

THORNES JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB

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Details

Other names TJFC

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THORNES, WAKEFIELD, WEST YORKSHIRE, AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS BY PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY AND FACILITIES FOR PLAYING ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL SO AS TO DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CAPABILITIES THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

Activities: To develop the social, physical and welfare of young people by participating in a team sport and being part of an organization. Our activities being the development of young people across all ages and thanks to football focused activities and encouragement of all abilities. A great contribution is made by volunteers to run the club enhancing the experience for young people and improve facilities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THORNES, WAKEFIELD, WEST YORKSHIRE, AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS
- City Of Wakefield

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£114,904	£110,281	-	-
2024-06-30	£91,118	£96,931	-	-
2023-06-30	£69,150	£65,519	-	-
2022-06-30	£79,783	£69,321	-	-
2021-06-30	£39,003	£37,138	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mark Parsons	Chair	2020-07-01
David John Sutcliffe		2016-11-05
Gavin David Simpkins		2016-11-05
John Stuart Hinchliffe		2014-03-31

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Trustees Report 2024-25

The club continues to provide the opportunity and facilities for young people to play association football so as to develop their physical and mental capabilities to enable them to grow into responsible individuals and members of society

Once again we were pleased to report further increases in playing numbers compared to the 2023/24 season by approx. 45 or 13%. In the face of increasing costs in regard to such as winter training costs i.e. using school facilities, the club agreed to increase its annual members subscription level to £170 per person (£10 increase) compared to the previous year. The combination of both these factors saw the club's income from subscriptions increase by over £11500 compared to the previous year. Despite this small increase in subs levels the club remains competitive compared to other local clubs and we will continue to remain so in the face of the increases in the cost of living that our families are facing. The club remains committed to giving our members value for money whilst attempting to give them the optimum equipment and facilities!

Building on the success of the England Lionesses team since 2021 and the positive message this has sent out for girls football, the club has focussed significant effort on increasing the number of girls playing at our club. During the past year we operated 4 girls teams compared to 3 in the previous year, an increase of 24 in playing numbers. Additionally despite a change in their coaching team, our Ability Counts Team continued to play an important part in our club with a small increase in playing numbers and as in previous years we had the honour of hosting an Ability Counts Gala in May 2025.

As reported in almost every annual report, the weather over the autumn / winter period continues to be a major factor in the number of games we are able to play at our ground. However we were pleased to report that due to drier and milder weather during the 2024/25 season, more games were played. This had a positive impact upon our finances where reported income, net of costs, from our tuck shop increased by some £6k compared to the previous season.

The report submitted last year highlighted the club exploring the opportunity to instal an effective drainage system into our pitches. The club decided to put this on hold and consider the opportunity to install an artificial 3G pitch at our ground instead. We will continue to explore the feasibility of such a project into the 2025/26 season with the major issue being our ability to secure the funding required and in particular our own contribution to the project i.e. matched funding.

In a junior football club such as ours the safeguarding of our players is of paramount importance. The past season has seen us refreshing and strengthening our commitment to this by appointing 2 club safeguarding officers onto the club committee and recruiting team safeguarding officers to most of our teams. In addition to making our safeguarding officers more visible particularly at our home ground on match days this has helped to improve behaviour both on and off the pitch.

From a fundraising perspective the club was once again able to hold our annual small-sided football tournament in June 2025. The event was very successful both on and off the pitch where a financial surplus of £5000 was secured as reported in our accounts, the best financial outcome in the club's history!

Additionally our Christmas raffle supported club funds to the extent of £2500, the best outcome we have had ever!. During the year reported we held 2 car boot sales that contributed an additional £1700 to our finances, we had planned for 3 but 1 was called off due to the weather.

In recognition of the above factors our accounts for the 2024/25 financial year report an increase in our income of £23800 compared to the previous year, but what about expenditure?

Through a combination of an increase in the number of our teams and increases in facility costs (hourly rates), our winter training costs increased by £2800, However as shown in our accounts the biggest increase in costs was £11400 on pitch renovation, this was, however, a deliberate strategy by the club.. Given that we were able to play more games on our pitches through having better weather during the winter and a very dry spring period, our pitches needed more maintenance work during the year and in particular during May and June 2025. Accordingly the club decided it would use some of the increased net income for the year on improving our pitches in preparation for the 2025/26 football season. Some of these costs are met in part by a grant from the Football Foundation for pitch maintenance.

