

# Swindon Town Football Company Limited

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 May 2022

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# Swindon Town Football Company Limited

## Company Information

<b>Director</b>	Mr C G B Morfuni
<b>Registered office</b>	County Ground County Road Swindon Wiltshire SN1 2ED
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**Chartered Accountants' Report to the Director on the Preparation of the Unaudited Statutory Accounts of  
Swindon Town Football Company Limited  
for the Year Ended 31 May 2022**

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Swindon Town Football Company Limited for the year ended 31 May 2022 as set out on pages 3 to 13 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at

<http://www.icaew.com/en/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance/>.

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of Swindon Town Football Company Limited, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of Swindon Town Football Company Limited and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Board of Directors of Swindon Town Football Company Limited, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Swindon Town Football Company Limited and its Board of Directors as a body for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Swindon Town Football Company Limited has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of Swindon Town Football Company Limited. You consider that Swindon Town Football Company Limited is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts of Swindon Town Football Company Limited. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory accounts.

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UHY Ross Brooke  
Chartered Accountants  
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Swindon  
Wiltshire  
SN3 5HY

28 February 2023

**Swindon Town Football Company Limited**

**Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 May 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Turnover		6,410,650	4,334,635
Cost of sales		<u>(3,936,669)</u>	<u>(4,419,549)</u>
Gross profit/(loss)		2,473,981	(84,914)
Administrative expenses		(2,368,666)	(1,483,116)
Other operating income		<u>73,589</u>	<u>591,257</u>
Operating profit/(loss)		178,904	(976,773)
Other interest receivable and similar income		-	1
Interest payable and similar expenses		<u>(20,767)</u>	<u>(162,048)</u>
Profit/(loss) before tax		<u>158,137</u>	<u>(1,138,820)</u>
Profit/(loss) for the financial year		<u><u>158,137</u></u>	<u><u>(1,138,820)</u></u>

The above results were derived from continuing operations.

The company has no recognised gains or losses for the year other than the results above.

**Swindon Town Football Company Limited**

(Registration number: 00053100)  
Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	<u>6</u>	31,592	9,744
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	<u>7</u>	2,112	-
Debtors	<u>8</u>	412,239	4,376
Cash at bank and in hand		424,793	372,784
		<u>839,144</u>	<u>377,160</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<u>9</u>	<u>(3,031,162)</u>	<u>(3,727,462)</u>
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		<u>(2,192,018)</u>	<u>(3,350,302)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		(2,160,426)	(3,340,558)
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	<u>9</u>	<u>(4,976,966)</u>	<u>(3,954,971)</u>
<b>Net liabilities</b>		<u><u>(7,137,392)</u></u>	<u><u>(7,295,529)</u></u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital		6,237,293	6,237,293
Retained earnings		<u>(13,374,685)</u>	<u>(13,532,822)</u>
Shareholders' deficit		<u><u>(7,137,392)</u></u>	<u><u>(7,295,529)</u></u>

**Swindon Town Football Company Limited**

**(Registration number: 00053100)**

**Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2022**

For the financial year ending 31 May 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Director's responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved and authorised by the director on 28 February 2023

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Mr C G B Morfuni

Director

**Swindon Town Football Company Limited**

**Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 31 May 2022**

	Share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At 1 June 2020	6,237,293	(12,394,002)	(6,156,709)
Loss for the year	-	(1,138,820)	(1,138,820)
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At 31 May 2021	6,237,293	(13,532,822)	(7,295,529)
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	Share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At 1 June 2021	6,237,293	(13,532,822)	(7,295,529)
Profit for the year	-	158,137	158,137
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At 31 May 2022	6,237,293	(13,374,685)	(7,137,392)
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## Swindon Town Football Company Limited

### Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2022

#### 1 General information

The company is a private company limited by share capital, incorporated in England and Wales.

The address of its registered office is:

County Ground  
County Road  
Swindon  
Wiltshire  
SN1 2ED

#### 2 Accounting policies

##### Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

##### Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A smaller entities - 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006 (as applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime).

##### Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention except that as disclosed in the accounting policies certain items are shown at fair value.

##### Revenue recognition

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable in the normal course of business, net of discounts and other sales-related tax.

Merchandising revenue is recognised when goods are paid for and title has passed.

Gate receipts and other match day revenues are recognised as the games are played.

Prize money in respect of cup competitions is recognised when received.

Sponsorship and similar commercial income is recognised over the duration of the respective contracts. Broadcasting revenues received for live coverage or highlights are taken when earned whilst merit awards are allowed for only when known.

Match day turnover which is received in advance of the year end but relating to the following year (mainly sale of seasonal facilities) is treated as deferred income. The deferred income is then released to turnover as the games are played.

