

Exeter City AFC Supporters' Society Limited

**Annual Report
Year Ended 31 May 2015**

Registration Number IP29339R

Exeter City AFC Supporters' Society Limited

Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 May 2015

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Report of the Trust Board

Year Ended 31 May 2015

The Board of Exeter City AFC Supporters' Society Limited has pleasure in presenting their eleventh annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2015.

Status

The Society is registered as a Co-operative and Community Benefit Society. It was incorporated on 21 January 2002 and took over the activities of the previously unincorporated Supporters' Trust on that date.

Principal Activity and Objectives

The aims of the Trust on incorporation were to strengthen the bonds between Exeter City Football Club and the community which it serves, to represent the interests of the community in the running of the Club in all aspects of the game and to provide and maintain facilities for the enjoyment of professional football in the area. These remain the key objectives.

On 22 March 2003 the Trust adopted as its prime objective "To prepare itself for shared or full ownership of Exeter City Football Club". This objective was achieved on 4 September 2003 when the Trust acquired a majority shareholding in Exeter City AFC Limited.

Trust Board

The membership of the Trust Board at 31 May 2015 was as follows:

(Elected members) Laurence Overend (Chair), Richard Clutterbuck, Paul Farley, Peter Holding, John Kanefsky, Neil Le Milliere, Peter Martin, Martin Weiler.

(Co-opted members) Linden Bray, Elaine Davis, David Hitt.

(Officers) Nick Hawker (Secretary), Andy Beer (IT, web and social media), Alice Cooke (Press and media).

In addition during the year Andy Bratt, Bernadette Coates, Roger Conway and Anthony Smith served on the Trust Board.

Review of the Year

The Trust is disappointed that on the footballing front our Club did not reach League 2 Play-Offs at the end of last season and promotion to League 1 remains a primary focus.

The Trust Board has continued to meet at least every two months and has considered many different matters relevant to the interests of our members, the objectives of the Trust and its role as majority shareholder of Exeter City AFC Limited.

The bulk of the regular work is carried out within the three standing working groups:

Finance and Governance

Ownership and Membership

Community

These groups comprise of Trust Board members and invited others who have specialised knowledge and skills to help achieve the objectives of the Trust.

The Trust Board also elected four representatives onto the Club Board, giving it equality of numbers with other Club Board members.

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Report of the Trust Board

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The Trust has continued to be represented in all area of the Club and related enterprises and has been represented on the Football in the Community Board, the Gates Committee and the group tasked with Stadium redevelopment.

As at 31 May 2015 the membership stood at 3115, compared to 2961 as at 31 May 2014.

The total funds raised in the year to 31 May 2015 were £159,000, compared to £159,000 in the year ending 31 May 2014. Expenses totalled £18,000 compared to £17,000 in 2014. Overheads, therefore, accounted for 11.3% of total funds compared to 10.7% in 2014.

Statement of the Trust Board's Responsibilities

The Trust Board is responsible for preparing the Trust Board's report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The Trust Board is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society and of its excess of income over expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trust Board are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

Make judgements and accounting 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 Trust Board is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Society's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. They are 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.

Statement as to Disclosure of Information to the Auditor

So far as the Trust Board is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Society's auditor is unaware and Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken, in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Society's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

The auditor, Stephen J Bright, has expressed his willingness to continue in office and a resolution for his reappointment will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Trust Board and signed on its behalf by:

N Hawker

Secretary

Date: 11 October 2015

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Exeter City Supporters' Society Limited

Year Ended 31 May 2015

I have audited the financial statements of Exeter City AFC Supporters' Society Limited for the year ended 31 May 2015 which comprise the Revenue Account, the Balance Sheet, Accounting Policies and related Notes numbered 1 to 10 on pages 7 to 10. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the accounting policies set out therein and in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

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

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of the Trust Board's Responsibilities the Trust Board is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. My responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). These standards require me to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Society's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Trust Board, and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Opinion on financial statements

In my opinion the financial statements:

* give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities, of the state of the Society's affairs as at 31 May 2015 and of its surplus for the year then ended,

* have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and

* have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

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Opinion on other matters

In my opinion the information given in the Report of the Trust Board for the financial year for which the financial statements have been prepared is consistent with the financial statements. As explained in note 1(b) to the financial statements the Society has not prepared group accounts incorporating the affairs of its subsidiary company as required by Section 98 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. Approval for this course of action has been received from the Financial Services Authority in accordance with the provisions of Section 99(3) of that Act.

Matters on which I am required to report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 requires me to report to you if, in my opinion:

* proper books of account have not been kept by the society in accordance with the requirements of the legislation;

* a satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained by the society in accordance with the requirements of the legislation;

* the revenue account or the other accounts (if any) to which my report relates, and the balance sheet are not in agreement with the books of account of the society; or

* I have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of my audit.

