

# Newport Association Football Club Limited

Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

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# **Newport Association Football Club Limited**

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# **Newport Association Football Club Limited**

## **Company Information**

**Chairman** Mr GJ Foxall

**Directors** Mr SE Johnson  
Mr PL Madigan  
Mr CT Faulkner  
Mr RG Herrin  
Mr RA Courtney  
Mr MB Crook  
Mr KD Ward  
Mr ML Everett  
Mr P Marks  
Mr J Crocker

**Company secretary** Mr N Stephenson

**Registered office** Rodney Parade  
Rodney Road  
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## **Newport Association Football Club Limited**

### **Directors' Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2021**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021.

#### **Directors of the company**

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Mr SE Johnson

Mr PL Madigan

Mr GJ Foxall - Chairman

Mr CT Faulkner

Mr RG Herrin

Mr RA Courtney

Mr MB Crook

Mr KD Ward

Mr ML Everett

Mr P Marks

Mrs K L Anderson (ceased 24 November 2021)

The following director was appointed after the year end:

Mr J Crocker (appointed 14 July 2021)

#### **Principal activity**

The principal activity of the company is the running of a professional football club.

#### **Executive Summary**

The Directors present their report and financial statements for the financial year ended 30th June 2021.

The financial statements relate to the 2020/21 EFL League season which continued to be impacted by Government restrictions in place as a result of the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic.

In view of the uncertainty, the club has continued to apply a robust approach to managing its finances with all appropriate controls in place. This approach has ensured that the club navigated its way through the pandemic and maintained a reasonable financial position.

The initial challenge came from the Government decision, made at the start of the season, that all fixtures were to be played "behind closed doors" until further notice. The Club immediately adopted a policy in relation to season ticket sales where purchasers could enjoy access to the EFL iFollow system in the event that they were unable to attend matches in person. As a result, the club was able to maintain a good level of season ticket sales which in conjunction with the support of sponsors and advertisers meant a reasonable level of match related revenue. The Club continued to take advantage of all available Government support which included Job Retention Scheme, Welsh Government and Local Council initiatives.

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### **Directors' Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2021**

Support from the Football Authorities, both EFL and Premier League, has been vital in the Club maintaining its strong financial base and the Board ensured it continued to meet all contractual obligations.

At the start of the 20/21 season the EFL introduced a system of Salary and Squad Caps which created new challenges which required careful management and the Club continued to achieve success on the pitch by reaching the EFL League 2 play offs. The semi-finals and final of these were given dispensation to be played in front of minimal crowds with a considerable level of restrictions. The financial benefit of reaching the play offs was therefore severely impacted.

Overall, the performance remains very satisfactory and the support the club has received throughout the year from sponsors, partners, Football Authorities, Welsh Government, UK Government, Newport Council, and local politicians is very much appreciated.

The Board would like to acknowledge the overwhelming support and understanding it has received from its supporters during a difficult period for all concerned. This has been absolutely crucial in meeting all of the challenges that the Club faced.


#### **Disclosure of information to the auditors**

Each director has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information. The directors confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditors are unaware.

#### **Small companies provision statement**

This report has 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 by the Board on 23/3/22 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Mr GJ Foxall  
Chairman

## **Newport Association Football Club Limited**

### **Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements 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 financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with FRS 102 Section 1A The Financial Reporting Standard. 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.

## **Newport Association Football Club Limited**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Newport Association Football Club Limited**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Newport Association Football Club Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 30 June 2021, which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of 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 Section 1A 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 June 2021 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- 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 financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, 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 financial statements, we have concluded that the director's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements 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 original financial statements were 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 financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

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#### **Opinion on other matter 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 financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our 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 where 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 financial statements 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; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Directors' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

#### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities [set out on page 4], the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, 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 financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements 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 financial statements.

