

Sporting 87 2020-21 Annual Report

The Sporting 87 Football Club Charity has the following objects which are for the public benefit

1. To promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for playing football
2. To advance the Christian religion in accordance with the statement of faith

Football Provision

Sporting 87 FC is registered with the Suffolk FA and is an FA Charter Community Club and a FA Nike Partner Club. The Club play a majority of their home games at the prestigious Victory Sports Ground in Bury St Edmunds.

In the 2020/21 season Sporting 87 registered three adult teams to play in the Suffolk and Ipswich League Divisions 1, Intermediate A and Intermediate B. During the season 85 adults (4 up on 2019-20) represented the Club. Many of the players have been with the Club a considerable number of years. Twelve of the current First Team squad have amassed over 100 First team appearances. Over 50% of the players that represented the Club at adult level have played the Youth section of the Club. One of the First team players have played over 400 appearances for the adult section of the Club. Two of the adult players retired from the playing side of the Club with over 50 years of service, Tim Lovejoy (aged 59)

played for the club for 30 years while David Taylor (age 65) had played for 20 years. The 2020-21 season was suspended because of the Corona Virus. At that stage the teams were in the following positions:

First Team 2nd (via pts per game), Reserves 2nd (via pts per game), A Team 6th (actual and via pts per game)

The First team to reach the semi- final of the Suffolk Junior Cup for the sixth time in the Clubs history, losing eventually winner Stowupland Falcons.

The Adult teams play Saturday afternoons and train mid-week under the supervision of FA qualified Coaches. In the cup competitions the Club played in the FA Junior Cup, Primary Cup, Bob Coleman Cup, Club Colours Cup, and the Goals of Ipswich Cup. This is the second year running that the league has been suspended due to COVID. Many adult teams have struggled nationally and locally but within the Club we are currently strong.

Sporting 87 Youth

Like the adult section of the Club the season was curtailed due to the Corona Virus. The Club had over 40 youth teams comprising over 600 youngsters registered with the FA in the 2020/21 season, all of whom were registered with leagues and played in cup competitions. Teams played their home games at the Victory Ground along with other local venues and trained mid-week on 3G Astro under Floodlights. The Youth teams play in Suffolk Youth Football League on a Saturday morning. The Club also plays in the prestigious Mid-Week Thurlow Nunn Youth u18 Floodlit League, using the impressive AFC Sudbury Ground. We are grateful to AFC Sudbury for this partnership as without their support it would not be possible to enter a team at this level of competition. This year is the sixth season the Club has competed at Thurlow Nunn u18 Level. Unfortunately, this league was severely curtailed due to COVID 19, however the u18 Team did play in an historic Suffolk FA County Cup fixture against Ipswich Town FC.

All coaches are qualified to a minimum FA Coach Level 1 and have valid FA Child Safeguarding and First Aid qualifications. All coaches hold a FA CRB certificate. The Club has over 6 FA Football Coaching Level 2 coaches and five UEFA B coaches.

Spiritual Development

The Club's members spiritual development is embedded into the ethos of the Club; below are several examples of the spiritual provision offered.

Club Chaplain and Team

Tim Banks is the Club Chaplain. He attends matches and other Sporting events to keep his visible presence high. Tim can often be seen chatting to folks at games, supporting in whatever way is required. Tim also heads up the Footy Pastors team who go around the matches on a Saturday offering a helping

hand where required. Tim visits members and their wider families if they are going through tough times, offering the appropriate support where required and requested. This year it has included members from the Club who have lost parents and other family members, people that have debt issues, dealing with life limiting diseases and individuals with addiction issues including, alcoholism, gambling and drugs, and the effects on their family. Tim is a member of the National Sports Chaplaincy UK and attends SCUK events. Tim visits a wide range of local churches to keep them updated with the Club's activities. He also writes an article in every First Team home match day programme. Tim is on the Clubs Welfare Committee. This is supported in his role by a large number of committed volunteers including Ray Balmer who heads up the Welfare Committee.

As a Club we have a number of good links with other Christian organisations locally; a member of the Management team attends the monthly Bury St Edmunds Church Leaders lunch, however these were limited due to COVID.

Normally the Club Chaplain hosts the Clubs Christmas Carol Service which is attended by over 100 people from local football. The service included Christmas carols, readings, and a Christmas thought. This year this was not possible due to COVID, so an online 12 readings was produced. This was very well received by non-members and members alike and involved 12 different people reading twelve passages regarding the Christmas story in football settings. This was very popular and attracted over 1500 views on twitter.

