

Sporting 87 2021-22 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 the majority of their home games at the prestigious Victory Sports Ground in Bury St Edmunds.

In the 2021/22 season Sporting 87 registered three adult teams to play in the Suffolk and Ipswich League Divisions 1, Intermediate A and Intermediate, and had their most successful year ever. The first team finished first thus being promoted to Senior football for the first time in the Clubs history. The reserves finished runners up and the A Team finished third meaning that all teams finished in their highest position ever. During the season 98 adults (13 up on 2020-21) represented the Club. Many of the players have been with the Club a significant number of years. Ten 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 previously played the Youth section of the Club. One of the First team players has played over 400 appearances for the adult section of the Club.

The First team to reach the final of the Morrison Freight Cup (Bob Coleman Cup) for the first time narrowly losing to Halesworth Town 2-1 in the final at Woodbridge.

The Adult teams play on 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. Sadly, many adult teams have struggled nationally and locally but within the Sporting 87 we are currently strong in the adult section.

Sporting 87 Youth

The Club had over 30 youth teams comprising over 500 youngsters registered with the FA in the 2021/22 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 very 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 seventh season the Club has competed at Thurlow Nunn u18 Level and we amassed our highest ever points total (29), with a very strong u18 team who finished 5th. Luka Gelveshi was the South Leagues leading goal scorer with 24, and 3rd highest across all Thurlow Nunn Youth leagues which was a tremendous achievement. Four Boys from the Club were offered USA football scholarships from the Club which again is a first. Three of these boys have taken up those offers along with a female player who has also taken up the offer of a USA scholarship. She was a Sporting player until two years ago when she was offered a place at AFC Sudburys Academy.

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 what ever 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 several good links with other Christian organisation locally. 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.

Life Questions

For the last few years these have been suspended during COVID due to the restrictions, we have started these again and look to expand these again in the autumn.

First Team home Matches

The Club produced a full-colour 20-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.

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.

This year in May our Club Administrator retired after seven years in the role. Linda Lancaster has made a significant contribution to the club during her time with us for which we have been very grateful. Whilst can sometimes be unsettling we are delighted that Ruth Goddard has replaced Linda and after a good handover period Ruth is settling into the role, which gives us confidence for the future administration of the Club. The Club has expressed our thanks to Linda in various forms including recognizing her contribution at the awards events.

Awards Events

This year for the first time in three years we held our annual awards events. This year there were five events, three on a Saturday where Dan Cutting, a Christian freestyler, gave a performance and answered questions about his faith. Over the course of the day over 750 people attended. During the following week we held an event at the Victory ground for u18 players that were leaving the Club. This was a very successful event with over 100 players and parents attending. The Adult Awards dinner was a highly successful evening with a record attendance of 120, attended by special guests Graham Daniels CEO of Christian in sports and Director of Football at Cambridge Utd along with Cambridge Utd Academy Manager Domonic Knighton. Graham shared his experiences of life as a professional footballer and his Christian faith.

Links

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

Future Developments

The Club have continued to look at the possibility of owning our own 3G pitch in order 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.

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. This year the club was grateful to receive funds from the following grants: -

GEM - £6,000

Nike Fund £4,200

Various local Churches donations - £950

Sir Frederick Hiam Charity- £500

Aviva - £250

Registered number
1162311

Sporting 87 Football Club

Report and Accounts

31 May 2022

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

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 May 2022.

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 26 September 2022 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 2022. 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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26 September 2022

Sporting 87 Football Club
Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 31 May 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Turnover		143,810	132,280
Cost of sales		(99,054)	(61,615)
Gross profit		<hr/> 44,756	<hr/> 70,665
Administrative expenses		(56,066)	(60,038)
Operating (loss)/profit	2	<hr/> (11,310)	<hr/> 10,627
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		<hr/> (11,310)	<hr/> 10,627

Sporting 87 Football Club
Balance Sheet
as at 31 May 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	17,872	19,496
Current assets			
Stocks		3,248	3,248
Debtors	4	1,812	1,379
Cash at bank and in hand		59,479	73,344
		<u>64,539</u>	<u>77,971</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(44,687)	(48,433)
Net current assets		<u>19,852</u>	<u>29,538</u>
Net assets		<u>37,724</u>	<u>49,034</u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account	6	37,724	49,034
Retained funds		<u>37,724</u>	<u>49,034</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 26 September 2022

Sporting 87 Football Club
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 May 2022

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
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Stocks

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

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.

2 Operating profit

	2022	2021
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	<u>1,624</u>	<u>-</u>

Sporting 87 Football Club
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 May 2022

3 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Plant and machinery etc £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 June 2021	20,000	2,889	22,889
At 31 May 2022	<u>20,000</u>	<u>2,889</u>	<u>22,889</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 June 2021	3,000	393	3,393
Charge for the year	1,000	624	1,624
At 31 May 2022	<u>4,000</u>	<u>1,017</u>	<u>5,017</u>
Net book value			
At 31 May 2022	<u>16,000</u>	<u>1,872</u>	<u>17,872</u>
At 31 May 2021	<u>17,000</u>	<u>2,496</u>	<u>19,496</u>

4 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	<u>1,812</u>	<u>1,379</u>

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	35,061	40,000
Trade creditors	6,626	5,433
Other creditors	3,000	3,000
	<u>44,687</u>	<u>48,433</u>

6 Profit and loss account

	2022 £
At 1 June 2021	49,034
Loss for the year	(11,310)
At 31 May 2022	<u>37,724</u>

Sporting 87 Football Club
Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 May 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Sales	143,810	132,280
Cost of sales	(99,054)	(61,615)
Gross profit	<hr/> 44,756	<hr/> 70,665
Administrative expenses	(56,066)	(60,038)
Operating (loss)/profit	<hr/> (11,310)	<hr/> 10,627

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Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 May 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Sales		
Sales	143,810	132,280
Cost of sales		
Pitch and Training Hire	58,298	48,567
Referee Fees	9,225	5,735
Equipment and Kit	19,307	4,467
Affiliation Fees	2,462	1,810
Adult Awards Evening	7,333	494
Staff costs	963	274
Tuck Shop	1,466	268
	99,054	61,615
Administrative expenses		
Employee costs:		
Wages and salaries	32,164	29,645
	32,164	29,645
Premises costs:		
Victory Ground	-	14,333
	-	14,333
General administrative expenses:		
Office Expenses	3,304	4,664
Coaching	2,235	356
Stationery and printing	4,003	3,248
Golf Day	4,580	-
Victory Ground Project	3,108	467
Young Leaders	2,079	77
Home Offices	100	-
Subscriptions	143	-
Website	621	631
Life Assurance	1,127	1,127
Welfare	95	423
Covid costs	-	1,272
Depreciation	624	-
Amortisation of goodwill	1,000	-
Donations	250	3,300
Sundry expenses	633	495
	23,902	16,060
	56,066	60,038

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30th September 2022

Dear Johnathan,

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of "Sporting 87 Football Club"

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st May 2022

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
To follow the procedures laid down in general directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act;
To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Marks
FMFM Ltd