STEPHEN J BRIGHT
STATUTORY AUDITOR
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
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11 October 2015

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Income and Expenditure Account

Year Ended 31 May 2015

		2015	2014
	Note	£	£
Income	2	159,240	159,359
Cost of Producing Income		(4,752)	(15,102)
Gross surplus		154,488	144,257
Administration and other expenses		(146,178)	(124,609)
Operating Surplus	3	8,310	19,648
Interest receivable and other income		-	-
Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation		8,310	19,648
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	4	1,098	-
Surplus for the financial year		7,212	19,648

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet

31 May 2015

	Note	£	2015 £	£	2014 £
Investments	5		<u>20,200</u>		<u>20,100</u>
Current Assets					
Stock	6	1,950		-	
Debtors	7	5,491		65,990	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>89,550</u>		<u>23,995</u>	
			<u>96,991</u>	<u>89,985</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>8,353</u>		<u>8,459</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>88,638</u>		<u>81,526</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			<u>108,838</u>		<u>101,626</u>
Capital and Reserves					
Share Capital	9		3,115		2,961
General reserve	9		105,723		91,974
Light Up The Park Reserve	9		-		6,691
Members' funds			<u>108,838</u>		<u>101,626</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

These accounts were approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 11 October 2015, and are signed on their behalf by:

N Hawker - Secretary

L Overend - Chairman

M Weiler - Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes and Accounting Policies

Year Ended 31 May 2015

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounting

The Society is a registered society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

(b) Basis of Consolidation

The Society has one active subsidiary undertaking (See Note 5). These financial statements however comprise only the results of the parent undertaking, Exeter City AFC Supporters Society Limited ("The Trust") ("the Society").

In the opinion of the Trustees the businesses of the Society and that of its subsidiary Exeter City AFC Limited ("ECFC", "the Club") Limited are so different that they cannot reasonably be treated as a single undertaking. Approval has been obtained from the Financial Services Authority for this course of action.

(c) Income Recognition

Subscription income including associated donations is accounted for upon receipt.

Voluntary income received by way of donations and gifts is included in the Revenue Account when received. Gifts in kind are valued and brought in as income and the appropriate expenditure.

Fund raising income from events organised by the Trust is included in the Revenue Account when raised. Fundraising proceeds not yet received by the Trust at the year end have also been taken to income at the Trustees' estimate of their likely receivable amount.

(d) Grants Received

Grants received are credited to the profit and loss account over the period during which the expenditure to which the grant relates is incurred. Any unexpended grants at the Balance Sheet Date are carried forward in the accounts as deferred income.

2. Income

The entire income is derived from activities in the United Kingdom and is made up as follows:

	2015	2014
	£	£
Membership subscriptions and donations	122,599	125,282
Appeals and donations	16,742	12,168
Trading activities	6,693	1,637
Other sources	5,813	1,845
Fundraising income	7,393	9,110
Heritage Lottery Grant	-	9,317
	<u>159,240</u>	<u>159,359</u>

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3. Operating Surplus

Operating surplus is stated after charging:

	2015	2014
	£	£
Donations to and items purchased for the Club	108,111	99,996
Provision against Loans to ECFC	-	6,000
Auditor's remuneration	1,200	1,150
	<u>109,311</u>	<u>107,146</u>

In accordance with its objectives the Society has advanced loans to Exeter City AFC Limited, its subsidiary in which it has a controlling interest. Since the Trustees consider it doubtful that loans advanced in past years can be repaid they have been provided against in full in these financial statements. At the Balance Sheet date the amount provided for in this way amounted to £829,968 (2014 - £829,968).

4. Taxation on Ordinary Activities

Current Tax

	2015	2014
	£	£
UK corporation tax based on the results for the year at 20%	767	-
Under provision in previous year	331	-
Total current tax	<u>1,098</u>	<u>-</u>

5. Investments

	2015
	£
At 1 June 2014	20,100
Addition	100
At 31 May 2015	<u>20,200</u>
Net Book Value	
At 31 May 2015	<u>20,200</u>
At 31 May 2014	<u>20,100</u>

At the balance sheet date the Society held the following investments in the share capital of unlisted companies:-

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Investment at cost	<u>20,100</u>
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The Trust holds 20,703 £1 Ordinary Shares and 577 Non Cumulative 5% Preference Shares of £1 each in Exeter City AFC Limited which is registered in England and Wales and whose principal activity is that of a professional football club. This comprises 53.625% of the issued share capital of the company.

However in view of the number of shares in issue whose owners can no longer be traced it is believed this would increase to approximately 67% in the event of a vote.

Financial Statements for Exeter City AFC Limited for the accounting period ended 31 May 2015 are not yet available.

Exeter City AFC Limited in turn owns 100% of the issued share capital of the The Pride of Devon Limited, a dormant company incorporated in England and Wales.

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6. Stock

	2015 £	2014 £
Books for resale	<u>1,950</u>	<u>-</u>

7. Debtors

	2015 £	2014 £
Amount due from subsidiary undertaking	834,958	895,528
Less: Provision	(829,968)	(829,968)
Sundry Debtors	57	-
Prepayments	444	430
	<u>5,491</u>	<u>65,990</u>

8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2015 £	2014 £
Corporation Tax	1,098	-
Accruals and Deferred Income	4,150	7,225
Other Creditors	3,105	1,234
	<u>8,353</u>	<u>8,459</u>

9. Reconciliation of movements in Members' Funds

	Share Capital £	General Reserve £	Light Up The Park Reserve £	Total £
Balance at 1 June 2014	2,961	91,974	6,691	101,626
Surplus for the year	-	7,212	-	7,212
Movement in Reserves	154	6,537	(6,691)	-
Balance at 31 May 2015	<u>3,115</u>	<u>105,723</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108,838</u>

Light Up The Park Reserve

The Light Up The Park Reserve was set up in December 2013 to raise funds to meet the FA's new regulations for league floodlights. By mid November 2014 the lights had been purchased from Southampton FC for £6,500. The balance on the reserve has been transferred to the General Reserve:-

	£
At 1 June 2014	6,691
Add: Donations received	6,725
	<u>13,416</u>
Less: Payment of lights	(6,500)
	<u>6,916</u>
Transfer to General Reserve	(6,916)
At 31 May 2015	<u><u>-</u></u>

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10. Commitment

The Society has agreed to pay for the purchase of two rollers for the Cat & Fiddle ground. These were purchased in July 2015 for £16,500.