of our community outreach work. The Trust would like to thank all the volunteers that helped to deliver this highly successful and historic event.

The final quarter of the financial year was extremely challenging with the Covid-19 pandemic resulting in all our planned events and fundraising activities being suspended, live football being disrupted, and Trust directors being directly impacted. In June 2020, the Trust made a £1,000 donation to the football club's 'Covid fighting fund', coordinated by the Vice Presidents' group.

Review of the Trust's Financial Results

During the year ended 30 June 2020 the income recognised in the Trust's Accounts is £11,924 (2019: £15,877)

During the year ended 30 June 2020 the expenditure recognised in the Trust's Accounts is £14,717 (2019: £10,829).

The Trust had an overall deficit for the year of £2,793 (2019: surplus £5,048), being the excess of income over expenditure. As at 30 June 2020 the Trust held £11,573 (2019: £14,882) cash at bank and in hand.

Whilst the deficit was disappointing, this was largely due to the cancellation of fundraising events due to the Covid-19 pandemic, additional costs associated by the delay to the Farewell Bootham Crescent dinner and the £1,000 donation made to the football club's Covid fighting fund.

Thanks

Thank you to all those people who positively contribute in whatever way. Please continue to provide positive support to the Trust and the Club.

By order of the Board



Mike Brown
Chairman
15 July 2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of York City Supporters' Society Limited on the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2020 set out on pages 4 to 8.

This report is made solely to the society's members, as a body. My examination work has been undertaken so that I might state to the society's members those matters I am required to state to them in an examiners' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the society and the society's members as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Society Board Members and the examiner

The Society Board Members consider that an audit is not required for this year as an appropriate resolution was approved by members at the last AGM and that an independent examination is therefore appropriate.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by Supporters Direct; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by Supporters Direct. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Society and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Society Board Members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the Society Board Members have not met the requirements to ensure that:
- i) proper accounting records are kept;
 - ii) accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with generally accepted accounting requirements; or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I can also confirm that, in my opinion, the accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 and the Friendly and Provident Societies Act 1968.

Consolidation

The Society has not prepared group accounts as it has obtained exemption from doing so from the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies on the grounds that the businesses of the Society and subsidiary company differ so greatly that they cannot be treated as a single entity.

In my opinion the grounds for exemption have applied during the current financial year.

15 July 2021

T J Maer FCA
Townends Accountants LLP
Chartered Accountants
York

YORK CITY SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Notes	Year ended 30 June 2020		Year ended 30 June 2019	
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Membership subscriptions		1,430		1,243	
Donations and other fundraising		832		3,382	
Legends' match		-		3,383	
Testimonial		1,135		-	
Battle of the Bands		133		-	
Dinner		3,480		-	
Shirt sales		226		6,549	
Beer sales		823		1,310	
Towel sales		3,828		-	
Google Ads		37		-	
Bank interest		-		-	
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Total Income for the year			11,924		15,877
Expenditure					
AGM and SGM costs		250		250	
Badges		-		-	
Website costs		-		208	
Insurance		129		129	
Fundraising costs		1,545		458	
Legends' match costs		-		711	
Testimonial costs		1,071		-	
Shirt costs		347		5,839	
Offside Trust donation		-		500	
Donation to club covid fighting fund		1,000		-	
Beer costs		773		715	
Towel costs		2,064		-	
Dinner cost		6,762		-	
Membership costs		-		-	
Paypal costs		386		528	
FCA registration and SD membership		(100)		411	
Legal and professional costs		372		360	
Sundry expenses		118		528	
Google		-		192	
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			14,717		10,829
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(Deficit)/Surplus for the year before taxation			(2,793)		5,048
Taxation	2		-		-
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(Deficit)/Surplus for the year after taxation			(2,793)		5,048
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There are no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the year

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

AT 30 JUNE 2020

	Notes	2020	2019
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Investments	3	212,500	212,500
Current assets			
Stock		648	441
Debtors	4	-	3,000
Cash at bank and in hand	5	11,573	14,882
		<u>12,221</u>	<u>18,323</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>(1,272)</u>	<u>(4,451)</u>
Net current assets/liabilities		<u>10,949</u>	<u>13,872</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>223,449</u>	<u>226,372</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	7	<u>(189,140)</u>	<u>(189,270)</u>
		<u>34,309</u>	<u>37,102</u>
Capital and reserves			
Share Capital	8	903	903
Income and Expenditure account	9	33,406	36,199
		<u>34,309</u>	<u>37,102</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board on 15 July 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



M Brown
Chairman



S Lambert
Treasurer



S Plaxton
Secretary

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on a going concern basis.

