

## Annual Return (AR30) form

Society Name: Brentford Football Community Society Limited

Society Num: 29244 R

An Annual Return must be completed by all societies registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 ('the Act') (including any societies previously registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965). The Annual Return must include:

- this form;
- a set of the society's accounts; and
- where required, an audit report or report on the accounts.

A society must submit the Annual Return within 7 months of the end of the society's financial year. Failure to submit on time is a prosecutable offence.

Please note that this form, including any details provided on the form, will be made available to the public through the Mutuals Public Register.

For guidance on our registration function for societies, which includes guidance on the requirement to submit an Annual Return, please see <u>here</u>

2.1 What date did the financial year covered by these accounts end?

3.1 Please provide the names of the people who were directors of the society during the financial year this return covers.

Some societies use the term 'committee member' or 'trustee' instead of 'director'. For ease of reference, we use 'director' throughout this form.

Name of Director	Month of Birth	Year of Birth	
RONALD COOPER	Dec	1947	
JONATHAN GOSLING	Jan	1956	
WILLIAM HAGERTY	Apr	1939	

DONALD KERR	Sep	1952
DAVID MERRITT	Jun	1973
CHRISTOPHER TATE	Sep	1979
STEPHEN WALTER	Feb	1991
GREVILLE WATERMAN	Mar	1955

3.2 All directors must be 16 or older. Please confirm this is this case:

 $\boxtimes$  All directors are aged 16 or over

3.3 Societies are within the scope of the Company Director Disqualification Act 1986 (CDDA). Please confirm that no director is disqualified under that Act:

 $\boxtimes$  No director is disqualified

3.4 Please state any close links which any of the directors has with any society, company or authority.

'Close links' includes any directorships or senior positions held by directors of the society in other organisations.

William Hagerty	- The London Press Club (02053919)
	- B.J.R. Publishing Ltd (02373378)
David Merritt	- Director Brentford FC Ltd 03642327
Donald Kerr	- Director Griffin Park Stadium Ltd 00071215
Greville Waterman	- Director Support Through Court 04360133
Jonathan Gosling	- Director The Nurture Business Ltd 08621748 and Gabriel Management
Con. Ltd 08889212	2

3.5 Please provide the name of the person who was secretary at the end of the financial year this return covers.

Societies must have a secretary

Name of Secretary	Month of Birth	Year of Birth
DONALD KERR	Sep	1952

### 4.1 Please confirm that:

 $^{ extsf{intermation}}$  accounts are being submitted with this form

 $\boxtimes$  the accounts comply with relevant statutory and accounting requirements

 $\boxtimes$  the accounts are signed by two members and the secretary (3 signatures in total)

4.2 Based on the accounts, please provide the information requested below for the financial year covered by this return.

Number of members	1158
Turnover	32,963
Assets	966,255
Number of Employees	0
Share Capital	1124
Highest rate of interest	0
paid on shares	

4.3 What Standard Industrial Classification code best describes the society's main business?

Where more than one code applies, please select the code that you feel best describes the society's main business activity. You will find a full list of codes <u>here</u>

# SIC Code Activities of other membership organizations \* n.e.c. (94990)

Societies are required to appoint an auditor to audited unless they are small or have disapplied this requirement. For further guidance see chapter 7 of our guidance: <a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/publication/finalised-guidance/fg15-12.pdf">https://www.fca.org.uk/publication/finalised-guidance/fg15-12.pdf</a>

5.1 Please select the audit option the society has complied with:

- Full Professional Audit
- $^{\rm O}$  Auditor's report on the accounts

 $^{\circ}$  Lay Audit

 $^{\bigcirc}$  No audit

5.2 Please confirm the audit option used by the society is compliant with the society's own rules and the  $\mbox{Act}$ 

 $^{ ext{$\boxtimes$}}$  We have complied with the audit requirements

5.3 Please confirm any audit report (where required) is being submitted with this Annual Return

• Yes

 $^{\bigcirc}$  Not applicable

5.4 Is this society accepted by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) as a charity for tax purposes?

 $^{\rm O}$  Yes

● No

5.5 If the society is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) please provide your OSCR registration number.

