

Annual Return (AR30) form

Society Name: Blackpool Supporters Society Limited

Society Num: 32403 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 Mutuels Public Register.

For guidance on our registration function for societies, which includes guidance on the requirement to submit an Annual Return, please see [here](#)

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

30/06/2022

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
Anthony Hodgson	Apr	1960
Tim Fielding	Aug	1967
Christine Seddon	Nov	1962

Antony Wilkinson	Jun	1961
Mark Turner	Nov	1961
Patrick McChrystal	Sep	1964
Francis Charlesworth	Jun	1951
Andy Higgins	Jan	1965
Robert Whittaker	Dec	1960
None	Jan	1900

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

☒ 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:

☒ 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.

None

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

Robert Whittaker

Dec

1960

4.1 Please confirm that:

☒ accounts are being submitted with this form

☒ the accounts comply with relevant statutory and accounting requirements

☒ 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

902

Turnover

3478

Assets

13325

Number of Employees

0

Share Capital

0

**Highest rate of interest
paid on shares**

0

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 [here](#)

SIC Code

**Activities of other membership organizations
n.e.c. (94990)**

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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:

<https://www.fca.org.uk/publication/finalised-guidance/fg15-12.pdf>

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

- ☐ Full Professional Audit
- ☐ Auditor's report on the accounts
- ☐ Lay Audit
- ☒ No audit

5.2 Please confirm the audit option used by the society is compliant with the society's own rules and the Act

☒ We have complied with the audit requirements

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ Not applicable

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

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

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

- ☐ Registered
- ☒ Not applicable

5.6 Is the society a housing association?

- ☒ No
- ☐ Yes

6.1 Is the society a subsidiary of another society?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

6.2 Does the society have one or more subsidiaries?

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

- ☐ 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 [here](#).

7.1 Condition for Registration

- ☐ 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 provide and develop the societies interests within the community

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.

The community benefits from the social interaction and activities of the society

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 societies activities is to develop and forge relationships within the community.

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 interacts with all spheres of the community

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?

The profits generated by the society are reinvested within the society and used for the benefits of the society and community

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 does not have any commercial arrangements with any organisation.



Blackpool Supporters Society Limited

Accounts year ending 30th June 2022

Reviewed by:
Alderdice & Company
Accountants and Auditors
193 Whitegate Drive
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Blackpool Supporters Society Limited

290 Fleetwood Rd South, Thornton, Lancashire, FY5 5EF

Account for the year ending 30 June 2022

Income received (1)	£3478
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Less Expenses

Sponsorship & BFC related initiatives (2)	£16,794
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Donations (3)	£430
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Trust Expenses	£95
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Insurance & accounting costs	£200
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Website & Email services	£487
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Bank Charges	£219
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£-18,225

Net Deficit for the Year (4)	<u>£-14,747</u>
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Balance Sheet

Surpluses as at 30/06/2017	£7,534
Surpluses as at 30/06/2018	£8,418
Surpluses as at 30/06/2019	£12,996
Surplus as at 30/06/2020	£1,374
Deficit as at 30/06/2021	(£2,250)
Deficit as at 30/06/2022	(£14,747)
Surplus C/Fwd.	<u>£13,325</u>

Represented By: Bank Accounts

Bank Accounts	£10,230
PayPal	£3,295
Accrual	(£200)
Total	<u>£13,325</u>

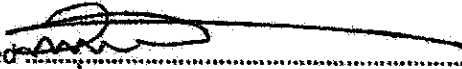

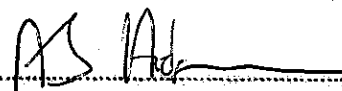
Notes

- (1) Income received – Membership income received was in line with the previous year. Overall income was slightly down due to a lower number of direct donations to the Trust.
- (2) Sponsorship & BFC related initiatives – The Trust had built up sizable reserves and the Committee made a conscious decision to put these funds to work in the financial year. The Committee decided to focus on initiatives that would deliver a dual benefit of growing the fan base while at the same time providing income to Blackpool FC. These initiatives included:
 - £15000 to provide a Blackpool replica shirt to all Children who wanted one in year 2 in the Blackpool district. The Trust were keen to do something exceptional to address the loss of the match day experience for children caused by the boycott and capitalise upon the renewed levels of interest as COVID rules were relaxed.
 - £1314 for 8 Season tickets to be utilised on a match-by-match basis by families experiencing hardship. We worked with Homestart, Blackpool Carers, St Mary's Catholic Academy and Layton Primary School to identify appropriate families. This BST initiative will provide the opportunity for 8 people to attend each game, therefore totalling 184 visits to Bloomfield Road that may otherwise not have been possible.
 - £480 to sponsor CJ Hamilton
- (3) Donations – Other donations included the Blackpool Food bank, The Armfield Mural and support for the 92 anniversary Dinner

- (4) Net Deficit for the Year – The Committee made a conscious decision to exceed income in the year to support initiatives rather than hold bank reserves that are providing little value.

The accounts were prepared from information and supplementary data supplied by officers of the society.

We agree the submission of this account to the Regulatory Authority.

Signed 	Secretary	(ROBERT WHITTAKER)
Signed 	Member 1	Anthony Wilkinson
Signed 	Member 2	Anthony Hodgson

Accounts prepared by:

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