The club was still able to report a small surplus of £4623 for the financial year ending 30 June 2025. The club at its AGM in July reported the accounts for the year once again demonstrating continued robust finances and healthy financial reserves to invest in our future.

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY - 30 JUNE 2025

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD - ALL ACCOUNTS

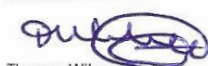
	2023/24	2024/25		2023/24	2024/25
INCOME	£	£	EXPENDITURE	£	£
Subscriptions	47200.00	58761.00	Insurances	1045.19	1095.94
Raffles	542.00	1633.00	League Fees	2085.75	2212.00
Sponsorship	14377.46	13210.00	Referees	3183.00	5178.00
Miscellaneous		1095.00	Miscellaneous	1610.18	518.77
Presentation Day	668.47	390.05	Presentation Day	3150.99	3282.14
Refreshments	7556.00	15525.20	Refreshments	3515.82	5638.36
Fine Refunds	87.00	491.00	Drainage Project	4422.00	0.00
Xmas Raffle	1655.00	2773.00	Fines	457.00	1368.00
Facility Hire	2650.00	1575.00	Xmas Raffle	265.29	290.32
Merchandise	1174.00	1105.50	Winter Training	20527.20	23388.87
Gala	7338.58	7713.33	Kit & Equipment	23751.90	21799.17
Bank Interest	75.23	95.64	Gala	2885.22	2676.57
Car Boot Sales	870.00	1768.72	Queens Drive / Clubhouse	4791.15	5762.59
Football Foundation Grants	6924.00	8768.00	Pitch Maintenance - Monthly	12000.00	12000.00
			Pitch Renovation	9400.00	20800.00
			Gala Entry Fees	686.00	745.00
			Raffle Prizes	80.00	45.69
			Pitch Hire	824.00	
			Training Courses	2250.00	3479.20
TOTAL INCOME	91117.74	114904.44	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	96930.69	110280.62
BALANCE BFWD 1 JULY 2023	35845.09	30032.14			
SUB TOTAL	126962.83	144936.58			
LESS EXPENDITURE THIS PERIOD	96930.69	110280.62			
BALANCE AS AT 30 JUNE 2025	30032.14	34655.96	BALANCE MADE UP OF AS FOLLOWS:		
			BANK ACCOUNT - MAIN	23009.07	38202.68
			BANK ACCOUNT - OTHERS	49.94	6.36
			PETTY CASH FLOAT	381.70	315.00
			RESERVE ACCOUNT	10741.43	6181.07
				34182.14	44705.11
			YEAR END ADJUSTMENTS		
			Sponsorship - Income In Advance	-4150	-10049.15
			TOTAL BALANCES	30032.14	34655.96
			SURPLUS / DEFICIT IN YEAR	-5812.95	4623.82

Accounts prepared by

David Sutcliffe
Club Treasurer

Independent Examination Statement

In connection with my examination of the above accounts there are no matters coming to my attention that have given me any reasonable cause that the accounts are materially misstated.
In my opinion the accounts as presented by the club show a true and fair view of the club's affairs for the year ended 30 June 2025



Thomas Wilcox
Company Director
1 April 2026

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Trustees Report 2023-24

Once again, the club was pleased to report further increases in playing numbers compared to the 2022/23 season by approx. 70 or £11000 in cash terms. As reported in the return for 2022-23 the club increased its members subscription level to £160 per person. The club decided to maintain subscriptions at this level as we entered the 2023-24 season as we felt it unreasonable to increase charges any further as the cost of living continues to affect our members' families.

In last year's annual report, the club highlighted its efforts to develop girls' teams, and this was recognised further during 2023-24 where we were able to report three new girls' teams (45 new players in total). Our newly established under 14 girls' team had a very successful first season finishing second in their league and so gaining promotion to a higher division for the 2023-24 season. Additionally, our Ability Counts Team continues to play an important part in our club, we had the honour of hosting an Ability Counts Gala in June 2024.

Unfortunately, as reported in almost every annual report the weather over the autumn / winter period was very poor and continued to have a significant negative impact on the fitness of our pitches and a high number of games were lost to the weather from as early as late October 2023. To address this major problem, our annual report last year highlighted our efforts to secure funding from the Football Foundation to enable us to instal an effective drainage system into almost half of our pitches.

