

**Registration number: 29371R**

**Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited**

**Registered under the**

**Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014**

**Directors' report and financial statements**

**for the year ended 30 June 2021**

# Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited

## Society information

### Board members

Paula Martin  
Paul Ellix (Resigned 13 January 2021)  
Steve Benton  
Vicci Elliot  
Roger Titford  
Melanie Bishop  
Colin Bishop  
Kevin Lenton (Resigned 8 July 2021)  
Sacha Liddiard  
Jonathan Hall (Resigned 8 April 2021)  
Johnny Hunt  
Sam Stevenson  
Andrew Matthewson (appointed 3 September 2020,  
resigned 14 October 2021)  
Ben Thomas (elected 2 September 2021)  
Sarah Turner (elected 2 September 2021)

### Secretary

Teresa Hicks

### President

Bobby Williams

### Company number

IP29371R

### Registered office

7 Bournemouth Road  
Chandlers Ford  
Eastleigh  
Hampshire  
SO53 3DA

### Auditors

Knight Goodhead Limited  
7 Bournemouth Road  
Chandlers Ford  
Eastleigh  
Hampshire  
SO53 3DA

### Bankers

Barclays Bank plc  
Reading Branch  
Mid Thames Group  
PO Box 27  
Reading

# Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited

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## **Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited**

### **Annual report of the Board for the year ended 30 June 2021**

The Board presents its report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021.

#### **Statement of business aims and objectives**

The main aims of the Society are:

- to strengthen the bonds between Reading Football Club and the community;
- to facilitate the participation of supporters of Reading Football Club in activities promoting football in the community;
- to promote and encourage the furtherance of the game of football as a recreational facility, sporting activity, and focus of community involvement.

#### **Statement of the Board's responsibilities**

In accordance with Section 83 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 the Board is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Society and of the surplus or deficit of the Society for that year. In preparing these the Board is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Society will continue in business.

The Board is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. The Board is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Board must, in determining how amounts are presented within items in the income and expenditure account and balance sheet, have regard to the substance of the reported transaction or arrangement, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practice.

#### **Auditors**

In accordance with Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that Knight Goodhead Limited, be reappointed as auditors of the Society will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Board on 2 September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



P Martin  
Chairman

## **Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited**

### **Independent auditor's report to the members of Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited for the year ended 30 June 2021, which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the society's affairs as at 30 June 2021 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the society in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standards and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the committee of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Society's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The committee of management are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited**

### **Independent auditors' report to the members of Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited**

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the society has not kept proper books of account, and not maintained a satisfactory system of control over its transactions, in accordance with the requirements of the legislation;
- the revenue account, any other accounts to which our report relates, and the balance sheet are not in agreement with the society's books of account; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of the committee of management**

As explained more fully in the committee of management's responsibilities statement set out on page 1, the committee of management are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the committee of management are responsible for assessing the society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee of management either intend to liquidate the society or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

The engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the Society through discussions with the board members and other management and we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Society's financial statements to material misstatements, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud and considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

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To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships, tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions and investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statements disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims;

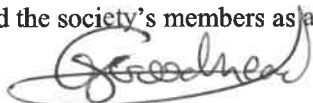
There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures require to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [[www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance)]. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the society's members, as a body, in accordance with section 87 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the society's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the society and the society's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**CJ GOODHEAD FCA**

**Senior Statutory Auditor**

**Knight Goodhead Limited**

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

7 Bournemouth Road, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO53 3DA

**Dated:** 18 November 2021

**Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited**

**Income and expenditure account  
for the year ended 30 June 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Income</b>		812	28,142
Administrative expenses		(9,359)	(32,816)
<b>Deficit on ordinary activities for the year</b>		<u>(8,547)</u>	<u>(4,674)</u>
Bank interest receivable		19	138
<b>Deficit before taxation</b>		<u>(8,528)</u>	<u>(4,536)</u>
Tax on interest received		(4)	(26)
<b>Retained deficit for the year</b>		<u>(8,532)</u>	<u>(4,562)</u>
Unrestricted reserves brought forward		75,066	79,628
Transfer to Restricted Reserve		-	-
<b>Unrestricted reserves carried forward</b>		<u>66,534</u>	<u>75,066</u>
<b>Reading Football Supporters' Club Reserve</b>			
<b>Restricted reserve</b>			
Reserves brought forward	9	17,500	17,500
Transfer from Unrestricted Reserve		-	-
<b>Total reserves carried forward</b>		<u><u>84,034</u></u>	<u><u>92,566</u></u>



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Balance sheet  
as at 30 June 2021

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	5		220		2,800
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	6	5,261		6,926	
Cash at bank and in hand			85,293		92,547
			<u>90,554</u>		<u>99,473</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	7	(5,847)		(8,354)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>84,707</u>		<u>91,119</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>84,927</u>		<u>93,919</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Share capital	8		893		1,353
Restricted reserve	9	17,500		17,500	
Unrestricted reserve	9	66,534		75,066	
			<u>84,034</u>		<u>92,566</u>
<b>Members funds</b>			<u>84,927</u>		<u>93,919</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 2 September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

P. Martin - Chairman

*Penna Martin*

T. Hicks - Secretary

*Teresa M. Hicks*

V. Elliot - Treasurer

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**Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited**

