

**YORK CITY SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED**  
**REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010**



*Building trust between Community and Club*

**YORK CITY SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010**

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# YORK CITY SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED

## BOARD REPORT

### YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

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The Board of the York City Supporters' Society Limited ("the Trust") has pleasure in presenting its Annual Report and Financial Statements covering the year to 30 June 2010.

#### **Principal Activities**

The Trust was set up with the following principles (as described in the Trust's Rules):

- To strengthen the bonds between York City Football Club and the community which it serves and to represent the interests of the community in the running of the Club;
- To benefit the present and future members of the community served by the Club by promoting, encouraging and furthering the game of football as a recreational facility, sporting activity and focus for community involvement;
- To provide and maintain facilities for the enjoyment of professional football in the area;
- To promote coaching schemes to develop the football skills of young people and to widen the interest in football regardless of the sex or ethnic origin of those involved; and
- To further the development of the game of football nationally and internationally and the upholding of its rules.

#### **Society Status**

The Trust is incorporated with Limited Liability under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965 to 1978. The Trust was registered with the Registrar of Friendly Societies on 30 January 2002.

The Trust has been a full member of Supporters Direct during the year however, in view of Supporters Direct requirement for the Trust accounts to be audited (at considerable cost) where income exceeds £25,000, the Board considered that membership should be restricted to Associate member for the current year.

#### **Membership**

At 30 June 2010 the Trust had 717 current members (30 June 2009: 755) of which 531 were Life Members (2009: 526). Each member is allotted one share of £1 each in the Trust.

#### **Trust Board**

Trust Board members who have served during the year to 30 June 2010 are:

Steve Beck  
Ian Hey  
Sophie Hicks  
Peter Rookes  
David Brewis  
Simon Mallett  
Mike Palfrey  
Thom Feeney

In accordance with the Trust's rules Sophie Hicks, Peter Rookes and Simon Mallett will stand down at the Annual General Meeting in March 2010 and Sophie Hicks and Simon Mallett will stand for re-election.

Since being co-opted onto the Trust Board in 2003 and contributing continuously since then, Peter Rookes has decided not to be nominated for reappointment to the Trust Board. We thank Pete for his immense commitment and contribution over that time.

#### **Review of the year**

The Trust has faced a revised role during the current year however, that still includes essential input and oversight to the running of the Club.

The Trust retains a 25% ownership stake with a variety of special additional shareholder rights, many of which relate to protections about the ground situation.

Currently the Trust only has one volunteer representative serving as a Club Director. The Trust is entitled to have two representatives on the Club Board.

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**BOARD REPORT (Continued)**

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***Review of the year (continued)***

The Trust Board are aware that the position of Club Director is not a role to be undertaken lightly and will involve various duties which it is essential that the Board member can commit to on an ongoing basis.

Following the AGM on 2009, the Trust Board has reviewed its position regarding Club Board representation and each individual Board member feels that, at the current time, they are unable to perform these duties in the manner which is required.

For this reason the second position of Club Board director remains unfilled, however, the Trust Board will keep this position under continuous review.

The Trust Board would like to encourage more volunteers who can work to promote the vision of a thriving community-focused York City, with a high quality permanent home in the city, managed on a long-term sustainable basis and achieving at a good level within the Football League structure.

**Review of the Trust's Financial Results**

During the year ended 30 June 2010 the income recognised in the Trust's Accounts is £11,296 (2009: £31,089).

In addition to membership subscriptions and donations, the Trust and Club relies on the work and efforts of City supporters to raise funds.

Over the past few years, it has been pleasing to see more supporters being actively involved in fundraising initiatives through their association with one of the various supporter groups.

This has meant however, that events which have previously been run and accounted for through the Trust are now being carried out by other supporter groups, resulting in much lower levels of income showing in the Trust accounts.

However, the ultimate aim of these events, whether run by the Trust or other supporter groups, is to support the finances and operations of York City Football Club on an annual basis and to that extent the Club benefits whoever organises the events and raises the money.

The fundraising work of all supporter groups is encouraged by the Trust to support the Football Club. Thanks to all those people who have contributed, particularly those who help organise events.

During the year ended 30 June 2010 the expenditure recognised in the Trust's Accounts is £7,974 (2009: £15,362). This included:

- Cost of fundraising
- Professional fees paid to Townends Accountants Limited for the Independent Examination of the Trust accounts,
- Around £800 (2009: £1,000) was expended on various matters relating to the operations of the organisation.

The Trust had an overall surplus for the year of £3,322 (2009: surplus £15,727), being the excess of income over expenditure. As at 30 June 2010 the Trust held £12,318 (2009: £13,844) cash at bank and in hand.

**Thanks**

Thank you to all those people who positively contribute in whatever way. Please continue to provide positive support to the Trust and the Club.

By order of the Board

David Brewis  
Trust Secretary  
26 March 2010

**YORK CITY SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS**  
**YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010**

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of York City Supporters' Society Limited on the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2010 set out on pages 4 to 8.

This report is made solely to the society's members, as a body. My examination 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 examiners' 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 work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

**Respective responsibilities of Society Board Members and the examiner**

The Society Board Members consider that an audit is not required for this year as an appropriate resolution was approved by members at the last AGM and that an independent examination is therefore appropriate.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by Supporters Direct; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by Supporters Direct. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Society and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Society Board Members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the Society Board Members have not met the requirements to ensure that:
- i) proper accounting records are kept;
  - ii) accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with generally accepted accounting requirements; or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I can also confirm that, in my opinion, the accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 and the Friendly and Provident Societies Act 1968.