We started this process during this last season by employing a Professional Agronomist who carried out a detailed investigation into the soil conditions and an initial assessment of the type of system we would need. This survey took place at the cost of £4422 as reported on the balance sheet funded by the club. The next stage is to identify the exact specification of system required, this will cost an additional £6000 which has to be funded by the club initially but hopefully be reclaimed from the Football Foundation pending a successful grant application.

From a fundraising perspective the club was once again able to hold our annual small-sided football tournament in June 2024. The event was very successful both on and off the pitch where a financial surplus of £4400 was reported as reported in our accounts. Additionally, our Christmas raffle supported club funds to the extent of £1400. On the negative side again through continued poor weather, we were only able to one car boot sale during the season where previously we were able to have four annually. Additionally, through the significant number of games postponed again through the weather our tuck shop income reduced by £1800 compared to 2022-23.

On the expenditure side we faced a number of significant cost pressures. One of these increases related to winter training where the club uses mainly local school facilities for training during the autumn winter period. Through a combination of an increase in the number of our teams, increases in facility costs (hourly rates) and poor weather in spring 2024 leading to us having to extend the period of the facility uses, the costs increased by just over £7000. Some of this increase was expected where such as the additional three new girls' teams.

The enclosed balance sheet shows an in-year deficit of £5812 which can be attributed primarily to the "one off" cost of the drainage survey as described above (£4412), increases in costs (winter training) offset by additional income (subscriptions). The club continues, however, to have robust finances and our financial reserves more than cover the reported in year deficit. At the annual general meeting held in July 2024, the club voted to increase its membership subscriptions by a further £10 to £170 per year for the 2024-25 season. Whilst we regret having to raise our levels of subscriptions, we remain very competitive compared to other clubs in our area and an early assessment of membership levels going into the 2024/25 season shows they are increasing even further above 2023/24 levels.

THORNES JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB**ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2023 TO 30 JUNE 2024****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD - ALL ACCOUNTS**

	2022/23	2023/24		2022/23	2023/24
INCOME	£	£	EXPENDITURE	£	£
Subscriptions	35966.50	47200.00	Insurances	914.13	1045.19
Raffles	1609.00	542.00	League Fees	1298.00	2085.75
Sponsorship	5066.00	14377.46	Referees	2099.00	3183.00
Miscellaneous			Miscellaneous	667.26	1610.18
Presentation Day	846.66	668.47	Presentation Day	2380.07	3150.99
Refreshments	9392.75	7556.00	Refreshments	3852.76	3515.82
Fundraising Events			Drainage Project	683.00	4422.00
Fine Refunds	112.00	87.00	Fines	346.00	457.00
Xmas Raffle	1380.00	1655.00	Xmas Raffle	242.00	265.29
Facility Hire	3175.00	2650.00	Winter Training	12803.05	20527.20
Merchandise	400.00	1174.00	Kit & Equipment	13469.51	23751.90
Gala 2023	6690.65		Gala 2023	2365.32	
Gala 2024		7338.58	Gala 2024		2885.22
Bank Interest	44.10	75.23	Queens Drive / Clubhouse	6397.86	4791.15
Car Boot Sales	3536.08	870.00	Gala Entry Fees		686.00
Football Foundation Grants (pitches and posts)		6924.00	Pitch Maintenance	15900.00	21400.00
Kickers Kit Sales	35.00	0.00	Kickers Kit		
Under 9s Kit Sales	396.7		Raffle Prizes	100.00	80.00
			Pitch Hire		824.00
			Training Courses	1610.00	2250.00
Barclays Grant U13 Girls	500		Barclays Grant U13 Girls	390.67	
TOTAL INCOME	69150.44	91117.74	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	65518.63	96930.69
BALANCE BFWD 1 JULY 2023	32213.28	35845.09			
SUB TOTAL	101363.72	126962.83			
LESS EXPENDITURE THIS PERIOD	65518.63	96930.69			
BALANCE AS AT 30 JUNE 2024	35845.09	30032.14	BALANCE MADE UP OF AS FOLLOWS:		
			BANK ACCOUNT - MAIN	25811.95	23009.07
			BANK ACCOUNT - OTHERS	34.94	49.94
			PETTY CASH FLOAT	198.00	381.70
			RESERVE ACCOUNT	12800.20	10741.43
			YEAR END ADJUSTMENTS		
			Sponsorship - Income In Advance	-3000	-4150.00
			TOTAL BALANCES	35845.09	30032.14
			SURPLUS / DEFICIT IN YEAR	3631.81	-5812.95

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Trustees Report 2022-23

Increases in playing numbers reported in 2021/22 continued into the 2022/23 season and income from members subscriptions increased by some £11000 in the year. To meet with increased costs e.g. grounds maintenance, the club agreed to increased members' subs by £10 to £160 per year that accounted for £2000 of this increase in income. Recruitment into our younger age groups remained very strong with the majority of the Kickers players (5-6 yrs old) recruited in 2021/22 progressing into our under 7s in 2022/23.