 $^{\bigcirc}$  Registered

Not applicable

5.6 Is the society a housing association?

No

 $^{\circ}$  Yes

6.1 Is the society a subsidiary of another society?

 $^{\circ}$  Yes

● No

6.2 Does the society have one or more subsidiaries?

(As defined in sections 100 and 101 of the Act)

 $^{\rm O}$  Yes

No

All societies are registered meeting one of two conditions for registration. These are that the society is either:

- a bona fide co-operative society ('co-operative society'); or
- are conducting business for the benefit of the community ('community benefit society').

You must answer the questions set out in in the next section of this form, depending on which condition for registration you meet.

If you are not sure which condition for registration applies to the society please see chapters 4 and 5 of our guidance <u>here</u>.

### 7.1 Condition for Registration

- $^{\bigcirc}$  Co-operative society
- Community Benefits society

Community benefit societies must answer the following questions in relation to the financial year covered by this return.

7B.1 What is the business of the society?

For example, did you provide social housing, run an amateur sports club etc.

To safeguard Brentford Football Club for its supporters, so that it has a stable and sustainable future as a professional football club and is a club which its supporters can continue to call their own. To do everything to preserve the power the Society has to appoint a director on the board of Brentford Football Club and as a special shareholder, to veto the sale of the Lionel Road stadium as specified in the Articles of association of BRENTFORD FC LTD 03642327

7B.2 Please describe the benefits to the community the society delivered?

Here we are looking to see what the benefits to the community were. Community can be said to be the community at large. For example, did you relieve poverty or homelessness through the provision of social housing.

To strengthen the bonds between the Club, its supporters, the local community and the fanbase and Brentford FC Community Sports Trust and the community which it serves, by providing the Club's board members and senior executives with oversight, experience and advice on relations with supporter groups and to encourage and promote the principles of supporter representation on the board of any company owning or controlling the Club

7B.3 Please describe how the society's business delivered these benefits?

The business of the society must be conducted for the benefit of the community. Please describe how the society's business (as described in answer to question 7B.1) provided benefit to the community.

The Society has a right to appoint a Director to the board of Brentford Football Club (BRENTFORD FC LTD 03642327) and in doing so we deliver member benefits as a result of the members being represented on the board. The Society promotes its identity and awareness through a proactive recruitment policy and a strong communication ethos thereby providing regular updates and information to its members about the business it conducts.

7B.4 Did the society work with a specific community, and if so, please describe it here?

For instance, were the society's activities confined to a specific location; or to a specific group of people? Please note that in serving the needs of any defined community, the society should not inhibit the benefit to the community at large.

The society operates principally within the area of the London boroughs of Hounslow, Ealing and Richmond but enjoys a UK and international membership of fans of the football club and the Society works to strengthen all bonds between the Club, its supporters, the local community and the fan base and the Brentford FC Community Sports Trust

7B.5 What did the society do with any surplus or profit?

For instance, did you pay a dividend to members (and if so, on what basis); did money get reinvested in the business; put into reserves; used for some other purpose?

No dividend paid No distribution of surplus

7B.6 Please state any significant commercial arrangements that the society has, or had, with any other organisation that could create, or be perceived as creating, a conflict of interest.

Please tell us how you ensured that any such conflict of interest did not prevent the society from acting for the benefit of the community.

The Society has no significant commercial arrangements that could create, or be perceived as creating, a conflict of interest. The Society has a conflict of interest policy which board members must agree to as a condition of their board member status and board members are obliged to make any relevant declaration at each monthly board meeting

**REGISTRATION NUMBER IP29244R** 



### **BRENTFORD FOOTBALL COMMUNITY SOCIETY LIMITED**

### ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

#### SOCIETY INFORMATION

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

Officers and Advisers

Secretary

Company number

Registered office

Accountants

Bankers

David Merritt (Chairman) Donald Kerr (Secretary) Peter Skeggs (Treasurer) Andre Sawyer Greville Waterman Hayden Kilyan Chris Tate (Treasurer) Ron Cooper Jon Gosling Stephen Walter Bill Hegarty

Donald Kerr

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Griffin Park Braemar Road Brentford Middlesex TW8 0NT

Levy + Partners Limited Chartered Accountants 7 - 8 Ritz Parade Western Avenue London W5 3RA

The Co-operative Bank P O Box 250 Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

Barclays Bank Plc United Kingdom House 180 Oxford Street London W1D 1EA Resigned 25 March 2017

Resigned 25 March 2017

## ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

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Detailed Income and Expenditure account

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#### CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

This is the Annual Chairman's Statement that reports on operations for Bees United ("BU") during the year ending 30 June 2017. These accounts are for BU with no subsidiary entities.

