

THORNES JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB

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

