

Sporting 87 2022-23 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 English FA accredited Football Club with two stars 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 2022/23 season Sporting 87 registered three adult teams to play in the Suffolk and Ipswich League (SIL) Senior Division, Division 2 and Division 4, and had another successful season. The first team competed in Senior football for the first time in the Clubs history and finished a respectable 6th place and reached the semi final of the Morrison Freight Cup (Bob Coleman Cup). The Reserves finished 5th in Division 2 meaning the Club has the highest Reserves Team position in the SIL. The A Team finished third in Division 4, the A team also reached the final of the Divisional Cup for the first time in the Clubs history losing 2-1 to Coddendam Athletic at Woodbridge Football Club. During the season the Club registered over 100 adult players. 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 in the Youth section of the Club. Another one of the First team players has made over 400 appearances for the adult section of the Club, meaning there are now two players with over 400 First team appearances.

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 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 2022/23 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 eighth season the Club has competed at Thurlow Nunn u18 Level. Following last year's success the Club struggled to maintain that level as many of the players were younger and less experienced, It is important that the Club continues to develop this aspect of the Club

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 DBS 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.

As a Club we have several good links with other Christian organisation locally. This Christmas the Club produced 12 readings and a Christmas thought online. This was very well received by non-members and members alike and involved 12 different people including professional footballers reading twelve passages regarding the Christmas story in football settings. This was very popular and attracted over 3000 views on twitter.

Another part of the Clubs work is our University member's support. This can involve 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.

Life Questions

For the last few years these had been suspended during COVID due to the restrictions, but have started again and we are looking to expand these again in the autumn 2023 to pre COVID levels.

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 300 copies printed and is available digitally.

Club Management

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

Awards Events

This year there were five Awards Annual events, three on a Saturday where Jason McCarthy, a Christian footballer at Wycombe Wanderers answered questions about his football career and faith. Over the course of the day over 800 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 nearly 100 players and parents attending. The Adult Awards dinner was another highly successful evening with 100, people attending along with special guest Michael Johnson. Michael is a former Derby, Birmingham and Jamaican international footballer and is currently working with the England team at St Georges Park. He

shared his experiences of life as a professional footballer and his Christian faith. All guests at this years Awards events were given a New testament Bible with the Club Logo on.

Links

The Club also work with several other organisations including Sporting 87 Educational Trust, The Doxa Project and On Goal with whom we ran at weeks football camp in August in partnership with Rougham Baptist Church with over 100 youngsters attending.

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 satisfactory 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: -

West Suffolk County Council Grants £5050

Various local Churches donations - £2164

Suffolk FA Youth Retention Grant - £500

Warburton Grant -£400

Everyday Leader Grant -£400

Aviva - £250

Registered number
1162311

Sporting 87 Football Club

Report and Accounts

31 May 2023

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

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 May 2023.

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 15 December 2023 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 2023. 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.

Johnson and Co Accountants Ltd
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15 December 2023

Sporting 87 Football Club
Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 31 May 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover		156,289	143,810
Cost of sales		(101,269)	(99,054)
Gross profit		<hr/> 55,020	<hr/> 44,756
Administrative expenses		(68,015)	(56,066)
Operating loss	2	<hr/> (12,995)	<hr/> (11,310)
Loss for the financial year		<hr/> (12,995)	<hr/> (11,310)

Sporting 87 Football Club
Balance Sheet
as at 31 May 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	17,872	17,872
Current assets			
Stocks		3,248	3,248
Debtors	4	1,984	1,812
Cash at bank and in hand		34,394	59,479
		<u>39,626</u>	<u>64,539</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(32,769)	(44,687)
Net current assets		<u>6,857</u>	<u>19,852</u>
Net assets		<u>24,729</u>	<u>37,724</u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account	6	24,729	37,724
Retained funds		<u>24,729</u>	<u>37,724</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 15 December 2023

Sporting 87 Football Club
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 May 2023

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.

Sporting 87 Football Club
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 May 2023

2 Operating profit	2023	2022
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	-	1,624
3 Tangible fixed assets		
	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery etc
	£	£
Cost		Total
		£
At 1 June 2022	20,000	22,889
At 31 May 2023	20,000	22,889
Depreciation		
At 1 June 2022	4,000	5,017
At 31 May 2023	4,000	5,017
Net book value		
At 31 May 2023	16,000	17,872
At 31 May 2022	16,000	17,872
4 Debtors	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,984	1,812
5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	29,769	35,061
Trade creditors	-	6,626
Other creditors	3,000	3,000
	32,769	44,687
6 Profit and loss account	2023	
	£	
At 1 June 2022	37,724	
Loss for the year	(12,995)	
At 31 May 2023	24,729	

Sporting 87 Football Club
Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 May 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Sales	156,289	143,810
Cost of sales	(101,269)	(99,054)
Gross profit	<hr/> 55,020	<hr/> 44,756
Administrative expenses	(68,015)	(56,066)
Operating loss	<hr/> (12,995)	<hr/> (11,310)

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Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 May 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Sales		
Sales	156,289	143,810
Cost of sales		
Pitch and Training Hire	61,364	58,298
Referee Fees	5,279	9,225
Equipment and Kit	20,541	19,307
Affiliation Fees	2,222	2,462
Adult Awards Evening	7,543	7,333
Staff costs	1,832	963
Tuck Shop	2,488	1,466
	101,269	99,054
Administrative expenses		
Employee costs:		
Wages and salaries	42,215	32,164
	42,215	32,164
Premises costs:		
Rent and service fees	5,294	-
	5,294	-
General administrative expenses:		
Office Expenses	-	3,304
Coaching	2,337	2,235
Stationery and printing	2,030	4,003
Golf Day	-	4,580
Victory Ground Project	10,305	3,108
Young Leaders	-	2,079
Home Offices	1,200	100
Subscriptions	264	143
Website	391	621
Life Assurance	1,127	1,127
Welfare	-	95
Telephone	857	-
Depreciation	-	624
Amortisation of goodwill	-	1,000
Donations and pastoral	584	250
Sundry expenses	1,411	633
	20,506	23,902
	68,015	56,066

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 2023

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.

Name: Amanda Marks

Date: 15th December 2023