

**Company Registration No. RS007433**

**1865 SUPPORTERS SOCIETY LIMITED**

**REGISTERED UNDER THE CO-OPERATIVE AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETIES  
ACT 2014**

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020**

**1865 SUPPORTERS SOCIETY LIMITED**

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for the Year Ended 31 July 2020**

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**1865 SUPPORTERS SOCIETY LIMITED**  
**SOCIETY INFORMATION**  
**for the Year Ended 31 July 2020**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Elliot Stanley (Chairman) (resigned 31/12/20)  
Andy Caddell (Secretary)  
Nigel Langrick (Treasurer)  
Donna Jordan (resigned 31/12/20)  
Lindsay Knott  
Paul Severn  
Kirt Minton  
Barry Frenchman (appointed 30/1/20)

**REGISTERED OFFICE:**

The Old Bakery  
16 Wordsworth Road  
West Bridgford  
Nottingham NG2 7AN

**REGISTERED NUMBER:**

RS007433 (England and Wales)

**ACCOUNTANTS:**

Brown McLeod Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
The Old Workshop  
1 Ecclesall Road South  
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## 1865 SUPPORTERS SOCIETY LIMITED

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT Year Ended 31 July 2020

The committee presents its report and the unaudited financial statements of the society for the year ended 31 July 2020.

#### Committee Members

The members who served the society during the year were as follows:

Elliot Stanley	Appointed 21/02/2017 / Resigned 31/12/2020
Andy Caddell	Appointed 28/10/2016
Nigel Langrick	Appointed 28/10/2016
Donna Jordan	Appointed 02/06/2017 / Resigned 31/12/2020
Lindsay Knott	Appointed 10/02/2018
Paul Severn	Appointed 25/07/2018
Kirt Minton	Appointed 23/01/2019
Barry Frenchman	Appointed 30/01/2020

#### Principal Activities

- To help safeguard the long term future of Nottingham Forest Football Club.
- To cultivate and strengthen a positive relationship between Nottingham Forest, its supporters and the local community.
- To act as an independent, effective and democratically-organised means of constructive communication between the club and its supporters.
- To represent the views and opinions of the trust members and communicate these to the club.
- To assist the club with off field projects aimed at improving the experience and enjoyment of current fans and engaging with new fans from across the community that the club serves.

#### Chairman's Statement

##### Engagement with Nottingham Forest

2020 saw a continuation of formal meetings with NFFC in addition to enhanced engagement with new areas of the organisation most pertinently Nottingham Forest Community Trust with whom we have developed a strong working relationship.

The Coronavirus pandemic has undoubtedly driven the agenda for much of the year and the content of meetings and communications also reflects this.

NFFC have continually sought our steer and advice on many aspects of their response to the pandemic; a reflection of the strong regard NFST and its member base are held in. We have continued to approach such discussions with the same attitude and behaviours that have enabled us to build such a strong relationship with NFFC – to listen, to be professional and pragmatic and to not presume to have all the answers.

##### Support for Nottingham Forest Women FC

NFST continue to sponsor senior NFWFC player Grace Walters for a third season.

We actively support NFWFC cars via our social media platforms and emails to members; growing awareness of the team and their accessibility as part of the NFFC community however the coronavirus pandemic has stemmed growth in this area for obvious reasons.

##### Engagement with other fan organisations

We engage with a number of other groups as part of our work. During 2020 we contributed to a number of Football Support Association initiatives including various media releases relating to the failed 'Project Big Picture' initiative and participation in dialogue with members of the EFL Executive Board where NFST attended as one of a handful of Trusts representing the Championship Trust network.

We have formed a strong relationship with LGBT Trickies (Nottingham Forest Fan Group formed to work on behalf of supporters from the LGBT community) and an offer to take a co-opted board position was accepted in 2020. Kevin George has since attended a number of NFST board meetings on behalf of LGBT Trickies.

## **Social Media Presence**

We continue to maintain a presence across Twitter, Facebook and Instagram as key comms outlets. Like many Trusts we have noted an increase in what could reasonably be termed as abusive / overly negative behaviour on social media. This has, sadly, increased during the coronavirus pandemic.

## **Media**

NFST continue to engage with local and national media. Primarily these engagements are undertaken by Chair or Secretary to retain familiarity and continuity; however other board members will step in as needed and dependent on topics being covered.

Trust reps have appeared on, amongst others:

BBC Radio Nottingham "Matchtalk"  
BBC Radio Nottingham "The Terrace"  
Sky Sports (News/Online)  
The Athletic  
Notts TV  
TalkSport

## **Membership**

Membership currently sits at circa 1000. As reported previously, anecdotal feedback (FSA/other trusts) suggests this is a healthy figure for a club not in "crisis". There remain ambitions to grow the member base further, to provide better representation both from a diversity perspective and increased % of fanbase.

