



Mutual Societies Annual Return Form (AR30)

For societies registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

Society name:

Runcorn Linnets Football Club Limited

Important information you should read before completing this form

You must use this form if you are a:

- registered society (previously referred to as an 'industrial and provident society')
- co-operative society
- community benefit society

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

You must submit this form and the society's accounts within 7 months of the end of your financial year. Failure to submit is an offence for which the society may be prosecuted.

Please note:

- we have an information note that may assist you in completing this application
- any personal details you give on the form will be placed on the society's public file.
- it is important you give accurate and complete information and disclose all relevant information. If you do not, it may take us longer to process your annual return.

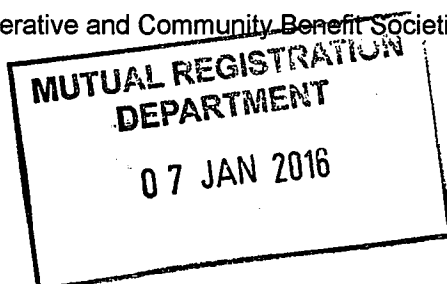
Please keep a copy of the form and supporting documents for future reference.

Terms in this form

'FCA', 'PRA', 'us' and 'we' refer to the Financial Conduct Authority or Prudential Regulation Authority.

'You' refers to the person signing the form on behalf of the society.

'The 2014 Act' is the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014





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Filling in the form

1 If you are using your computer to complete the form:

- use the TAB key to move from question to question and press SHIFT TAB to move back to the previous question; and
- print the completed form and arrange for it to be signed by all relevant individuals.

2 If you are filling in the form by hand:

- use black ink;
- write clearly; and
- arrange for it to be signed and dated by all relevant individuals.

3 If you make a mistake, cross it out and initial the changes; do not use correction fluid.

4 If you:

- leave a question blank;
- do not get the form signed; or
- do not attach the required supporting information

without telling us why, we will treat the application as incomplete. This will increase the time taken to assess your application.

5 If there is not enough space on the form, you may use separate sheets of paper. Clearly mark each separate sheet of paper with the relevant question number. Any separate sheets should be signed by the signatories to the form.

6 Email a scanned copy of the signed form and supporting documents to

mutualsannrtns@fca.org.uk

or send it by post to:

Mutuals Team
Financial Conduct Authority
25 The North Colonnade
Canary Wharf
LONDON
E14 5HS

7. Please make sure you include:

- this form
- a set of printed accounts – signed by two members and the secretary (3 signatures in total)
- an audit report or accountant's report where required; and
- any supporting documents.

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Details of society

1.1 Details of the society

Register number	IP29719R
Registered office address	64 Grasmere Road Frodsham Cheshire
Postcode	WA6 7LQ

1.2 Year end date (dd/mm/yyyy)

See Note 1.2

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Committee of management

If you are a club you do not need to give a year of birth in questions 1.3-1.6.

The names of the members of the Committee at the date on which the return is signed should be entered below in BLOCK CAPITALS.

1.3 Details of Chairman

Name	DEREK GREENWOOD
Address	64 Grasmere Road Frodsham Cheshire
Postcode	WA6 7LQ
Year of birth	1948
Business occupation and other directorships	Retired deputy head teacher

1.4 Details of Treasurer

Name	PHILIP WAINWRIGHT
Address	Flat 4, The Elms, Weston Road, Runcom, Cheshire
Postcode	WA7 4JS
Year of birth	1954
Business occupation and other directorships	Retired civil servant

1.5 Details of Secretary

Name	DAVID RICHARD BETTLEY
Address	107 Brookfield Avenue Runcom Cheshire
Postcode	WA7 5RF
Year of birth	1962
Business occupation and other directorships	Journalist (currently unemployed)

1.6 Details of Members of the Committee

Name	Address	Year of birth	Business occupation and other directorships
MARK BUCKLEY	59 The Glen Palacefields Runcom Cheshire WA7 2TB	1967	Driver
CIARAN CLOTWORTHY	11 Oxford Road Runcom Cheshire WA7 4NU	1972	Events manager
ROBERT PAUL EASTUP	25 Coniston Close Beechwood Runcom Cheshire WA7 2QJ	1966	Managing director
JOSEPH HEDLEY EDWARDS	22 Malpas Road Runcom Cheshire WA7 4AE	1939	Retired head teacher
LYNN JOHNSTON	85 Heath Road Runcom Cheshire WA7 5SZ	1956	Admin clerk
ROBERT JOHNSTON	85 Heath Road Runcom Cheshire WA7 5SZ	1954	Safety warden

Please use separate sheets of paper if you need more space, following the instructions provided in section 5 above.

