

Registered number
RS009094

FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY OF BURY LTD

Report and Accounts

30 June 2024

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Directors' Report

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was to aid in the running of the football club and serving the local community.

Directors

The following members served as directors during the year:

Michael Howarth
Philip Young (resigned 8 November 2024)
John Newby
Rodney Peters
John Woodhead
Marcel DeMatas (resigned 8 November 2024)
Michael Goodier
Darren Bernstein
Ian Pearson

Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Legislation requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors 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 directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each person who was a director at the time this report was approved confirms that:

- so far as he is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

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Auditors

The auditors, Sedulo Audit Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

This report was approved by the board on 4 January 2024 and signed on its behalf.

Mr M Howarth
Director

Mr J Woodhead
Director

Mr R Peters
Secretary

FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY OF BURY LTD
Independent auditor's report
to the members of FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY OF BURY LTD

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY OF BURY LTD (the 'company') for the year ended 30 June 2024 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and notes to the accounts, including 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 the Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 June 2024 and of its loss 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 Companies Act 2006.

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 accounts section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out below, 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 accounts, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts 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 company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the accounts 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 accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the accounts 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. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the accounts themselves. 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 Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

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

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 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 accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit;

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the directors are responsible for assessing the company'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 directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the accounts 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 accounts.

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:

Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with directors and management, and we cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our knowledge of the business and sector, enquiries of directors and management, and review of regulatory information and correspondence. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We discussed with directors and management the policies and procedures in place to ensure compliance with laws and regulations and otherwise prevent, deter and detect fraud.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations identified as potentially having a material effect on the financial statements. Our procedures included review of financial statement information and testing of that information, enquiry of management and examination of relevant documentation, analytical procedures to identify unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate fraud, and procedures to address the risk of fraud through director or management override of controls.

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

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company'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.

Diccon Thornely
(Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
Sedulo Audit Limited
Statutory Auditor

605 Albert House
256-26 Old Street

London
EC1V 9DD

FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY OF BURY LTD
Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024
	£
Turnover	100,005
Administrative expenses	(369,961)
Other operating income	42,963
Operating (loss)/profit	<u>(226,993)</u>
 (Loss)/profit before taxation	 <u>(226,993)</u>
Tax on (loss)/profit	-
(Loss)/profit for the financial year	<u><u>(226,993)</u></u>

The notes on Pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY OF BURY LTD

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Balance Sheet

as at 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	3	25
Investments	4	107,616
		<hr/> 107,641
Current assets		
Debtors	5	841,800
Cash at bank and in hand		189,003
		<hr/> 1,030,803
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(75,869)
Net current assets		<hr/> 954,934
Total assets less current liabilities		<hr/> 1,062,575
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	7	(920,000)
Net assets		<hr/> 142,575
Capital and reserves		
Called up share capital		1,780
Profit and loss account	9	140,795
Shareholders' funds		<hr/> 142,575

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

Mr M Howarth
Director

Approved by the board on 4 January 2024

Mr J Woodhead
Director

Mr R Peters
Secretary

FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY OF BURY LTD

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 30 June 2024

1 Statutory information

Football Supporters' Society of Bury Ltd is a private company limited by shares and incorporated in England. It is a registered mutual society, company number RS009094. Its registered office is:

Gigg Lane

Bury

Lancs

BL9 9HR

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (as applied to small entities by section 1A of the standard), the Companies Act 2006, and the Cooperative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are recorded to the nearest £.

Going concern

At the time of signing these accounts, having considered the economic climate, the Directors' expectations and intentions for the next twelve months, and the availability of working capital, the Directors are of the opinion that the Company will remain viable for the foreseeable future and therefore these Financial Statements have been prepared on the Going Concern basis.

Turnover

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of discounts, rebates and value added taxes.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery

over 5 years

Investments

Investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures are measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Listed investments are measured at fair value. Unlisted investments are measured at fair value unless the value cannot be measured reliably, in which case they are measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Changes in fair value are included in the profit and loss account.