The football season 16/17 (to which these accounts relate) will likely be remembered for player transfers more than our league position. Despite a 10th place finish, just four places from the play offs, we were never close enough in points to be considered challengers. And after a slow start, many supporters were relatively content with a respectable mid-table finish.

With the departures of David Button and Jake Bidwell, and later Scott Hogan and Sam Saunders, each of whom could have been considered, at varying times, one of our key players, you would be forgiven for thinking the first team squad was weakened over this period. But with the new signings of Daniel Bentley, Rico Henry, John Egan, Romaine Sawyers, and Florian Jozefzoon, and the return to the club of Jota and Sergi Canos - we see many of the players who are now key to the current first team.

Much as I prefer to recall the standing ovation for Jota on his return to Griffin Park, the inevitable sadness I felt when he was later sold was tempered with happiness - happiness for the Club to have received value for a player of his ability, happiness for how our flexibility (in allowing his loan spell to Spain for personal reasons) had been rewarded, and happiness for Jota himself who deserves every success. And also happiness at how we were identifying bright young talent to replace him. This process of finding great talent, developing them, and proving their worth, before achieving a financial return for both the Club and the player when they move on, is one that is critical to the sustainability of the Football Club, and one which Bees United thoroughly supports.

This is also a very positive reflection on our coaching and footballing back room staff. The combination of the Directors of Football, Dean Smith and the core coaching team, and the specialist coaching and fitness staff, is proving its worth. And it is specifically worth mentioning how well the B team and the Development Squad established themselves in this year - and fantastic that we have a club-stalwart like Kevin O'Conner to lead that.

Often criticised for our unusual model, it is noticeable first that Brentford FC is consistently 'punching above our weight' against teams with much bigger budgets, and also that we are enjoying a period of real stability. In the 15/16 season Wikipedia lists 23 managerial departures in the Championship (some teams with multiple entries) and Dean is now second only to Mick McCarthy in terms of current tenure at the helm of a Championship Club.

At the end of the financial year in question Matthew Benhams cumulative investment in Brentford FC exceeded  $\pm 100$ m, with roughly a third of that going towards the Brentford Community Stadium project. One hundred million pounds is - at the risk of stating the obvious - a lot of money, and it really emphasises the importance of the Football Club striving to be sustainable in as many ways as possible. Investing in young talent, selling developed talent, building a new stadium... all of these follow a consistent theme of making sure that the Brentford of tomorrow is in an even better state than today.

#### CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

Bees United continues to maintain that critical focus. We have two representatives on the BFC Board and one on the BFC Lionel Road ("BFCLR") Board, we nominate the independent adjudicator under the Club ticketing charter, and we continue to have the critically important Golden Share (preventing the inappropriate sale of Griffin Park). The threats to the existence of Brentford Football Club are no longer so immediate as a threatened takeover or imminent insolvency, so we focus on issues for the Club which will ensure its survival in the decades to come.

At the period ending 30th June 2017 BU had revenues of £32,909 (2016: £40,663) and an operating profit of £26,459 (2016: £29,171). Now we are debt-free, we have accumulated a healthy net asset value of £966,255 (2016: £939,697). We continue to encourage the use of the Club Ticketing website as the primary route for new members, and would urge all members to either use this route, or contact us to confirm your method of payment. Our membership using this method at the Year End was 1,124 (2016: 1,025).

Finally, I am going to make an exception. I normally deal with resignations and thanks from Bees United to individuals at the AGM, and I will continue to do that for BU Board members and the like. However, during and shortly after the year of these accounts Chris Gammon and Brian Burgess resigned from the Board of Lionel Road Developments, and both these individuals deserve special mention. Brian was my predecessor as Chairman of Bees United, and saw BU through its early days and its initial success in taking ownership of the Football Club. Chris also spent an extended period of time as Secretary to Bees United. Both have led the Brentford Community Stadium initiative diligently, and at personal cost, for many many years. Without their efforts not only would the idea of a stadium at Lionel Road have dissipated in its early stages, but Bees United itself would not have achieved the great things it did during their respective tenures. I have thanked them both personally for the support they gave me when I took on the role, and I would like to thank them again on behalf of all at Bees United - we owe you a massive debt of gratitude.

Bees United continues to protect the long term future of Brentford Football Club, and - as well as the exemplars like Brian and Chris - my thanks goes to all our members who fund BU, and the volunteers who work on behalf of BU, especially my colleagues on the BU Board.