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:

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

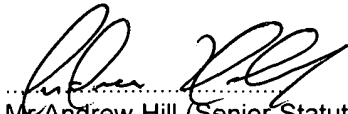


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### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Newport Association Football Club Limited

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company'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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Mr Andrew Hill (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of HSJ Audit Limited, Statutory Auditor

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Date: 28/3/22

# Newport Association Football Club Limited

## Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Turnover		3,545,122	3,647,606
Administrative expenses		(4,007,383)	(3,843,675)
Other operating income		<u>476,799</u>	<u>498,389</u>
Operating profit		14,538	302,320
Profit/(loss) on disposal of player acquisition costs		11,350	13,751
Amortisation of player acquisition costs		<u>-</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before investment income and interest		25,888	306,071
Other interest receivable and similar income		<u>100</u>	<u>1,804</u>
Profit before tax	5	<u>25,988</u>	<u>307,875</u>
Profit for the financial year		<u><u>25,988</u></u>	<u><u>307,875</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.

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 02395863)  
Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	6	32,081	47,763
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	7	50,230	5,012
Debtors	8	735,156	213,335
Cash at bank and in hand		836,551	1,334,691
		<u>1,621,937</u>	<u>1,553,038</u>
<b>Creditors:</b> Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(578,353)</u>	<u>(469,554)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>1,043,584</u>	<u>1,083,484</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>1,075,665</u>	<u>1,131,247</u>
<b>Creditors:</b> Amounts falling due after more than one year	9	<u>(237,806)</u>	<u>(319,376)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>837,859</u>	<u>811,871</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	10	2,688,420	2,688,420
Profit and loss account		<u>(1,850,561)</u>	<u>(1,876,549)</u>
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>837,859</u>	<u>811,871</u>

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 Board on 28/3/22 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr GJ Foxall  
Chairman

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## Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At 1 July 2020	2,688,420	(1,876,549)	811,871
Profit for the year	-	25,988	25,988
Total comprehensive income	-	25,988	25,988
At 30 June 2021	<u>2,688,420</u>	<u>(1,850,561)</u>	<u>837,859</u>

	Share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At 1 July 2019	2,688,420	(2,184,424)	503,996
Profit for the year	-	307,875	307,875
Total comprehensive income	-	307,875	307,875
At 30 June 2020	<u>2,688,420</u>	<u>(1,876,549)</u>	<u>811,871</u>

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

# **Newport Association Football Club Limited**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2021**

### **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:

Rodney Parade

Rodney Road

Newport

Gwent

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Wales

The company registration number is: 02395863

### **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 - 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006.

#### **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.

#### **Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

As a result of the Covid-19 related pandemic the 2019-20 season was terminated early and the 2020-21 season was commenced with all fixtures taking place "behind closed doors". This had an impact on income but with the Club's continued control on costs in line with budget, a small profit was made for the 2020-21 financial year.

With the 2021-22 season currently being played with the return of fans, the board are confident that with the controls put in place as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, it will ensure the Club can continue to operate within its agreed bank facilities.

Consequently, the Board consider that the Going Concern basis remains appropriate in preparing these financial statements.

## Newport Association Football Club Limited

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

#### Revenue recognition

Turnover represents amounts derived from ordinary activities, and is stated net of Value Added Tax.

Income is recognised as follows:-

- gate receipts, retail sales - at point of sale
- central funding, commercial income, grant income - over the time period to which it relates
- transfer fees - at point of entitlement in accordance with the transfer agreement
- donations - at point of receipt unless stipulated by the donor

#### 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.

#### 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 equipment	on a straight-line basis over five or ten years
Improvements to leasehold premises	on a straight-line basis over ten years

#### Goodwill

Player acquisition costs are capitalised as intangible fixed assets and comprise the transfer fees, transfer levies, and agents' fees arising on registration.

These capitalised costs are amortised on a straight-line basis over the duration of each of the players' contracts. Where a player's contract is extended, amortisation is recomputed over the longer contract period, from the date on which the extended contract is signed.