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Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts. Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price). Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

Provisions

Provisions (ie liabilities of uncertain timing or amount) are recognised when there is an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that economic benefit will be transferred to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

2 Employees

**2024
Number**

Average number of persons employed by the company

Nil

3 Tangible fixed assets

**Plant and
machinery
etc
£**

Cost

At 1 July 2023

100

At 30 June 2024

100

Depreciation

Charge for the year

75

At 30 June 2024

75

Net book value

At 30 June 2024

25

At 30 June 2023

100

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4 Investments

	Investments in subsidiary undertakings £
Cost	
At 1 July 2023	75,000
Additions	32,616
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At 30 June 2024	107,616
Shares held in Bury Football Club (2019) Ltd	75,000
Equity in The Bury Football Club Company Ltd	32,616
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	107,616

The company's investments at the Balance Sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

Subsidiaries

Bury Football Club (2019) Limited

Registered Office: England

Nature of business: Football Club

	%
	holding
Class of shares:	
Ordinary	100.00
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	2024
	£
Aggregate capital and reserves	450,615
Profit/(Loss) for the year	441,616
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The Board consider that the preparation of consolidated group accounts is inappropriate as the businesses of the Society and its subsidiary are so different that they cannot reasonably be treated as a single undertaking. In addition, the Board consider that consolidation would cause unnecessary cost and delay versus the benefit to members given that both are audited at the same time. Therefore group accounts have not been produced in accordance with the exemptions set out in the successor legislation in Section 99 of the Co-operative and Community Benefits Societies Act 2014.

5 Debtors

	2024 £
Amounts owed by group undertakings and undertakings in which the company has a participating interest	839,550
Other debtors	2,250
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	841,800
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Amounts due after more than one year included above	661,968
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6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024
	£
Accruals and deferred income	3,150
Amounts owed to group undertakings and undertakings in which the company has a participating interest	32,616
Taxation and social security costs	103
Other creditors	40,000
	<u>75,869</u>

7 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	2024
	£
Government Grant	<u>920,000</u>

8 Related party transactions

There is an intercompany balance due on demand with Bury Football Club (2019) Limited, a company which has common ownership. A balance of £150,000 was due to the Football Supporters' Society of Bury Limited at 30 June 2024.

There is also an intercompany balance due on demand with Bury Football Club (2019) Limited, a company which has common ownership. A balance of £32,616 was due to Bury Football Club (2019) Limited at 30 June 2024.

There is an intercompany interest free loan to The Bury Football Club Company Limited, a company which has common ownership. A balance of £689,550 was due to the Football Supporters' Society at 30 June 2024.

9 Reserves	2024
	£
Transferred from the Shakers Community Society Ltd	339,189
Transferred from Bury Football Club Supporters Society Ltd	28,599
	<u>367,788</u>
Less: Loss for the period	(266,993)
	<u>100,795</u>

10 Contingent Liability

There is a contingent liability for the government grant amounting to £1,000,000. This would become payable if the stadium was sold

FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY OF BURY LTD
Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 30 June 2024

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2024
	£
Sales	100,005
Administrative expenses	(369,961)
Other operating income	42,963
Operating (loss)/profit	<u>(226,993)</u>
(Loss)/profit before tax	<u>(226,993)</u>

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for the year ended 30 June 2024

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2024
	£
Sales	
Sales	<u>100,005</u>
Administrative expenses	
General administrative expenses:	
Donations	361,423
Bank charges	3,819
Insurance	579
Software	552
Depreciation	20
Sundry expenses	693
	<u>367,086</u>
Legal and professional costs:	
Accountancy fees	375
Other legal and professional	2,500
	<u>2,875</u>
	<u>369,961</u>
Other operating income	
Government grant	40,000
Fund Raising	2,963
	<u>42,963</u>