The club was especially pleased to report a new girls team at under 13 being established halfway through the season. The club had been looking to develop girls only teams in recent times and although the majority of the new players came "on block" from another club, a number of new players were also recruited. This allowed us to apply for funding from Barclays Bank (£500) who were offering grants to develop girls football.

Unfortunately a wet autumn / winter had a significant negative impact on the fitness of our pitches and a high number of games were lost to the weather from as early as late October 2022 until March 2023. The major issue the club has faced over a number of years is that all of our pitches have no drainage. This season we started to engage with the Football Foundation over the possibility of securing grant income from them to enable us to implement effective an drainage system. Through discussions with our local councillors we were able to secure a commitment of matched funding. The next step was to work with Professional Agronomists who would design a detailed specification on the ideal drainage system for the site as required by the Football Foundation. We hoped to complete this during the 2023/24 season although this will mean half of our pitches ultimately being "out of action" whilst the new drainage system settles down.

From a fundraising perspective the club was able to hold our annual small-sided football tournament in June 2023. The event was very successful both on and off the pitch where a financial surplus of £4300 was reported. Additionally our Christmas raffle supported club funds to the extent of £1100 and a further £1900 net income was generated through four car boot sales held during the year.

Together with the continued successful tuck shop the club's robust financial performance despite significant increases in costs to include clubhouse utilities, winter training facilities, playing kit and grounds maintenance (the club uses professional grounds contractors). Nevertheless whilst the club looks only to cover its costs, a small financial surplus of £3632 was reported in this year's accounts.

These funds will be used, amongst other things, to maintain our members subscription levels at 2022/23 levels moving into the 2023/24 season. The club was keen to put this in place in the face of significant increases in the cost of living faced by all of our members families. The club will use its financial reserves to fund further cost pressures it will no doubt face during the year as detailed at the beginning of this paragraph.

As is the clubs tradition the year came to a close with us holding our annual presentation day where all our teams reflected on yet another successful season, despite the challenges of the weather reported above, and we all looked forward to the new season.

THORNES JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB**ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2022 TO 30 JUNE 2023****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD - ALL ACCOUNTS**

	2021/22	2022/23		2021/22	2022/23
INCOME	£	£	EXPENDITURE	£	£
Subscriptions	25033.50	35966.50	Insurances	739.45	914.13
Raffles	1623.00	1609.00	League Fees	844.00	1298.00
Sponsorship	5060.00	5066.00	Referees	1900.00	2099.00
Miscellaneous			Miscellaneous	379.00	667.26
Presentation Day 2021	561.00		Presentation Day 2021	991.74	0.00
Presentation Day 2022	628.00		Presentation Day 2022	1648.49	0.00
Presentation Day 2023		846.66	Presentation Day 2023		2380.07
Refreshments	7422.96	9392.75	Refreshments	2355.88	3852.76
Fundraising Events			Fundraising Events	705.00	683.00
Fine Refunds	99.00	112.00	Fines	190.00	346.00
Xmas Raffle	1545.00	1380.00	Xmas Raffle	159.00	242.00
Facility Hire	2803.00	3175.00	Winter Training	9333.70	12803.05
Merchandise		400.00	Kit & Equipment	10315.18	13469.51
Gala 2021	3582.00		Gala 2021	1592.39	
Gala 2022	5179.00		Gala 2022	1981.60	
Gala 2023		6690.65	Gala 2023		2365.32
Bank Interest	1.57	44.10	Queens Drive / Clubhouse	3823.53	6397.86
Wakefield Council - Support Grant	8000.00		Office		
Football Foundation Pitch Grants	14780.00		Pitch Maintenance	30680.00	15900.00
Football Foundation Return to Action Grant	763.88		Football Foundation Return to Action Grant	762.52	
Kickers Kit Sales	415.50	35.00	Kickers Kit	0.00	
Under 9s Kit Sales	546.04	396.70	Raffle Prizes	105.00	100.00
Car Boot Sales	1740	3536.08	Training Courses	815.00	1610.00
Barclays Grant U13 Girls		500.00	Barclays Grant U13 Girls		390.67
TOTAL INCOME	79783.45	69150.44	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	69321.48	65518.63
BALANCE BFWD 1 JULY 2022	21751.31	32213.28			
SUB TOTAL	101534.76	101363.72			
LESS EXPENDITURE THIS PERIOD	69321.48	65518.63			
BALANCE AS AT 30 JUNE 2023	32213.28	35845.09	BALANCE MADE UP OF AS FOLLOWS:		
			BANK ACCOUNT - MAIN	20670.24	25811.95
			BANK ACCOUNT - OTHERS	134.94	34.94
			PETTY CASH FLOAT	900.00	198.00
			FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT	10508.10	12800.20
			YEAR END ADJUSTMENTS		
			Sponsorship - Income In Advance		-3000.00
			TOTAL BALANCES	32213.28	35845.09
			SURPLUS / DEFICIT IN YEAR	10461.97	3631.81