##### Tangible assets

Tangible assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

The cost of tangible assets includes directly attributable incremental costs incurred in their acquisition and installation.

## Swindon Town Football Company Limited

### Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2022

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of assets, other than land and properties under construction over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Plant and machinery	25% reducing balance
Property improvements	3 to 20 years straight line

#### Goodwill

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of an entity represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the company's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the entity recognised at the date of acquisition. Goodwill is initially recognised as an asset at cost and is subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is held in the currency of the acquired entity and revalued to the closing rate at each reporting period date. Goodwill is amortised over its useful life, which shall not exceed ten years if a reliable estimate of the useful life cannot be made.

#### Amortisation

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets so as to write off the cost, less any estimated residual value, over their useful life as follows:

Asset class	Amortisation method and rate
Player and football staff acquisition costs	Straight line basis over period of contract

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### Debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

#### Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell.

#### Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers.

#### Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Profit and Loss Account over the period of the relevant borrowing. Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the company has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

## Swindon Town Football Company Limited

### Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2022

#### Leases

Leases in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised at the lower of their fair value at inception of the lease and the present value of the minimum lease payments. These assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the useful life of the asset and the lease term. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation.

Lease payments are apportioned between finance costs in the profit and loss account and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

#### Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Equity instruments are measured at the fair value of the cash or other resources received or receivable, net of the direct costs of issuing the equity instruments. If payment is deferred and the time value of money is material, the initial measurement is on a present value basis.

#### Defined contribution pension obligation

A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the company has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

#### 3 Other operating income

	2022 £	2021 £
Government grants	73,589	581,578
Rental income	-	-
Miscellaneous other income	-	9,679
	<u>73,589</u>	<u>591,257</u>

#### 4 Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the company (including the director) during the year, was 128 (2021 - 79).

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Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2022

5 Intangible assets

	Players' registrations £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>		
At 1 June 2021	15,000	15,000
Disposals	(15,000)	(15,000)
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At 31 May 2022	-	-
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<b>Amortisation</b>		
At 1 June 2021	15,000	15,000
Amortisation eliminated on disposals	(15,000)	(15,000)
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At 31 May 2022	-	-
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<b>Carrying amount</b>		
At 31 May 2022	-	-
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**Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2022**

**6 Tangible assets**

	Land and buildings £	Plant and machinery £	Office equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>				
At 1 June 2021	3,040,426	602,552	-	3,642,978
Additions	-	17,857	9,910	27,767
At 31 May 2022	3,040,426	620,409	9,910	3,670,745
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 June 2021	3,040,426	592,808	-	3,633,234
Charge for the year	-	4,119	1,800	5,919
At 31 May 2022	3,040,426	596,927	1,800	3,639,153
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
At 31 May 2022	-	23,482	8,110	31,592
At 31 May 2021	-	9,744	-	9,744

Included within the net book value of land and buildings above is £Nil (2021 - £Nil) in respect of freehold land and buildings.

**7 Stocks**

	2022 £	2021 £
Other inventories	2,112	-

**8 Debtors**

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Current</b>		
Trade debtors	111,920	4,076
Prepayments	14,613	-
Other debtors	285,706	300
	412,239	4,376

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**Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2022**

**9 Creditors**

**Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Loans and borrowings	517,555	630,302
Trade creditors	884,483	1,282,308
Taxation and social security	433,332	1,112,279
Other creditors	1,195,792	702,573
	<u>3,031,162</u>	<u>3,727,462</u>

**Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Due after one year</b>		
Loans and borrowings	10 <u>4,976,966</u>	<u>3,954,971</u>

**10 Loans and borrowings**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Current loans and borrowings</b>		
Bank borrowings	9,747	9,507
Hire purchase contracts	3,008	3,495
Other borrowings	504,800	617,300
	<u>517,555</u>	<u>630,302</u>

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Non-current loans and borrowings</b>		
Bank borrowings	30,746	40,493
Hire purchase contracts	-	3,204
Unsecured debentures	-	2,000,000
Other borrowings	4,946,220	1,911,274
	<u>4,976,966</u>	<u>3,954,971</u>

## **Swindon Town Football Company Limited**

### **Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2022**

#### **11 Related party transactions**

##### **Other transactions with the director**

During the year, transactions were undertaken between the company and Directors on an interest free basis. At the year end the balance due to those who were Directors during the year was £2,667,372.

Loans were also provided to the company during the year by Axis Football Investments Ltd, of which Mr C G B Morfuni is the controlling party. At the year end the balance owed to Axis Football Investments Ltd was £1,616,020.

#### **12 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking**

The company's immediate parent is Seebeck 87 Limited, incorporated in England and Wales.

The ultimate parent is Axis Football Investments Ltd, incorporated in England and Wales.

The ultimate controlling party is Mr C G B Morfuni.

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