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Paul Severn  
Committee Member

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Andy Caddell  
Secretary

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Nigel Langrick  
Committee Member

**1865 SUPPORTERS SOCIETY LIMITED**

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
Year Ended 31 July 2020**

	<b>Year Ended 31 July 2020</b>	<b>Year Ended 31 July 2019</b>
<b>Turnover</b>		
Membership fees	<u>10,597</u>	<u>11,541</u>
		<b>11,541</b>
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>		
PayPal fees	496	506
Stripe fees	73	70
Room Hire	400	440
Certificate printing and dispatch	-	950
Survey	5,000	2,486
Membership gifts	-	3,000
Website/ Email/ Domain	151	136
Intouch	360	480
Media output	1,030	694
Prizes & hospitality	-	1,243
Subscriptions	100	-
Sponsorships	500	700
Sundries	<u>48</u>	<u>49</u>
	<b>8,158</b>	<b>10,754</b>
<b>Surplus before tax</b>		<b>787</b>
Tax on surplus	-	-
Surplus for the financial year	<u><b>£2,439</b></u>	<u><b>£787</b></u>

All the activities of the society are from continuing operations

**1865 SUPPORTERS SOCIETY LIMITED**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
Year Ended 31 July 2020**

	Note	At 31 July 2020	At 31 July 2019
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtor		23	58
Cash at bank and in hand		23,298	21,104
		<u>23,321</u>	<u>21,162</u>
<b>Creditors</b>			
Amounts due within one year		1,900	2,100
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>21,421</u>	<u>19,062</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><b>£21,421</b></u>	<u><b>£19,062</b></u>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>			
Called up share capital		871	951
Junior member shares no voting rights		11	10
Profit & loss account		<u>20,539</u>	<u>18,101</u>
<b>Shareholder Funds</b>		<u><b>£21,421</b></u>	<u><b>£19,062</b></u>

The society is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 84 of The Co-Operative and Community Benefit Society Act 2014 for the year ended 31 July 2020.

The members acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with the requirements of The Co-Operative and Community Benefit Society Act 2014 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true a fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit and loss account for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 of The Co-Operative Community benefit Society Act 2014.

The financial statements were approve on behalf of the committee on \_\_\_\_\_ by:

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Paul Severn

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Andy Caddell

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Nigel Langrick

**1865 SUPPORTERS SOCIETY LIMITED**  
**NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**Year Ended 31 July 2020**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Turnover**

Turnover represents memberships fees.

**2. TAXATION**

No liability to UK corporation tax arose on ordinary activities for the year ended 31 July 2020 and year ended 31 July 2019.

**3. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>31.07.20</b>	<b>31.07.19</b>
	£	£
Other creditors	1,900	2,100
	<b>1,900</b>	<b>2,100</b>

**4. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL**

Allotted, issued and fully paid:

Number:	Class:	Nominal Value:	<b>31.07.20</b>	<b>31.07.19</b>
			£	£
951	Ordinary	£1	871	951
			<b>871</b>	<b>951</b>

Share Capital represents the number of qualifying members with a share allocated at £1 nominal value. As members join and leave the share capital is adjusted for the movement in effective share ownership.

**5. CONTROLLING PARTY**

There is no one controlling party.

## 1865 SUPPORTERS SOCIETY LIMITED

### **Accountants' report to the Management committee members on the preparation of the unaudited statutory financial statements of 1865 Supporters Society Limited Year ended 31 July 2020**

We report on the unaudited financial statements of 1865 Supporters Society Limited for the year ended 31 July 2019 set out on pages 4 to 6.

#### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS AND REPORTING ACCOUNTANT

The society's officers are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they consider that the society is entitled to opt out of an audit. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion.

This report is made to the society's members, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement.

Our work has been undertaken so that we might review the accounts, report to the society's members that we have done so and for no other purposes. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the society and the society's members, as a body, for our work or for this report.

As a practicing member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <https://www.icaew.com/en/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance/>.

#### BASIS OF OPINION

Our work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants, and so our procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the society and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the society as we considered necessary for the purposes of this report. These procedures provide the only assurance expressed in our opinion.

#### OPINION

In our opinion:

- the revenue account and balance sheet for the year ended 31 July 2020 are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the society under section 75 of The Co-Operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014;
- having regard only to, and on the basis of the information contained in the accounting records, the revenue account and balance sheet comply with the requirements of The Co-Operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014; and
- the society has satisfied the conditions for exemption from an audit of the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2019 specified in section 84 of The Co-Operative and Community Benefit Act 2014 and did not at any time within the year fall within any of the categories of society not entitled to such exemption.

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Date 25 January 2021