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Trustees Report 2021-22

After a couple of years severely hampered by the pandemic, the year ended 30 June 2022 was thankfully almost “business as usual”.

The club received the last grant support from the local authority in July 2021. The club remains very grateful for this support throughout the pandemic as a contribution to income lost through periods of inactivity. This enabled us to emerge from the previous two years in a robust state with renewed enthusiasm for the future.

The 2021/22 football season began as “normal” and our membership numbers showed an increase on pre pandemic levels particularly at the “younger end” where the Kickers section (5-7 years old) that began in late spring 2021 continuing to thrive. Through the latter our under 7s team started in August 2021 with 10 members but increased to 22 by season end in June 2022. Having “healthy” squad numbers at under 7, 8 & 9 is essential to the longer term sustainability of the club.

A milder and drier autumn meant we were able to play more games than “normal” before the turn of the year although a number of weeks were then “lost” during the winter period. This however prevented a fixture backlog come the end of the season.

From a fundraising perspective the club delayed its 2020/21 annual small-sided football tournament until July 2021 through the lasting impact of the pandemic. Although the event was smaller than in previous years with strict COVID protocols in place, it was incident free and a significant financial contribution to the club was achieved. Additionally the club held its 2021 Christmas raffle and we also held two successful car boot sales in May and June 2022.

All of the above events contributed c£8000 to the club and together with such as successful tuck shop takings enabled the club to have a financial surplus as shown in this year’s accounts. These funds will be used, amongst other things, to maintain our members subscription levels at 2021/22 levels as we moved into a new season / financial year (2022/23) in the face of increasing costs to include clubhouse utilities, pitch maintenance, kit and winter training costs (use of school facilities).

The club continues to be in receipt of a grant from the Football Foundation (5 years) to improve our pitches. This year’s accounts include two years grant monies where the payment for 2020/21 was delayed until June 2021 and carried forward into 2021/22 as the pitch work it was meant to pay for hadn’t started. The grant for 2021/22 was paid on time in May 2022 and the “matching” pitch work was completed in June 2022 at the end of the playing season.

The 2021/22 year finished with the club holding its annual presentation day. This is traditionally an event where the whole of the club comes together to commemorate the season just finished and all our players are given a trophy / medal as a memento. Given what everyone had been through the “pandemic years” this was an event enjoyed by all our members, parents and friends!

