

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 2021

1865 SUPPORTERS SOCIETY LIMITED

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for the Year Ended 31 July 2021**

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1865 SUPPORTERS SOCIETY LIMITED
SOCIETY INFORMATION
for the Year Ended 31 July 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Elliot Stanley (resigned 31/12/20)
Andy Caddell (Chairman)
Nigel Langrick (Treasurer)
Donna Jordan (resigned 31/12/20)
Lindsay Knott
Paul Severn
Kirt Minton (resigned 9/12/21)
Barry Frenchman
Bob Whetton (Secretary)

REGISTERED OFFICE:

The Old Bakery
16 Wordsworth Road
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Nottingham NG2 7AN

REGISTERED NUMBER:

RS007433 (England and Wales)

ACCOUNTANTS:

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Chartered Accountants
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1865 SUPPORTERS SOCIETY LIMITED

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT Year Ended 31 July 2021

The committee presents its report and the unaudited financial statements of the society for the year ended 31 July 2021.

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 / Resigned 9/12/2021 |
| Barry Frenchman | Appointed 30/01/2020 |
| Bob Whetton | Appointed 31/05/2021 |

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

Despite the restrictions imposed by the ongoing covid pandemic, formal meetings with NFFC have continued throughout the year. The main areas of focus for these have, as always, been dictated by the trust membership. In 2021 these included strategic direction of the club; City Ground redevelopment and community engagement issues including supporting foodbank collections, promoting the interests of fans with disability and the My City My Shirt initiative designed to celebrate the diversity amongst the club's fanbase.

In March, we were delighted to conduct an extensive Q&A with the Forest Chairman, Nicholas Randall QC. The questions put were submitted by trust members as well as other fans. This was distributed in three instalments on the club's YouTube channel and recorded very high levels of engagement.

A first meeting was held with the new CEO, Dane Murphy shortly after his appointment, underlining the ongoing strong relationship the trust has established with the club.

Support for Nottingham Forest Women FC

The trust has continued its historic support for NFWFC including sponsorship of Grace Walters for the 4th season running.

Options for wider involvement in support have been explored at meetings with NFFC. The impact of the pandemic has resulted in delays to these plans, but it is expected that these can be rekindled in the coming year.

My City My Shirt initiative

Working in partnership with Fans for Diversity and Forest, the trust's involvement with the My City My Shirt has been one of the most successful initiatives we have been involved with. The project celebrates diversity of all kinds among football fans, including those not immediately apparent, the intention being to show that all are welcome at our football club. A diverse fanbase more accurately represents the wider community and so results in a stronger support.

Engagement with fan organisations

The trust has engaged regularly with the Football Supporters Association (FSA), Debs Dilworth from the FSA attended the November board meeting in person. Members of the trust board have attended FSA meetings, representing our interests and views.

Governance

The trust has undertaken work to improve our systems to make sure that we comply with the regulations required of a community benefit society and to better manage our activities. We have set up a partnership with Nottingham agency, Key Principles, to upgrade all core marketing and data technology platforms. The membership database has been overhauled and plans have been put in place to upgrade the trust website.

Media and communications

Members have been regularly updates by means of regular (at least monthly) emails detailing latest trust activities. The trust also regularly communicates via our social media channels which continue to enjoy healthy growth and where we enjoy high levels of engagement relative to comparable trusts. In addition, communication has been entered into with individual fans via email, calls and on occasion face-to-face.

Membership

Current membership is approximately 700 which represents a decline during 2021. It became clear that the very high majority of this has been caused by registered payment cards expiring and a lack of functionality on our database to send out prompts to update ahead of the expiry. The upgrades we have made to the database have included reminder functionality and a portal to update payment details, this has addressed the problem. We plan to attract new members by enhancing the advantages of membership and making a better job at communicating these.

Future priorities

Planned activities for the coming year include contributing to the Fan-Led Review by representing the fans' views in discussion with the club; continuing to build closer links with the Community Trust and collaborating on various initiatives with them; undertaking further exhibitions and promotion around My City My Shirt; input on the development of the Peter Taylor stand as and when planning permission is received and providing support to explorations ongoing about the possible establishment of a Forest Disabled Supporters Association.

Paul Severn
Committee Member

Andy Caddell
Chairman

Nigel Langrick
Committee Member

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
Year Ended 31 July 2021

| | Year Ended 31 July 2021 | Year Ended 31 July 2020 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Turnover | | |
| Membership fees | <u>9,843</u> | <u>10,597</u> |
| | 9,843 | 10,597 |
| | | |
| Administrative Expenses | | |
| PayPal fees | 451 | 496 |
| Stripe fees | 51 | 73 |
| Room Hire | - | 400 |
| Survey | - | 5,000 |
| Website/ Email/ Domain | 72 | 151 |
| Intouch | 360 | 360 |
| Media output | - | 1,030 |
| Projects | 156 | - |
| Subscriptions | - | 100 |
| Sponsorships | 700 | 500 |
| Sundries | - | 49 |
| | <u>1,790</u> | <u>8,158</u> |
| | | |
| Surplus before tax | 8,053 | 2,439 |
| Tax on surplus | - | - |
| Surplus for the financial year | <u>8,053</u> | <u>£2,439</u> |

All the activities of the society are from continuing operations

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
Year Ended 31 July 2021**

| | Note | At 31 July 2021 | At 31 July 2020 |
|---------------------------------------|------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Current Assets | | | |
| Debtor | | 23 | 23 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 23,545 | 23,298 |
| PayPal | | 7,745 | - |
| | | 31,313 | 23,321 |
| Creditors | | | |
| Amounts due within one year | 3 | 1,900 | 1,900 |
| | | 1,900 | 1,900 |
| Net assets | | 29,413 | £21,421 |
| Capital and Reserves | | | |
| Called up share capital | 4 | 809 | 871 |
| Junior member shares no voting rights | | 12 | 11 |
| Profit & loss account | | 28,592 | 20,539 |
| Shareholder Funds | | 29,413 | £21,421 |

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 2021.

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:

Paul Severn

Andy Caddell

Nigel Langrick

1865 SUPPORTERS SOCIETY LIMITED
NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year Ended 31 July 2021

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 2021 and year ended 31 July 2020.

3. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 31.07.21 | 31.07.20 |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Other creditors | <u>1,900</u> | <u>1,900</u> |
| | <u>1,900</u> | <u>1,900</u> |

4. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Allotted, issued and fully paid:

| Number: | Class: | Nominal Value: | 31.07.21 | 31.07.20 |
|---------|----------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | | £ | £ |
| 809 | Ordinary | £1 | <u>809</u> | <u>871</u> |

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.

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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 2021

We report on the unaudited financial statements of 1865 Supporters Society Limited for the year ended 31 July 2021 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 2021 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 2021 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 2022