**Statement of Changes in Equity  
for the year ended 30 June 2021**

<b>Reserves</b>	<b>Called up Share Capital</b>	<b>Unrestricted reserve</b>	<b>Restricted reserve</b>	<b>Total equity</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Balance at 1 July 2019	919	79,628	17,500	98,047
Issue of share capital	434	-	-	434
Total comprehensive income	-	(4,562)	-	(4,562)
Balance at 30 June 2020	<u>1,353</u>	<u>75,066</u>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>93,919</u>
Repurchase of share capital	(460)	-	-	(460)
Total comprehensive income	-	(8,532)	-	(8,532)
Balance at 30 June 2021	<u>893</u>	<u>66,534</u>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>84,927</u>

# Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

### 1 Statutory information

Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The address of its registered office is 7 Bournemouth Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO53 3DA

The company number is IP29371R.

The principal activity of the company is the development of links between Reading Football Club and the community.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£), which is also the functional currency of the company.

### 2 Accounting policies

#### 2.1 Basis of preparing the financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 1A "Small Entities" of Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention.

#### 2.2 Turnover

Turnover represents monies received from members for subscriptions, the travel club, sale of programmes, social events, and fundraising. The Society is not registered for VAT.

Income received from subscriptions is recognised in the period to which the subscription relates. Revenue from the travel club, sale of programmes, social events and fundraising is recognised at the point of the transaction.

#### 2.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets held for the company's own use are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as below:

Buildings	33% Straight line
Computer equipment	33% Straight line

#### 2.4 Taxation

Taxation shown in the financial statements represents the sum of tax currently payable on interest received.

### 3 Turnover

The total turnover of the Society for the year has been derived from activities wholly undertaken in the UK.

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**Notes to the financial statements  
for the year ended 30 June 2021**

**4 Deficit on ordinary activities**

Deficit on ordinary activities is stated after charging:	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets	2,580	2,579
Auditor's remuneration	2,160	3,277
	2,160	3,277

**5 Tangible fixed assets**

	Portable Building	Computer Equipment	Total
<b>Cost</b>			
At 30 June 2020	24,084	2,609	26,693
Additions	-	-	-
At 30th June 2021	24,084	2,609	26,693
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 30 June 2020	21,724	2,169	23,893
Charge for the year	2,360	220	2,580
At 30 June 2021	24,084	2,389	26,473
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 30 June 2020	2,360	440	2,800
At 30 June 2021	-	220	220

The portable building, which is located at the Madejski Stadium, is used as an operational base during the football season.

**6 Debtors**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Prepayments	5,261	6,926
	5,261	6,926

**7 Creditors: amounts falling due  
within one year**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	3,420	3,891
Corporation tax	128	125
Accruals and deferred income	2,299	4,338
	5,847	8,354

## Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

#### 8 Share capital

	2021	2020
Ordinary shares	£	£
Members brought forward	1,353	919
Net members joining/(leaving) in year	(460)	434
Members carried forward	<u>893</u>	<u>1,353</u>

For the purposes of this note, members are those entitled to hold a share in the Society.

#### 9 Capital and reserves

Fund balances at 30 June 2021 are represented by:

	Unrestricted reserve	Restricted reserve £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	220	-	220
Current assets	73,054	17,500	90,554
Current liabilities	(5,847)	-	(5,847)
At 30 June 2021	<u>67,427</u>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>84,927</u>

#### Restricted Reserve

When STAR was founded in 2002 it took on the assets of Reading Football Supporters' Club (RFSC), including its funds. These funds were ring-fenced and to be spent only on specific purposes as mandated at the time. At the 2019 AGM the members voted that a portion of these funds (£7,500) could be spent in line with one of those specified purposes.

#### 10 APB Ethical Standard -Provisions available for small companies

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the the financial statements

#### 11 Impact of COVID-19

The board recognises the adverse impact that the ongoing Covid-19 situation has had on the Society in this financial year. Although at the time of signing the accounts the situation has improved the Board have continued to budget prudently. The main discretionary expenditure is to local community projects and the Board have agreed to keep the level of funding made available to these under constant review. The board believes that the level of reserves held by the Society means that there are no going concern issues for the foreseeable future.

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**Detailed income and expenditure account  
for the year ended 30 June 2021**

	<b>2021</b>		<b>2020</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Subscriptions		592	13,371	
Donations		220	-	
Travel		-	14,576	
Souvenirs		-	7	
Postage		-	188	
		<u>812</u>	<u>28,142</u>	
Bank interest received		19		138
 <b>Administrative expenses</b>				
Advertising, printing, postage and stationery		301	2,546	
Telephone and internet		694	909	
Insurance		1,376	1,326	
Membership benefits		235	984	
Sponsorship and donations		318	4,288	
Coach hire		-	13,050	
Travel expenses		-	36	
Sundry expenses		78	2,019	
Legal and professional fees		35	434	
Audit/Accountancy fees		2,232	3,307	
Bank and PayPal charges		15	867	
Depreciation		2,580	2,579	
Promotions and functions		180	471	
Flanders deposit relinquished		<u>1,315</u>	<u>-</u>	
		(9,359)		(32,816)
 <b>Deficit on ordinary activities</b>		<u><u>(8,528)</u></u>		<u><u>(4,536)</u></u>