Income

Income represents the donations, subscriptions and other fundraising events during the period inclusive of value added tax where applicable.

Life time memberships are taken to income and expenditure account over a period of 10 years.

Investments

Investments are stated at cost.

Consolidation

The Society has not prepared group accounts as it has obtained exemption from doing so from the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies on the grounds that the businesses of the Society and subsidiary company differ so greatly that they cannot be treated as a single entity.

2. Taxation

There is no taxation due on the surplus for the year.

3. Fixed Asset Investments

	2020 £	2019 £
Investment in York City Football Club Limited	212,500	212,500

As at 30 June 2006 the Trust owned 100% of the issued Ordinary "A" Shares in York City Football Club Limited. In addition, at 30 June 2006 there were in issue 37,500 Ordinary "B" Shares which were held by Trust member and Football Club director, Mr J. McGill. Consequently, the Trust owned 85% of the total issued share capital of York City Football Club Limited.

The current market value of the Trust's investment has not been quantified and therefore no adjustment has been made to the cost to reflect any change to its value that might have taken place.

On 6th June 2006 at the Special General Meeting of Trust members, 78% of voting members approved the motion for the Trust Board to complete the arrangements such that, in overview, Jason McGill's company J M Packaging Limited ("JMP") holds 75% ownership of York City Football Club Limited for £1 million of cash investment in the Club, and the Trust holds 25% ownership plus certain special additional shareholder rights.

As at 30 June 2014 the Trust owned 25% of the total issued share capital in York City Football Club Limited. At 30 June 2014 there were in issue in York City Football Club Limited, 137,500 Ordinary "A" shares (fully owned by York City Supporters' Society Limited) and 412,500 Ordinary "B" shares (fully owned by JMP).

The most recent accounts figures for York City Football Club Limited have been made available to the Trust.

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	2020 £	2019 £
4. Debtors		
Prepaid Dinner costs	-	3,000
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5. Cash at Bank and in Hand		
Co-Op Bank current account	10,696	13,927
Amounts on deposit	80	80
Paypal account	298	375
Cash	500	500
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	11,573	14,882
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6. Creditors		
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Deferred income (Membership subscriptions in advance)	540	550
Deferred income (Dinner receipts)	-	2,385
Accruals	732	1,516
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	1,272	4,451
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7. Creditors		
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
York City Supporters' Society Loan Notes 2003 Issue	176,900	176,900
Bootham Crescent Loan Notes 2004 Issue	9,200	9,200
Life membership subscriptions in advance	3,040	3,170
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	189,140	189,270
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In February 2003 the Trust launched a Loan Notes Issue as part of its fundraising efforts for the 'Rescue Package' for York City Football Club.

Key features of the Loan Notes 2003 Issue include:

- Loan Notes issued to Noteholders in denominations of £100;
- Loan Notes are non-interest bearing and unsecured;
- The monies are only repayable to Noteholders in very limited circumstances; and
- Loan Notes are only transferable with the prior written consent of the Trust Secretary.

In the opinion of the Trust Board, there will be no redemptions of Loan Notes in the foreseeable future.

In June 2004 the Trust launched a Loan Notes Issue to provide supporters and friends of York City the opportunity to make a contribution towards the proposed arrangements for the Trust/Club to gain ownership of Bootham Crescent.

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	2020	2019
	£	£
8. Share Capital		
Shares of £1 each		
Shares in issue at start of year	903	956
Net new shares issued during the year	-	(53)
	<u>903</u>	<u>903</u>
Shares in issue at end of year	<u>903</u>	<u>903</u>

The shares of the Trust have the nominal value of £1 each and may not be transferred or withdrawn. No member may hold more than one share individually or jointly.

If a member ceases to be a member, the share registered in the name of that member is cancelled and the amount subscribed for the share becomes the property of the Trust.

Shares do not carry any right to interest, dividend or bonus.

The members have the rights and powers available to them under the law relating to Industrial and Provident Societies and are to decide in particular the issues specifically reserved to them by the Trust's Rules.

	2020	2019
	£	£
9. General fund		
At 30 June 2019	36,199	31,151
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(2,793)	5,048
	<u>33,406</u>	<u>36,199</u>
At 30 June 2020	<u>33,406</u>	<u>36,199</u>

10. Related party transactions

A donation of £1,000 was made to the Covid Fighting Fund of York City Football Club Limited (2019 £0), the company in which the Society has an interest.