**Consolidation**

The Society has not prepared group accounts as it has obtained exemption from doing so from the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies on the grounds that the businesses of the Society and subsidiary company differ so greatly that they cannot be treated as a single entity.

In my opinion the grounds for exemption have applied during the current financial year.

York  
26 March 2010

**B Davis FCA**  
**Townends Accountants Limited**  
Chartered Accountants

**YORK CITY SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010**

	Notes	Year ended 30 June 2010		Year ended 30 June 2009	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>					
Membership subscriptions		7,170		7,550	
Donations and other fundraising		4,103		23,512	
Bank interest		23		27	
		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	
<b>Total Income for the year</b>			11,296		31,089
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Donations to York City Youth Team		6,500		-	
Venue hire and meeting costs		-		291	
Dinner and other fundraising and promotion costs		635		14,058	
Printing, postage, stationery & other admin costs		443		356	
Legal and professional costs		306		288	
Sundry expenses		90		357	
Bank charges		-		12	
		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	
			7,974		15,362
<b>Surplus for the year before taxation</b>			3,322		15,727
Taxation	2		-		-
			<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>
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There are no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the year

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these financial statements



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 1. Accounting policies

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on a going concern basis.

#### Income

Income represents the donations, subscriptions and other fundraising events during the period inclusive of value added tax where applicable.

Life time memberships are taken to income and expenditure account over a period of 10 years.

#### Investments

Investments are stated at cost.

#### Consolidation

The Society has not prepared group accounts as it has obtained exemption from doing so from the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies on the grounds that the businesses of the Society and subsidiary company differ so greatly that they cannot be treated as a single entity.

### 2. Taxation

There is no taxation due on the surplus for the year.

### 3. Fixed Asset Investments

	2010 £	2009 £
Investment in York City Football Club Limited	212,500	212,500

As at 30 June 2006 the Trust owned 100% of the issued Ordinary "A" Shares in York City Football Club Limited. In addition, at 30 June 2006 there were in issue 37,500 Ordinary "B" Shares which were held by Trust member and Football Club director, Mr J. McGill. Consequently the Trust owned 85% of the total issued share capital of York City Football Club Limited.

The current market value of the Trust's investment has not been quantified and therefore no adjustment has been made to the cost to reflect any change to its value that might have taken place.

On 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at the Special General Meeting of Trust members, 78% of voting members approved the motion for the Trust Board to complete the arrangements such that, in overview, Jason McGill's company J M Packaging Limited ("JMP") holds 75% ownership of York City Football Club Limited for £1 million of cash investment in the Club, and the Trust holds 25% ownership plus certain special additional shareholder rights.

As at 30 June 2010 the Trust owned 25% of the total issued share capital in York City Football Club Limited. At 30 June 2010 there were in issue in York City Football Club Limited, 137,500 Ordinary "A" shares (fully owned by York City Supporters' Society Limited) and 412,500 Ordinary "B" shares (fully owned by JMP).

For the year ended 30 June 2010 York City Football Club Limited made a profit of £30,965 and had net liabilities at that date of £789,164.

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	2010 £	2009 £
<b>4. Debtors</b>		
Other debtors	-	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	-	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>5. Cash at Bank and in Hand</b>		
Co-Op Bank current account	12,239	13,765
Amounts on deposit	79	79
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	12,318	13,844
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>6. Creditors</b>		
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Deferred income (Membership subscriptions in advance)	5,310	5,260
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	5,310	5,260
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>7. Creditors</b>		
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
York City Supporters' Society Loan Notes 2003 Issue	176,900	176,900
Bootham Crescent Loan Notes 2004 Issue	9,200	9,200
Life membership subscriptions in advance	9,300	14,160
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	195,400	200,260
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

In February 2003 the Trust launched a Loan Notes Issue as part of its fundraising efforts for the 'Rescue Package' for York City Football Club.

Key features of the Loan Notes 2003 Issue include:

- Loan Notes issued to Noteholders in denominations of £100;
- Loan Notes are non-interest bearing and unsecured;
- The monies are only repayable to Noteholders in very limited circumstances; and
- Loan Notes are only transferable with the prior written consent of the Trust Secretary.

In the opinion of the Trust Board, there will be no redemptions of Loan Notes in the foreseeable future.

In June 2004 the Trust launched a Loan Notes Issue to provide supporters and friends of York City the opportunity to make a contribution towards the proposed arrangements for the Trust/Club to gain ownership of Bootham Crescent.

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	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>8. Share Capital</b>		
<b>Shares of £1 each</b>		
Shares in issue at start of year	755	778
New shares issued during the year	-	-
Membership lapsed	(38)	(23)
	<u>717</u>	<u>755</u>
Shares in issue at end of year	<u>717</u>	<u>755</u>

The shares of the Trust have the nominal value of £1 each and may not be transferred or withdrawn. No member may hold more than one share individually or jointly.

If a member ceases to be a member, the share registered in the name of that member is cancelled and the amount subscribed for the share becomes the property of the Trust. Shares do not carry any right to interest, dividend or bonus.

The members have the rights and powers available to them under the law relating to Industrial and Provident Societies and are to decide in particular the issues specifically reserved to them by the Trust's Rules.

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>9. General fund</b>		
At 30 June 2009	20,069	4,342
Surplus for the year	3,322	15,727
	<u>23,391</u>	<u>20,069</u>
At 30 June 2010	<u>23,391</u>	<u>20,069</u>

**10. Related party transactions**

Donations of £Nil (2009: £Nil) were made to York City Football Club Limited, the company in which the Society has an interest.