Please indicate how many separate sheets of paper you have used

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Please continue, answering all questions.

1.7 Are any members of the society's committee disqualified as directors under the Company Director Disqualification Act 1986?

- No
 Yes

1.8 Does the society carry out any activity which is regulated under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000? (e.g. accepting deposits in a form other than withdrawable shares; offering insurance products; undertaking residential mortgage business). If 'yes' please state the society's Financial Services Register firm reference number

- No
 Yes

Financial Services Register firm reference number

1.9 Is the society a subsidiary of another society?

- No
 Yes

1.10 Does the society have one or more subsidiaries?

- No
 Yes

1.11 Is the society currently accepted by the HM Revenue and Customs as a charity for tax purposes?

- No
 Yes

Please confirm you have attached a copy of the letter from HM Revenue and Customs confirming charitable tax status:

- Yes

1.12 Is this society a charity registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)?

- No
 Yes ▶ provide your Scottish Charity number below

1.13 Is the society registered with one of the following (please tick)?

- Homes and Communities Agency
 The Welsh Ministers
 Scottish Housing Regulator

If so, please provide your register number

All societies must answer the following questions:

- if a **bona fide co-operative society** go to question 1.14
- if **existing for the benefit of the community** go to question 1.19

Bona fide co-operative society

1.14 How did members benefit from the business, industry or trade of the society during the year?

1.15 Is membership of the society required to obtain the benefits offered by it?

- Yes
 No

1.16 In what way did members participate in an ongoing basis in the society's primary business during the year?

1.17 How did members democratically control the society?

1.18 How did the society use any surplus/profit?

If the society distributed the surplus/profit to members please explain how this was done.

Please use separate sheets of paper if you need more space (see section 5 above)

Please indicate how many separate sheets of paper you have used.

Continue to 2.1

Community benefit society**1.19 Who are the community the society benefited?**

Town of Runcorn in the borough of Halton

1.20 How did the society benefit that community during the year?

Providing competitive playing opportunities at national, regional, county and district levels and also recreationally for hundreds of senior, youth and junior footballers (both sexes) thereby making a significant contribution to well being in an area of social deprivation within an industrial town with recognised health issues

Offering high-standard playing, changing and training facilities for all our teams along with a social base for use by our members, supporters and other community groups

Making the said facilities available to our county football association and Halton Junior League/Runcorn District FA for staging of finals

Hosting a major charity fixture involving the TV continuing drama Hollyoaks and giving local youngsters chance to meet and have photographs taken with their favourite stars

Supporting schools and other good causes locally through provision of prizes for their fundraising events

Providing significant business for local companies (catering, kit purchases etc) thereby aiding the local economy

Creating a focal point and quality environment for local football fans to enjoy a good standard of football and interact while fostering a sense of local pride and enjoyment in the performance and achievements of the club

1.21 How did the society use any surplus/profit?

Not applicable

Please use separate sheets of paper if you need more space (see section 5 above).

Please indicate how many separate sheets of paper you have used.