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD - ALL ACCOUNTS						
		2020/21	2021/22		2020/21	2021/22
INCOME		£	£	EXPENDITURE	£	£
Subscriptions		15141.52	25033.50	Insurances	714.86	739.45
Raffles		1218.00	1623.00	League Fees	342.00	844.00
Sponsorship / Donations		1400.00	5060.00	Referees	1745.00	1900.00
Miscellaneous				Miscellaneous	50.00	379.00
Presentation Day 2021		0.00	561.00	Presentation Day 2021	0.00	991.74
Presentation Day 2022			628.00	Presentation Day 2022		1648.49
Refreshments		2234.39	7422.96	Refreshments	774.62	2355.88
Fundraising Events		0.00		Fundraising Events	0.00	705.00
Fine Refunds		138.00	99.00	Fines	148.00	190.00
Xmas Raffle		0.00	1545.00	Xmas Raffle	59.00	159.00
Facility Hire Donations		1115.00	2803.00	Winter Training	2345.00	9333.70
Merchandise		0.00		Kit & Equipment	3898.49	9899.68
Gala 2021		0.00	3582.00	Gala 2021	0.00	1592.39
Gala 2022			5179.00	Gala 2022		1981.60
Bank Interest		2.47	1.57	Queens Drive / Clubhouse	8515.63	3823.53
Wakefield Council - Support Grant		13750.86	8000.00	Office	0.00	
Football Foundation COVID 19 Grant		500		Covid 19 Protection	633.87	
Football Foundation Pitch Grants		2500.00	14780.00	Pitch Maintenance	16880.00	30680.00
Football Foundation Return to Action Grant		536.12	763.88	Football Foundation Return to Action Grant	536.12	762.52
Kickers Kit Sales		466.50	415.50	Kickers Kit	437.13	415.50
Under 8s Kit Sales			546.04	Raffle Prizes	57.88	105.00
Car Boot Sales			1740.00	Training Courses	0.00	815.00
TOTAL INCOME		39002.86	79783.45	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	37107.90	69321.48
BALANCE BFWD 1 JULY 2021		19886.15	21751.31			
SUB TOTAL		58889.01	101534.76			
LESS EXPENDITURE THIS PERIOD		37107.90	69321.48			

BALANCE AS AT 30 JUNE 2022	21751.31	32213.28	BALANCE MADE UP OF AS FOLLOWS:		
			BANK ACCOUNT - MAIN	18437.56	20670.24
			BANK ACCOUNT - OTHERS	19.94	134.94
			PETTY CASH FLOAT	355.00	900.00
			FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT	10506.53	10508.10
			YEAR END ADJUSTMENTS		
			FF PITCH GRANT IN ADVANCE	-6850.00	
			RETURN TO ACTION BALANCE	-763.88	
			WINTER TRAINING PAYMENT IN ADVANCE	1114.00	
			GALA INCOME IN ADVANCE	-1063.84	
			TOTAL BALANCES	21751.31	32213.28
			SURPLUS / DEFICIT ON YEAR	1864.96	10461.97

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TRUSTEES REPORT 2020/21 SEASON

The season was of course severely affected by the COVID pandemic and although activity was limited, the club did its best to adhere to the guidance offered on a regular basis by the Football Association and our County Football Association to make it both safe and successful.

Training started again in late June 2020 when our players were only allowed to train in groups of no more than 6 people. Very few of our players had left the club during the period March – June 2020 when the first period of lockdown hit.

Competitive football started in August 2020 and league fixtures from September. Once again, the club followed updated guidance to ensure that games could be played as safely as possible whilst adhering to issues of social distancing, cleaning equipment and safe gathering of spectators. Risk assessments had to be written and were updated as and when the guidance was updated. Having returned to action successfully with all required measures in place we then had the next period of lockdown from December until the end of March.

Use of the clubhouse facilities was prohibited from the start of the season but once we were allowed to “open up” the club had strict measures on “one in one out” access to the toilet facilities with separate entry and exit points into the building. The tuck shop on reopening was initially through a serving hatch (window) to the outside. Once we were able to use our normal facilities again this was done using social distancing to include queueing with separate entrance / exit points and users wearing masks at all times whilst in the building.

Nevertheless, as the Country gradually “opened up” from March 2021 things were gradually returning to some level of normality by the end of the season. A QR poster was introduced to which all visitors to the site were asked to log into to aid track and trace measures. Football activity commenced again after the 2nd period of lockdown from April 2021 although some games had to be cancelled where players had unfortunately contacted the virus.

Our new Kickers section for 5–6-year-olds finally began in April 2021. Recruitment of players was an immediate success and gave us encouragement to have successful recruitment to our under 7 and 8 teams in the future where past playing numbers were of concern. This is crucial to our long-term sustainability.

The club was pleased to report that there were no reported incidents throughout the season of anyone becoming COVID positive as a result of either playing or spectating at the club. Our members and their families adopted a very responsible attitude to the measures we put in place for which the club is very grateful. We adopted a serious and responsible attitude to implementing all the guidance given to us by various parties and we emerged strongly at the end of June 2021. This gave us the confidence to run our annual small, sided football competition in July 2021 but with strict operating procedures still in place. These protective measures will continue to be in place for as long as we are required to do so.