Without you none of this would be possible.

David Merritt Chairman

Dated: 17 March 2018

#### **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

The Board Members present their report with the financial statements of the Society for the year ended 30 June 2017.

#### **Principal activities**

The Society's principal activity during the year continued to be that of a football supporter society.

#### Constitution

The Society is registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

#### **Guiding Principles:**

The Society is run on the following fundamental principles:

- Accountability through annual elections to the Society Board in line with Supporters' Direct recommended practice ;
- Democracy by fully involving members in key decisions of the society and operating in an engaging manner;
- Inclusive by setting a membership fee that is affordable to all and open to all;
- Open by being transparent in all our activities.

#### **Principal Aims :**

The Society was set up with the following principal aims:

- To maintain a senior Professional football club in the local community;
- To bring the benefits of football closer to the community;
- To have elected supporter representation on the Board of the Club;
- To raise sufficient funds to invest in the club in pursuance of the above.

#### **Board Members Currently Serving**

#### **Elected Directors**

David Merritt (Chairman) Donald Kerr (Secretary) Peter Skeggs (Treasurer) Andre Sawyer Greville Waterman Hayden Kilyan Chris Tate Ron Cooper Jon Gosling Stephen Walter Bill Hagerty

Resigned: 25 March 2017

Resigned: 25 March 2017

#### **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

#### Loan Note Holders representative

Donald Kerr

#### Statement of Board Members' Responsibilities

The board members are responsible for preparing the Annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The board members are 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 the surplus or deficiency for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the board members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that Society will continue in business.

The board members are responsible for maintaining satisfactory systems of internal control and keeping proper accounting records that 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.

The board members are responsible for maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the society's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report was approved by the board on 17 March 2018.

Signed on behalf of the board

MUMA David Merrith (Chairman) Chris/Tate Treasurer)

Donald Kerr (Secretary)

#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT UNDER S85 OF THE CO-OPERATIVE AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETIES ACT 2014 ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF BRENTFORD FOOTBALL COMMUNITY SOCIETY

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

We report on the unaudited financial statements of Brentford Football Community Society Limited for the year ended 30 June 2017 set out on pages 6 to 11.

This report is made solely to the society's members, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the accounts that we have been engaged to compile, report to the society's members that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this 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 work or for this report.

#### Respective responsibilities of officers (board members) and reporting accountants

The society's officers (board members) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they consider that the society is entitled to opt out of an audit. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion.

#### **Basis of opinion**

Our work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants, and so our procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the society, and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the society as we considered necessary for the purposes of this report. These procedures provide the only assurance expressed in our opinion.

#### Opinion

#### In our opinion:

(a) the accounts are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the society under Section 75 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014;

(b) having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records the accounts have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the accounting requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014; and

(c) the society satisfied the conditions for exemption from an audit of the accounts for the year specified in Section 84(1) of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and did not, at any time within that year, fall within any of the categories of societies not entitled to the exemption specified in Section 84 (3) of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

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Levy + Partners Limited Chartered Accountants 7 - 8 Ritz Parade Western Avenue London W5 3RA

Date: 17 March 2018

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

		2017	2016
	Notes	£	£
Income	2	32,812	40,663
Expenditure Other operating income		(6,473) 97	(11,627)
<b>Operating surplus</b>		26,436	29,036
Other interest receivable and similar income		54	168
Surplus for the year		26,490	29,204
Taxation	3	(31)	(33)
Net Surplus for the year	7	26,459	29,171
Retained surplus brought forward		938,672	909,501
Retained surplus carried forwa	rd	965,131	938,672
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The notes on pages 9 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

#### **BALANCE SHEET**

#### AT 30 JUNE 2017

		20	17	20	16
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	4	689,387		683,959	
Cash at bank and in hand		287,057		267,749	
		976,444		951,708	
Creditors: amounts falling					
due within one year	5	(10,189)		(12,011)	
Net current assets			966,255		939,697
Total assets less current			·····		
liabilities			966,255		939,697
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Net assets			966,255		939,697
Capital and reserves					
Share capital	6		1,124		1,025
Income and Expenditure account	7		965,131		938,672
Members' funds			966,255		939,697

For the year ending 30 June 2017 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

#### Directors' responsibilities:

The shareholders have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

### BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED) DIRECTORS' STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY SECTIONS 475(2) AND (3) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

The financial statements were approved by the Board of directors and authorised for issue on 17 March 2018, and are signed on its behalf by:

All of the members of Brentford Football Community Society Limited have consented to the preparation of the and the abridged for the current year ending 30 June 2017 in accordance with Section 444(2A) of the Companies Act 2006.

