



Cheltenham Town Supporters Society Ltd

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

Thursday, 23 November 2023 @Deya Brewery, Cheltenham.

- 1. Welcome and Chair's statement**
- 2. Finance review and approval of accounts to May 31, 2023.**
- 3. Approval of election process and ratification of appointments of:**
 - John Cooper**
 - Leo Hoenig**
 - Sam Lear**
 - Ryan Grimmett**
 - Sam Nair**
- 4. Any other business**
- 5. Fan's Forum with Darrell Clarke, Adam Murray and David Bloxham**

1. Chair's statement.

The past 12 months have been among the most exciting in my time as a board member of the Trust.

The improvements in these financial results may be seen as relatively modest, but they represent the success of a decision taken by the board.

Our change to an investment model in 2021 has generated a 300% increase in revenues and a significant rise in members too.

While there is still significant room for improvement, to see our membership numbers grow by 30% to 214 at the year end – and swell further to 249 at the time of writing shows pleasing progress.

The number of monthly investors has also grown by 38%, which, again, is a fantastic show of faith in the ideas we have. Thank you to all who have joined and invested.

Crucially, the systems we use are robust and user friendly, giving us greater confidence in retaining and communicating properly with our members.

We are only now truly exploring the potential of those systems and hope to make further progress in the coming year.

Our annual profit of £4,428 stems largely from not having made a share purchase in the past 12 months, this is something that is on the agenda, with a particular fan-benefitting project being explored.

We look forward to making a similar sum in the coming year with our established network of monthly investors continuing to grow.

But it's not just about the money...

The importance of the Trust's work goes beyond the balance sheet, it is about representing supporters at the highest level within our club.

Once again, I would like to pay tribute to Dave Beesley for his work as Fan Elected Director – an impossible job at times, but one that he carries out with great determination.

There have been difficult conversations with the football club over the past year, not least on issues regarding sanitation at the ground, issues that should never have arisen, but that were subsequently resolved.

We will never halt in our desire for the club to be the best possible version of itself and we will always push for more, ask difficult questions and be a critical friend.

Never will this be more prevalent than in the coming year, which promises to be the most exciting, and transformative, for supporter interaction and representation, yet.

We emphatically welcome the announcement in the King's Speech of the establishment of an Independent Regulator for Football and a licensing system for clubs, built around governance and engagement.

The Trust continues to work hard alongside colleagues at the Football Supporters Association to ensure that we are as ready as we can be to take advantage of this brave new world.

While we hope that the new legislation brings around positive change in our club, we know that it requires the Trust to 'up its game' too.

Thankfully, we have an outstanding board of trustees, who are ideally skilled, suited and determined to make the most of the opportunities that these changes will create.

I truly believe that the current board is the most talented we have ever had. I would like to thank them all for their skill, candour, humour and efforts – but the hard work is only just starting!

Thank you also to our members, both old – and especially new – for showing your support for an organisation that, admittedly, has not always had a clear direction.

We aim to change that in the coming months by agreeing and publishing a clear mission statement that will set our direction for the next decade and beyond.

I'm excited by the possibilities of what is to come, and am looking forward to what the next year brings.

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James

James Young,
Chair Robins Trust, November 23, 2023.

2. 2022/23 Accounts

Registration No. 29944R

CHELTENHAM TOWN SUPPORTERS SOCIETY LIMITED TRADING AS ROBINS

TRUST

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

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SOCIETY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

TRUSTEES

L Hoenig

D Beesley

J Young

J Cooper

J Henderson

J Hancock

S Lear

S Watten

C Coleman

SECRETARY

J Cooper

REGISTERED OFFICE

135 Hewlett Road

Cheltenham

Gloucestershire

GL52 6AU

REGISTERED NUMBER

29944R

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2023

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

Principal activity

The principal activity of the Trust is to represent the interests of the supporters and community in the running of Cheltenham Town Football Club.

Trustees

The trustees held office during the whole of the period under review were:

L Hoenig
D Beesley
J Young
J Cooper
J Henderson
J Hancock
S Lear
S Watten
C Coleman

Statement of Trustee' responsibilities

Company law requires the Society Board to prepare accounts for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the society and of the profit or loss of the society for that period. In preparing these accounts, the Society Board are required to:

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

The Society 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 accounts comply with the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 and the Friendly and Provident Societies Act 1968. 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.