From a financial perspective 2020/21 was a challenging year. The reduced income from members subs and fundraising activities put pressure on club finances. Members subscriptions were paid on a strict monthly basis with “payment free” months in place during the lockdown period to avoid a potential issue of refunds. However, our members (parents) were keen to offer the club as much support as possible.

We were unable to operate fundraising activities during the season to include car boot sales,

Christmas raffles etc and as stated above our tuck shop income was significantly reduced compared to usual. However, the club was able to apply for continued grant support for loss of income from our local council which was well received. Funding from the Football Foundation was also forthcoming to be used on specific virus protection purposes e.g., signage, PPE, extra cleaning materials, maintenance of the clubhouse. As shown in the accounts a "Return to Action" grant was received late in the season and the "committed but unspent" balance was carried forward into the new financial year 2021/22.

The club was also successful in applying for a 5-year grant from the Football Foundation towards the improvement in our pitches although the first payment received in June 2021 was carried forward into 2021/22 as the work had not started by 30th June.

Whilst the club successfully controlled its spending in the face of the above issues, our main spend continued to be on pitch and clubhouse maintenance to ensure they were kept in good condition once we were allowed to use them again.

The club accounts show a small in year surplus once again demonstrating the robust nature of our finances whilst acknowledging the support from external bodies that we were able to advantage of during a very challenging period.

THORNES JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB**FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2020 TO 30 JUNE 2021****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD - ALL ACCOUNTS**

INCOME	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	EXPENDITURE	2019/20 £	2020/21 £
Subscriptions	17423.00	15141.52	Insurances	702.70	714.86
Raffles	814.00	1218.00	League Fees	638.00	342.00
Sponsorship / Donations	1837.35	1400.00	Referees	1195.00	1745.00
Miscellaneous	1101.91		Miscellaneous	100.00	50.00
Presentation Day	0.00	0.00	Presentation Day	895.38	0.00
Refreshments	2532.14	2234.39	Refreshments	1054.56	774.82
Fundraising Events	1244.10	0.00	Fundraising Events	74.02	0.00
Fine Refunds	20.00	138.00	Fines	50.00	148.00
Xmas Raffle	886.00	0.00	Xmas Raffle	175.00	59.00
Facility Hire Donations	1900.00	1115.00	Winter Training	10796.00	2345.00
Merchandise	40.00	0.00	Kit	3515.96	3898.49
Gala	280.00	0.00	Gala	215.00	0.00
Bank Interest	18.65	2.47	Queens Drive / Clubhouse	4853.98	8515.63
Fencing Grants - WMDC / FF	33072.84	0.00	Fencing : Pugh-Lewis	33072.84	0
Wakefield Council - Support Grant	8000.00	13750.86	Office	18.00	0.00
Football Foundation COVID 19Grant		500.00	Covid 19 Protection	0.00	633.87
Football Foundation Pitch Grants	8675.34	2500.00	Pitch Maintenance	19480.00	16880.00
Football Foundation Return to Action Grant		536.12	Football Foundation Return to Action Grant		536.12
Kickers Kit Sales		466.50	Kickers Kit		437.13
			Raffle Prizes	39.94	57.98
			Training Courses	390.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	77845.33	39002.86	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	77266.38	37137.90
BALANCE BFWD 1 JULY 2020	19307.40	19886.35			
SUB TOTAL	97152.73	58889.21			
LESS EXPENDITURE THIS PERIOD	77266.38	37137.90			
BALANCE AS AT 30 JUNE 2021	19886.35	21751.31	BALANCE MADE UP OF AS FOLLOWS:		
			BANK ACCOUNT - MAIN	13144.35	18437.56
			BANK ACCOUNT - OTHERS	19.94	19.94
			PETTY CASH FLOAT	110.00	355.00
			FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT	12003.06	10506.53
			YEAR END ADJUSTMENTS		
			WMDC SUPPORT GRANT - IN ADVANCE	-2000.00	
			FF PITCH GRANT IN ADVANCE	-2500.00	-6850.00
			SUBS - CREDIT TO 21/22	-2047.00	
			SUBS - ARREARS	1156.00	
			RETURN TO ACTION BALANCE		-763.88
			WINTER TRAINING PAYMENT IN ADVANCE		1114.00
			GALA INCOME IN ADVANCE		-1067.84
			TOTAL BALANCES	19886.35	21751.31
			SURPLUS / DEFICIT ON YEAR	578.94	1864.96