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Continue to 2.1

2 Statistics

Account details

2.1 You must enter the figures below

See notes for help on items E-T. Enter NIL where applicable

A	Members at beginning of year	159
B	Members ceased during year	0
C	Members admitted during year	0
D	Members at end of year	159
E	Turnover for year	72097
F	Total of income and expenditure (receipts and payments added together)	146306
G	Net surplus/(deficit) for year	-2112
H	Fixed assets	22325
I	Current assets	20263
J	Total assets (equal to amount in row O, below)	42588
K	Current liabilities	3596
L	Share capital	159
M	Long-term liabilities	
N	Reserves	38833
O	Total liabilities, share capital & reserves (K+L+M+N) (equal to amount in J above)	42588
All societies (excluding clubs) must complete boxes P-T		
P	Investments in other registered societies	
Q	Loans from members	
R	Loans from Employees' Superannuation Schemes	
S	Dividends on sales	
T	Share interest	

2.2 Names of subsidiaries as defined in sections 100 and 101 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

None

2.3 Names of subsidiaries not dealt with in group accounts (if any) and reasons for exclusions (as approved by the FCA)

The society must have written authority from us to exclude a subsidiary from group accounts

None

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The audit

3.1 Type of audit used for the attached accounts.

If the society has used a full professional audit or an accountant's report then the report must be prepared by a registered auditor.

- Full professional audit ▶ Continue to section 4
- Accountant's report ▶ Complete questions 3.2 and 3.3
- Lay audit ▶ Complete questions 3.2 and 3.3
- Unaudited ▶ Complete questions 3.2 and 3.3

3.2 Do the society's registered rules allow the society not to undertake a full professional audit?

- No
- Yes

3.3 Has the membership passed at a general meeting a resolution allowing the society not to undertake a full professional audit for the year of account in question? (In accordance with section 84 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014)

- No
- Yes

4 Accounts and signature

Accounts

4.1 Date on which the accounts and balance sheet will be/were laid before the AGM (dd/mm/yyyy)

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4.2 Has your society produced accounts to the minimum standard required?

Yes ▶ you must confirm that you have attached the accounts and the audit/accountant's report bearing the original signatures of the auditor (if required by law), the secretary and the two committee members.


Attached

No ▶ you must produce accounts to the minimum standard required, see notes for details.

Signature – all societies to complete

4.3 The Secretary of the society must sign and date below

I certify that the information in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name	DAVID RCHARD BETTLEY
Signature	
Phone number	01928 568061
Email	d.bettley@sky.com
Date	21/12/2015

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Runcorn Linnets Football Club Limited

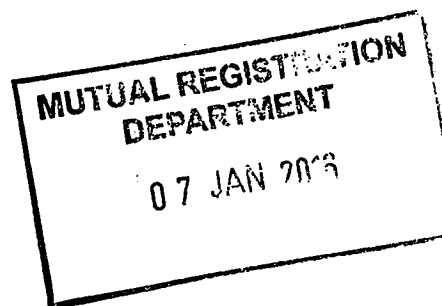
1.6 Details of members of the committee (continued)

Name	Address	Year of birth	Business occupation and other directorships
JOHN PICKERING	123 Greenway Road Runcorn Cheshire WA7 4NT	1966	Company fire officer
STEVE PRITCHARD	64 Waterside Drive Frodsham Cheshire WA6 7NG	1970	Computer programmer
ADRIAN TAYLOR	103 The Uplands Palacefields Runcorn Cheshire WA7 2UB	1960	Retired/disabled
REGINALD WOODS	11 Hillside Avenue Runcorn Cheshire WA7 4BW	1950	Retired human resources clerk

RUNCORN LINNETS FC LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

REGISTRATION NUMBER: 29719R



RUNCORN LINNETS FC LTD

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This current season will see the tenth anniversary of the formation of Runcorn Linnets and the re-birth of our club. We are currently in our sixth season back in the town and this year's report gives us time to reflect on how far we have come in that time. Back in April 2006, when it had become evident that the old club was no longer viable, we made the decision as a group of fans to form a new trust based club. We had no ground, no manager and no players! The hard work in those following three months was the basis for where we are today – back in Runcorn, with one of the best grounds in the region; the highest average attendances over recent years; a junior section which has grown to 32 teams, catering for almost 400 boys and girls and recognised with the award of Charter Standard club of the Year by the Cheshire FA; a ladies team that is finding its feet, entering November in top place in their league. The club can be justifiably proud of its achievements. And yet we again had to face the disappointment of missing out on promotion to the Northern Premier League despite a mammoth battle during the season and an even higher average points total than in the previous year. The first team has now finished as runners-up in each of the last two seasons and has finished in the top 6 for each of the last four – a remarkable level of consistency. We continue to support the manager in every way possible and as always everyone has a role to play no matter how big or small.