Signed on behalf of the board

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J Cooper
Secretary

Approved by the board on:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Cheltenham Town Supporters Society Limited on the preparation of the unaudited statutory accounts for the year ended 31 May 2023.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The society's officers 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. This report is made 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.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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, including the revenue account and balance sheet, are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the society under s75 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 revenue account and balance sheet comply with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014; and
- (c) For the preceding year of account, the financial criteria for the exercise of the power conferred by section 84 were met in relation to the year.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Justine Day FMAAT
Mosaic Accounting Limited

Date: 17th October 2023

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Membership subscriptions & lapsed Shares	3,401		1,449	
Adjustment in last year's subscriptions	-		-	
Profits on fundraising	<u>1,027</u>		<u>-</u>	
		4,428		1,449
Deferred Income				
Adjustment in deferred income		-		4,134
		<u>4,428</u>		<u>5,583</u>
Expenditure				
Printing, postage and stationery	-		187	
Charity donations	765		-	
Membership Fees	-		-	
Legal and Professional costs	-		-	
Sundry expenses	<u>269</u>		<u>190</u>	
		1,034		377
		<u>3,394</u>		<u>5,206</u>
Amounts written off investments				
Amount written off shares in Cheltenham Town				
Football Club Limited		<u>-</u>		<u>(3,334)</u>
NET PROFIT/(LOSS)		<u>3,394</u>		<u>1,872</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Investments		97,738		97,738
CURRENT ASSETS				
Prepayments	-		-	
Debtors	-		-	
Cash at Bank	<u>10,773</u>		<u>7,379</u>	
		10,773		7,379
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		108,511		105,117
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due after more than one year		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS		108,511		105,117
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Called up share capital		350		350
Profit and loss account		<u>108,161</u>		<u>104,767</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		108,511		105,117

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

J Cooper
Treasurer & Secretary

J Young
Chairman

Approved by the Society Board on

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Cheltenham Town Supports Society is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales, registration number 29944R. The registered office is 135 Hewlett Road, Cheltenham, Gloucs, GL52 6AU.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

Financial Reporting Standard Number 1

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the Society qualifies as a small company.

Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of services, excluding value added tax.

3. OPERATING PROFIT

No items were charged to arrive at the profit on ordinary activities which need to be disclosed

4. AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF INVESTMENTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts written off shares in Cheltenham Town Football Club Limited	-	3,334
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5. TAXATION

The society is treated for corporation tax purposes as being mutually trading and is not liable to UK corporation tax on its profits. Corporation tax is chargeable on non-mutual income including investment income but no provision for corporation tax is necessary for this period. No provision for deferred taxation is made if there is reasonable evidence that such deferred taxation will not be payable in the foreseeable future.

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2023
	£
Cost	
As at 1 June 2023	97,738
Additions	-
Amounts written off	-
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	97,738
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023 (CONTINUED)

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS (continued)

At the start of the year the Trust owned 192,144 ordinary shares of 50p each at a total cost of £291,644. In 2022 the Trust purchased 3,333 shares at the cost of £5,000. At the end of the year the Trust owned £195,477 shares at an original cost, pre revaluation, of £296,644. The new shares were revalued and £3,334 was written off their value. As noted in the prior year accounts, although there is a limited market for these shares there is consistent evidence of demand for shares in football clubs generally. The Trust recognises that they may not be able to dispose of these shares at full value at short notice hence valuing them at the nominal value of £0.50 per share opposed to the price paid averaging £1.50 per share. The Trust Board will continue to review the value of the investment in the accounts on an annual basis.

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNT FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors and accrued income	-	-
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8. CREDITORS: AMOUNT FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deferred income	-	-
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9. CREDITORS: AMOUNT FALLING AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deferred income	-	-
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10. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Each member of the society owns one ordinary share of £1 in the society which is not transferable. The share is cancelled if an individual ceases to be a member.

Junior members cannot hold shares in the society nor have any voting rights.

At 31 May 2023, the society had 219 full members.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023 (CONTINUED)

11. RESERVES

Profit
and Loss
Account
£

Opening reserves

104,767

Retained profit for the year

3,394

108,511

12. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS

£

Profits for the financial year

3,394

Increase in share capital

0

3,394

Opening shareholders'

fund

104,767

108,511

3. Robins Trust Board Elections 2023

In accordance with the rules of the society, the election process was agreed at September's board meeting, where chair James Young was appointed to lead the Election Management Group. Robbie Whittaker, secretary of the Blackpool Supporters Trust was appointed to oversee the elections as an independent scrutineer.

Applications were invited to fill 11 open spaces on the board (society rules say the board must be between 6-16) and the election process began on October 26, 2023.

Nominations closed at midnight on November 12 with the following applications received and approved by the Election Management Group.

Candidate	M#	Nomination 1	M#	Nomination 2	M#	Confirmed	SUCCESSFUL	Statement
John Cooper	64	Jenny Hancock	844	Jaimie Henderson	382	YES	YES	No
Leo Hoenig	2	Jenny Hancock	844	Sam Lear	198	YES	YES	Yes
Sam Lear	844	Leo Hoenig	2	Jenny Hancock	844	YES	YES	No
Ryan Grimmett	990	Jaime Henderson	382	Sam Lear	198	YES	YES	Yes
Sam Nair	262	Sam Lear	198	Simon Watten	868	YES	YES	Yes

There being fewer candidates than available places on the board, all five candidates will go forward for formal ratification at the society's AGM.