Another part of the Clubs work is our university member's support. This normally involves visiting university students while they were away and so keeping them connected with the Club encouraging them to find a church to attend regularly, meeting up with them at least once a term. This shows the students that we are committed to them even when they are far away, and shows a Christian care for them, and ongoing mentoring, at a time when they may be away from home for the first time, or in a vulnerable position during their transitional period. Many didn't go away, so the support this year was via Zoom.

Like the Clubs football provision, the pastoral support was severely affected by COVID. There was extra support required at a social distance, with all the normal interactions affected.

Life Questions

These were not able to run this year due to COVID.

First Team home Matches

The Club produced a full-colour 16-page Match Day Programme for every First team fixture. The programme is given out free to attendees, and always includes a testimony from a high-profile Christian player, plus an article from the Club Chaplain along with other football and Club articles. The Club has over 200 copies printed, and it goes online to over 700 people via our members, and is posted on Twitter, in addition to being available on the Club's website. These were restricted to four copies as spectators were not allowed due to COVID.

Club Management

The Club is managed by the main Committee comprising Club Chairman Dave Courteen, Vice Chairman Ray Balmer, Youth Chairman Darren Brown, Club Secretary and Director of Football Jonathan Warnock, Treasurer Nigel Johnson, Club Chaplain Tim Banks, Club Administrator Linda Lancaster, Club Welfare Officer Amos Owen and other members Caroline Owen, Sam Marsden, and Fiona Ginn. They meet every

three months. The Clubs Management Team meet Thursday mornings for one hour. Other committees include Adult Football Committee, Youth Football Committee, and Welfare Committee. This year new committees were formed: Finance Committee, Faith Committee, and the Victory Ground Project Committee. These all took place via Zoom or Teams

Links

The Club also work with several other organisations including Sporting 87 Educational Trust, The Doxa Project and On Goal.

Covid 19

The Corona Virus had a significant impact on the Club with the season again being curtailed. This posed a significant financial risk to the Club but due to diligent management, and its members sticking with us despite no football being played for large parts of the season and the cancellation of several major club events including the End of Season Awards events, the reduction in sponsorship and hospitality income the club remained solvent through the pandemic. There are expected to be financial challenges going forward as a result, but the club is confident, but not complacent that it will be able to navigate our way through this period.

Future Developments

The Club have continued to look at the possibility of owning our own 3G pitch to have greater training access and reduce the amount of money paid on hiring 3G facilities. It is also hoped that this new facility would allow the Club to progress up the non-League pyramid. The Clubs 3G facility project at the Victory Sports Ground has been given the number one priority case in the Local Football facilities report which should prove to be another step forward in our objective. The Club have recently appointed a Chairman of the Victory Ground 3G Facility Project Committee, which it is hoped will continue to progress this project.

Finances

The Club finances are in a good position as can be seen from the annual accounts. This has been due to good financial management, some success in grant funding and most importantly the loyalty of our members. Whilst the 2020-21 accounts look good the next couple of years look challenging from a budget viewpoint. During the past year, the Club have taken out a £40k COVID recovery loan. This year the club was grateful to receive funds from the following grants: -

- Football Foundation -Pitch improvement Fund £14,333
- Suffolk County Community Fund - Girls Football £1,000
- Suffolk County Community Fund - General Fund £2,000
- Football Foundation - Adult Participation £500
- Sport England - COVID Grant £8,601
- West Suffolk Council – COVID Rate Rebate Grant £10,000
- Christians in the Workplace - £600
- Various local Churches donations - £500
- Local Government furlough payment - £4054

Registered number
1162311

Sporting 87 Football Club

Report and Accounts

31 May 2021

Sporting 87 Football Club**Registered number: 1162311****Trustees' Report**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 May 2021.

Principal activities

The company's principal activity during the year continued to be community recreation

Trustees

The following persons served as trustees during the year:

J Warnock
N Johnson
D Brown

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board on 9 December 2021 and signed on its behalf.

D Brown
Trustee

Sporting 87 Football Club
Accountants' Report

Accountants' report to the directors of
Sporting 87 Football Club

You consider that the company is exempt from an audit for the year ended 31 May 2021. You have acknowledged, on the balance sheet, your responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These responsibilities include preparing accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year.

In accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the accounts which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes from the accounting records of the company and on the basis of information and explanations you have given to us.

We have not carried out an audit or any other review, and consequently we do not express any opinion on these accounts.

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9 December 2021

Sporting 87 Football Club
Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 31 May 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Turnover		132,280	150,827
Cost of sales		(61,615)	(86,066)
Gross profit		<hr/> 70,665	<hr/> 64,761
Administrative expenses		(60,038)	(44,096)
Operating profit	2	<hr/> 10,627	<hr/> 20,665
Profit for the financial year		<hr/> <hr/> 10,627	<hr/> <hr/> 20,665

Sporting 87 Football Club
Balance Sheet
as at 31 May 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	19,496	17,287
Current assets			
Stocks		3,248	3,248
Debtors	4	1,379	8,180
Cash at bank and in hand		73,344	14,735
		<u>77,971</u>	<u>26,163</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(48,433)	(5,043)
Net current assets		<u>29,538</u>	<u>21,120</u>
Net assets		<u>49,034</u>	<u>38,407</u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account	6	49,034	38,407
Retained funds		<u>49,034</u>	<u>38,407</u>

The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

J Warnock

Trustee

Approved by the board on 9 December 2021

Sporting 87 Football Club
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 May 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

Turnover

Turnover represents the value, net of value added tax and discounts, of goods provided to customers and work carried out in respect of services provided to customers.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Plant and machinery	20% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line

Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Deferred taxation

Full provision is made for deferred taxation resulting from timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the accounts and their recognition for tax purposes. Deferred taxation is calculated on an un-discounted basis at the tax rates which are expected to apply in the periods when the timing differences will reverse.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts, which are those where substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset have passed to the company, are capitalised in the balance sheet and depreciated over their useful lives. The corresponding lease or hire purchase obligation is treated in the balance sheet as a liability.

The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease and represents a constant proportion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 May 2021

2 Operating profit	2021	2020
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>1,096</u>

3 Tangible fixed assets	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery etc	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 June 2020	20,000	680	20,680
Additions	-	2,209	2,209
At 31 May 2021	<u>20,000</u>	<u>2,889</u>	<u>22,889</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 June 2020	3,000	393	3,393
At 31 May 2021	<u>3,000</u>	<u>393</u>	<u>3,393</u>
Net book value			
At 31 May 2021	<u>17,000</u>	<u>2,496</u>	<u>19,496</u>
At 31 May 2020	<u>17,000</u>	<u>287</u>	<u>17,287</u>

4 Debtors	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	<u>1,379</u>	<u>8,180</u>

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	40,000	-
Trade creditors	5,433	-
Other taxes and social security costs	-	43
Other creditors	<u>3,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>48,433</u>	<u>5,043</u>

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 May 2021

6 Profit and loss account	2021
	£
At 1 June 2020	38,407
Profit for the year	10,627
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At 31 May 2021	49,034

Sporting 87 Football Club
Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 May 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Sales	132,280	150,827
Cost of sales	(61,615)	(86,066)
Gross profit	<hr/> 70,665	<hr/> 64,761
Administrative expenses	(60,038)	(44,096)
Operating profit	<hr/> 10,627	<hr/> 20,665

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for the year ended 31 May 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Sales		
Sales	132,280	150,827
Cost of sales		
Pitch and Training Hire	48,567	56,191
Increase in stocks	-	(1,167)
Referee Fees	5,735	7,133
Equipment and Kit	4,467	18,578
Affiliation Fees	1,810	1,873
Adult Awards Evening	494	1,407
Staff costs	274	300
Tuck Shop	268	1,751
	<u>61,615</u>	<u>86,066</u>
Administrative expenses		
Employee costs:		
Wages and salaries	29,645	-
	<u>29,645</u>	<u>-</u>
Premises costs:		
Victory Ground	14,333	-
	<u>14,333</u>	<u>-</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Office Expenses	4,664	4,832
Coaching	356	-
Stationery and printing	3,248	3,263
Training and Coaching	-	1,920
Victory Ground Project	467	2,400
Young Leaders	77	318
Home Offices	-	1,200
Administration Fees	-	17,839
Website	631	239
Life Assurance	1,127	1,127
Welfare	423	264
Covid costs	1,272	-
Depreciation	-	1,096
Donations	3,300	-
Sundry expenses	495	9,598
	<u>16,060</u>	<u>44,096</u>
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