Where the carrying value of a player's acquisition costs are regarded as impaired (for instance, by injury), these costs are written down to the value regarded as recoverable through usage or sale.

Any gain or loss arising on the sale of a player registration is calculated in the same way as for any other fixed asset.

Where a portion of an agreed transfer fee is conditional on future performance criteria (for instance, a given number of first team performances), that portion of the transfer fee is recognised only when its realisation becomes certain.

#### 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 acquisition costs	on a straight-line basis over the duration of the players' contracts

## **Newport Association Football Club Limited**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2021**

#### **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.

#### **Trade debtors**

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

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### **Stocks**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

The cost of finished goods and work in progress comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. At each reporting date, stocks are assessed for impairment. If stocks are impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell; the impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

#### **Trade creditors**

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### **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.

#### **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.

# Newport Association Football Club Limited

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

### 3 Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year, was 112 (2020 - 117).

### 4 Auditors' remuneration

	2021 £	2020 £
Audit of the financial statements	<u>10,930</u>	<u>6,000</u>

### 5 Profit before tax

Arrived at after charging/(crediting)

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation expense	<u>17,675</u>	<u>18,316</u>

### 6 Tangible assets

	Improvements to leasehold premises £	Other property, plant and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1 July 2020	92,992	55,517	148,509
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>1,993</u>	<u>1,993</u>
At 30 June 2021	<u>92,992</u>	<u>57,510</u>	<u>150,502</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 July 2020	64,885	35,861	100,746
Charge for the year	<u>9,299</u>	<u>8,376</u>	<u>17,675</u>
At 30 June 2021	<u>74,184</u>	<u>44,237</u>	<u>118,421</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 30 June 2021	<u>18,808</u>	<u>13,273</u>	<u>32,081</u>
At 30 June 2020	<u>28,107</u>	<u>19,656</u>	<u>47,763</u>

Included within the net book value of land and buildings above is £18,808 (2020 - £28,107) in respect of long leasehold land and buildings.



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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

### 7 Stocks

	2021 £	2020 £
Other inventories	<u>50,230</u>	<u>5,012</u>

### 8 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	210,530	62,706
Other debtors	<u>524,626</u>	<u>150,629</u>
	<u>735,156</u>	<u>213,335</u>

### 9 Creditors

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

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Due within one year</b>			
Bank loans and overdrafts	11	36,000	36,000
Trade creditors		282,535	100,452
Deferred government grants		5,503	5,503
Taxation and social security		108,046	308,233
Other creditors		2,269	1,529
Accrued expenses		<u>144,000</u>	<u>17,837</u>
		<u>578,353</u>	<u>469,554</u>
<b>Due after one year</b>			
Loans and borrowings	11	226,800	302,867
Deferred government grants		<u>11,006</u>	<u>16,509</u>
		<u>237,806</u>	<u>319,376</u>

### 10 Share capital

#### Allotted, called up and fully paid shares

	2021		2020	
	No.	£	No.	£
Ordinary of £10 each	<u>268,842</u>	<u>2,688,420</u>	<u>268,842</u>	<u>2,688,420</u>

## Newport Association Football Club Limited

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

#### 11 Loans and borrowings

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Non-current loans and borrowings</b>		
Bank borrowings	50,000	50,000
Other borrowings	<u>176,800</u>	<u>252,867</u>
	<u>226,800</u>	<u>302,867</u>

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Current loans and borrowings</b>		
Other borrowings	<u>36,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>

#### Other borrowings

Other loans and borrowings represent loans made by former directors of the company and amounts owed to a related party company. These amounts are unsecured, interest free and will be repaid within 5 years.

The company also received an interest free loan from the English Football League (EFL) that will be repaid with 4 years.

#### 12 Related party transactions

##### Summary of transactions with other related parties

Relationship: Controlling Shareholder

During the year the company received loans from the related party company that were unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand. At the balance sheet date the amount due to the related party company was £nil (2020 - £40,067).