David Merritt Chairman

Chris Tate

Treasurer

Company registration number IP29244R

Donald Kerr Secretary

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

#### 1. Accounting policies

### 1.1. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the provisions of FRS 102, Section 1A, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

#### 1.2. Transition to FRS 102

There were no transitional adjustments.

#### 1.3. Acounting policies

The financial statemeths have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through profit or loss.

#### 1.4. Members Subscription Income

Members subscriptions for both annual and life memberships are recognised as income on a receipts basis.

#### 1.5. Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the society is able to carry on business as a going concern, which the board members consider appropriate having regard to the circumstances.

#### 2. Turnover

The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity wholly undertaken in the UK.

#### 3. Taxation

UK current year taxation	2017	2016
	£	£
UK corporation tax	11	33
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	20	-
	31	33

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

#### 4. Debtors

		2017 £	2016 £
	Secured loans to Brentford FC Limited Unsecured loans to Brentford FC Limited Amounts owed by Brentford Holdings Limited	402,000 279,961 7,426 689,387	402,000 279,961 1,998 683,959
5.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2017 £	2016 £
	Loan notes Corporation tax Accruals and deferred income	8,000 11 2,178 10,189	8,000 33 3,978 12,011

### 6. Share capital

The company does not have an authorised share capital. Each adult member own one share in the society which is not transferrable. The share is cancelled if an individual ceases to be a member.

Movement in shares	2017 £	2016 £
At 1 July 2016 Movements	1,025 99	1,408 (383)
At 30 June 2017	1,124	1,025

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

7.	Reserves	Profit and loss			
		account	Total £		
		£			
	At 1 July 2016	938,672	938,672		
	Profit for the year	26,459	26,459		
	At 30 June 2017	965,131	965,131		

The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

## DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	2017		2016	
Income from members	£	£	£	£
Income from members				
Members' annual subscriptions Members' standing order payments	- 32,911		40,280	
		32,812		40,663
Other Income				
Sundry income	97		-	
		97		-
Interest receivable				
Interest receivable	54		168	
		54		168
Income for the year		32,963		40,831

## DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	2017		2016	
	£	£	£	£
Deduct: Expenses				
Use of premises	200		_	
Insurance	910		943	
Printing, postage and stationery	2,644		8,021	
Legal and professional	495			
Accountancy	1,800		1,800	
Bank charges	-		463	
General expenses	34		45	
Subscriptions and memberships	390		355	
		(6,473)	Carl grant card days	(11,627)
Surplus for the year		26,490		29,204

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### TO THE MEMBERS OF BRENTFORD FOOTBALL COMMUNITY SOCIETY LIMITED

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Brentford Football Community Society Limited (the 'society') for the year ended 30 June 2017 which comprise the income and expenditure account, the balance sheet 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 FRS 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 company's affairs as at 30 June 2017 and of its surplus for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- 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 Standard, 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the board members' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the board members have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that
  may cast significant doubt about the society's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of
  accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised
  for issue

#### Other information

The board members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. 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 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.

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the board members' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the board members' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE MEMBERS OF BRENTFORD FOOTBALL COMMUNITY SOCIETY LIMITED

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

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the society and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the board members' report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of board members' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the board members were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the board members' report.

#### **Responsibilities of board members**

As explained more fully in the board members' responsibilities statement, the board members 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 the board members 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 board members 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 board members 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.

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

#### Other matters

The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2017 were approved by the board members on 17 March 2018 and exemption from audit was incorrectly claimed. As a result the financial statements contain a number of inappropriate statements and references to being unaudited, and omit certain disclosures referring to audited accounts. Furthermore, the financial statements omit some disclosures and accounting policies that may be required under FRS 102 section 1A. Our audit work has assessed the nature of these errors and omissions and has concluded that they are not material in terms of the financial statements providing a true and fair view. Our opinion is therefore, not modified in this regard.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the society's members, as a body, in accordance with 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.

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### TO THE MEMBERS OF BRENTFORD FOOTBALL COMMUNITY SOCIETY LIMITED

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Robin Evans BA FCA CTA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Carpenter Box Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor Worthing

05/01/2022

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