Our accounts remain in a healthy state although we had limited success in FA competitions in 2014/15 after a good FA Cup run in the previous season. We have been grateful over a number of years for the support shown to our community club by Millbank Holdings, who have now been club sponsor since 2010 and have another two seasons on the current deal, to Halton Borough Council and to the many local businesses and individuals who support the club in so many ways. This has been shown in the current season by the magnificent response to the sponsoring of the perimeter fence panels to help us up-grade our ground facilities even more.

We were again able to offer our facilities for a major charity event in support of Clatterbridge Cancer Charity which raised many thousands of pounds when a team from the TV programme Hollyoaks appeared at the stadium. The ground was also used by the Cheshire FA for prestigious cup games and by the local junior league for their end-of-season finals.

I talked last year about the need for new income streams so we were delighted to be able to resurrect our golf day in the summer thanks to the hard work of a small group of fans and the support of local businesses. The decision was also taken to raise our adult entry to £6 for home games, the first rise since 2010. We maintained the concessionary rate at £3.

We have continued our on-going discussions with the local council, the Cheshire FA and the Football Foundation to provide enhanced facilities for the junior section around the existing stadium and we hope to be able to report more on this in the not too distant future. We are also looking at the need to purchase better maintenance equipment for the pitch and this will be one of our priorities over the coming months.

I offer my sincere thanks as usual to everyone who volunteers to help the club in any way and I continue to ask all fans to consider giving just a little of their time to come along to help out with all those jobs that need doing. I am sure you would find it very rewarding and help the club continue successfully into its second decade.

Derek Greenwood
Chairman
November 2015

RUNCORN LINNETS FC LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

REGISTRATION NUMBER: 29719R

RUNCORN LINNETS FC LIMITED

TRUST INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

Board Members	Derek Greenwood	(Chairman)
	Hedley Edwards	(Vice-Chairman)
	Lynn Johnston	(Football Secretary)
	Philip Wainwright	(Treasurer)
	Mark Buckley	(Operational)
	Reg Woods	(Operational)
	Paul Eastup	(Commercial Development)
	Robert Johnston	(Operational)
	Steve Pritchard	(Press Officer)
	Dave Rose	(Operational)
	John Pickering	(Operational)
Ciaran Clotworthy	(Community)	

Trust Secretary David Bettley

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Chartered Certified Accountants
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RUNCORN LINNETS FC LIMITED

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RUNCORN LINNETS FC LIMITED

STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

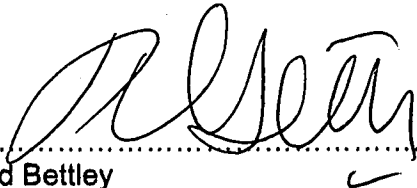
The Board are required to prepare financial statements for each financial period, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association and of the income and expenditure of the association for that period. They consider that the Society is exempt from an audit.

In preparing those financial statements the Board are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so

The Board members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the association and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965 -78. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the association and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board on the 10TH DECEMBER 2015 and signed on its behalf by:



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David Bettley
Secretary

**RUNCORN LINNETS FC LIMITED
ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

We report on the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2015. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS & REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS

As explained in the Statement of the Board of Management's Responsibilities, set out on page four, the board is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion in accordance with applicable law and Standards for reporting accountants' applicable in the United Kingdom.

BASIS OF OPINION

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

OPINION

In our opinion the income and expenditure account and the balance sheet for the period ending 30 June 2015 is in agreement with the books of account kept by the society and that, on the basis of the information contained in the books of account, they comply with the requirements of the Industrial & Provident Societies Act 1965, the Friendly and Industrial Provident Societies Act 1968 & the Cooperative & Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

In our opinion the society has satisfied the conditions for exemption from an audit of the accounts for the period ended 30 June 2015 as set out in the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 and the Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1968 and did not at any time within the period fall within any of the categories of society not entitled to such exemption.



