

Finance Report of the Bristol Rovers Supporters Club

For the

2022/23 Financial Year

In presenting the financial Report for the 2022/23 year, I should firstly start by advising the members of 2 important elements that impact on the “housekeeping” of this report:

1. With effect from the end of the 2022/23 Financial Year, the pressures of work and of my Directorship of the Football Club have meant that I have had to stand down from my position as the Supporters Club Treasurer. With effect from 1 July 2023 Mr Clive Marshall has taken on the role and will be presenting his report at the next AGM.
2. Whilst Mr Clive Farquhar remains as the Auditor of the Supporters Club, he has been reappointed in this role under the auspices of his new company, Portishead Consulting Limited and will be signing the Report and Accounts in that capacity. I would like to thank him for his help during the year and wish him well with his new venture.

Turning to the financial side of things, The Supporters Club is pleased to report a small surplus of £4,341 for the year. Copies of the Draft Report and Accounts have been posted on the website for your information. These have been approved by the Executive Committee and we will be asking for the members to adopt these for signature.

I do not intend to go through the document on a line by line basis but would like to draw your attention to the fact that we made donations amounting to over £16,000 as part of our commitment to support the Football Club, the “Gashead Family”, and the local community in general. The list of donations is shown below:

1. **Gas Girls:** In 2022/23 we were the primary financial supporters of the Gas Girls by donating a sum of £8,000.
2. **Gas Girls:** In addition to the general sponsorship noted above, and as a recognition of their successful promotion season, we also sponsored the Gas Girls’ trip to the Women’s Euros Final, to the tune of £1,140.
3. **Football Club:** We made a donation of £3,222 to the Football Club to provide needed improvements to the Memorial Stadium for the safety of Supporters. Please note that we have agreed to fund a further series of stadium improvements during 2023/24 mainly for the benefit its disabled supporters. Details of these donations will be announced shortly.
4. **Nick Anderton:** The Supporters Club facilitated the collection of donations from Gasheads in support of Nick Anderton, following his well publicized diagnosis. Using the SC Caps Initiative and by taking bucket collections at a number of pre-arranged games, Gasheads donated the sum of £1,928 for the benefit of Nick during the period and we can confirm that this sum has been forwarded to him, via the Football Club.
5. **Marcus Stewart:** In exactly the same way, the Supporters Club facilitated the collection of £580 from Gasheads who wished to support the MND Charity supported by Marcus Stewart following his diagnosis. We can confirm that these funds have been forwarded as appropriate.
6. **Southmead Hospital/Elliott Anderson Shirt Raffle:** In January 2022, the Supporters Club agreed to permit the release of the No 12 Shirt for use by Elliott Anderson, following his loan agreement

from Newcastle United. Nobody knew the contribution that Elliott would make to our promotion campaign in 2021/22 but the Supporters Club agreed that the Football Club would return the No 12 shirt to "The Gasheads" at the end of his loan period. We also arranged that his actual shirt would be signed by Elliott and returned to the Supporters Club at the end of the season so that it could be raffled to provide funds for the Supporters Club chosen Charity, being Southmead Hospital. We are pleased to report that the successful raffle of the No 12 shirt raised the sum of £1,295 and this has now been transferred to the charity.

If the members have any queries relating to the remainder of the Draft Report, they can raise these with me directly, prior to the AGM, or by raising your questions from the floor of the meeting. Following that, we will be asking for your approval to sign the Report and Accounts.

Stephen Lamble

Treasurer.