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Chartered Certified Accountants
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RUNCORN LINNETS FC LIMITED
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015


	2015		2014	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Membership Income Received	636		440	
			-	
Grants & Donations	5,474		7,514	
Cup income	1,500		12,625	
Match day receipts	30,614		32,019	
Programmes & advertising	7,086		8,080	
Sponsorship	13,813		15,374	
Fundraising – net of expenses	8,516		7,953	
Merchandise sales (net)	110		461	
Season tickets	3,842		3,899	
Ground rental	500		865	
Building Society Interest	<u>6</u>		<u>2</u>	
		72,097		89,232
Expenditure				
Playing staff costs	42,136		42,734	
Playing kit & laundry	1,719		3,487	
Training fees & equipment	111		1,686	
Ground rental	570		470	
Coach hire	158		1,379	
Match officials	3,512		3,964	
Catering	943		1,315	
Programme production	3,111		3,439	
Medical equipment & physio	748		116	
FA player fines	1367		563	
Affiliation fees	2,460		1,687	
Insurance	1,163		1,099	
Audit and accountancy fees	2,168		1,800	
Bank charges	489		471	
Telephone	332		410	
Ground project	298		120	
Premises expenses	10,153		13,589	
Sundries	1,361		1,379	
Depreciation	<u>1,410</u>		<u>1,483</u>	
		(74,209)		(81,191)
Profit for the year		(2,112)		8,041
Income & expenditure account b/fwd		40,945		32,904
Income & expenditure account c/fwd		38,833		40,945


RUNCORN LINNETS FC LIMITED

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT
30 JUNE 2015**

		2015	2014
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets	2	22,325	23,735
Investments	3	-	-
Current assets			
Debtors & Prepayments		-	298
Cash at bank		19,488	18,973
Stock (of merchandise)		<u>775</u>	<u>1,003</u>
		<u>20,263</u>	<u>20,274</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	4	<u>3,596</u>	<u>2,905</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>16,667</u>	<u>17,369</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>38,992</u>	<u>41,104</u>
Capital and Reserves			
Called up Share Capital	5	159	159
Income and Expenditure Account		<u>38,833</u>	<u>40,945</u>
		<u>38,992</u>	<u>41,104</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board on the 10/12/15 and signed on its behalf by


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Derek Greenwood
Chairman


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Hedley Edwards
Vice-Chairman

The notes on pages 8 and 9 form an integral part of these financial statements

RUNCORN LINNETS FC LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

There is a rolling membership, the annual renewal date falls on the anniversary of the date on which the member joined, consequently income is stated on a receipts basis.

Stock

Stock of merchandise for re-sale is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

2. Fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Buildings – write off over 25 years

Plant and machinery – 15% on reducing balance

	Buildings	Plant & machinery
Cost		
At 1 July 2013	£ 25,000	£5,239
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 30 June 2014	<u>£25,000</u>	<u>£5,239</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 July 2014	£4,000	£2,504
Charge for year	<u>£1,000</u>	<u>£410</u>
At 30 June 2015	<u>£5,000</u>	<u>£2,914</u>
Net book value		
At 30 June 2015	<u>£20,000</u>	<u>£2,325</u>
At 30 June 2014	<u>£21,000</u>	<u>£2,735</u>

3. Investments (stated at cost)

Shares in Runcorn Football Club at 1/7/2014	£ <u>400</u>
Share Disposal – Shares in Runcorn Football Club at 30/6/2015	<u>Nil</u>

RUNCORN LINNETS FC LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015.....Cont.'d.

4. Creditors and Deferred Income

Deferred Income	£ 1,556
Accruals	£ 2,040
	<u>£ 3,596</u>

5. Share Capital

Allotted, called up and fully paid	2015	2014
	£	£
At the 1 st July 2014	159	159
Issued during the year	-	-
Written off on lapses in membership	-	-
At 30 th June 2015	<u>159</u>	<u>159</u>

Each member holds one share of £1 in the society.

These shares carry no right to dividends or distributions on a winding up.
Each member has a right to vote at members meetings.

Under the Association's rules share capital is non-refundable; if a person ceases to be a member, the amount subscribed for the share becomes the property of the association.