

((HEREIN ATTACHMENT - NOTICE CALLING THE NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE GLOUCESTER FOOTBALL & ATHLETIC GROUND COMPANY LIMITED))

**GLOUCESTER**

*Football & Athletic Ground*

COMPANY, LIMITED.

81 Barton Street,  
Gloucester,  
Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1900.

*Notice is hereby given*, - That the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Registered Offices, the Oddfellows' Hall, Barton Street, on October 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the Accounts of the Company, Electing Directors and Appointing Auditor.

By Order of the Board,

SIDNEY S. STARR,

*Secretary.*

**THE GLOUCESTER**

*Football & Athletic Ground*

*Company Limited*

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**NINTH ANNUAL REPORT**

TO BE PRESENTED TO THE

**GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

TO BE HELD AT THE

COMPANY'S OFFICES

**ODD FELLOWS' HALL, BARTON STREET**

On FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 1900,

**At 7.30 P.M. PRECISELY**

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DIRECTORS:

A. W. VEARS, CHAIRMAN,

H. J. BERRY	T. GURNEY
C. E. BROWN	C. H. DANCEY
G. CUMMINGS	D. REARDON
S. DAVIS	H. W. GRIMES

(Representative of the  
Gloucester Football Club)

SIDNEY S. STARR, SECRETARY.

*Directors' Report.*

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The Directors herewith beg to submit to the Shareholders of the Company a Balance Sheet for the past year, ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1900.

The books of the Company have been audited by Mr. B. J. H. Coombs, and the Balance Sheet duly signed by him.

The Revenue Account shows a net profit of £180 18s. 2d. on the year. The Directors, therefore, beg to recommend the payment of a Dividend of 5 per cent., which will amount to £150, and to write off the balance, £30 18s. 2d. towards general depreciation.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, two of the Directors, Messrs. A. W. Vears and D. Reardon retire, and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Mr. B. J. H. Coombs, Auditor, also retires and offers himself for re-election.

By order of the Board,

SIDNEY S. STARR,

*Secretary.*

*The Gloucester Football & Athletic Ground Co., Limited*

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT.**

	£	s	d		£	s	d		£	s	d
Share Capital, 3000 Shares, at £1 each, fully paid	3000	0	0	Freehold Land, Football and Athletic							
Mortgage	3000	0	0	Ground, Pavilion, Fences, Turnstiles,							
Mortgage Interest due to August 31 <sup>st</sup> 1900	18	0	0	Roller, Machines, together with all							
Balance from Revenue Account	180	18	2	Plant and Effects	6208	19	11				
				Less Amount carried to Depreciation							
				Account	39	0	1				
				“ Difference in Interest paid to							
				later date on new Mortgage	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>				
								<u>55</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	
				To Cash at Bank					44	2	11
				“ “ in Secretary's hands					<u>0</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>8</u>
											6153 15 7
											45 2 7
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**REVENUE ACCOUNT.**

	£	s	d		£	s	d		£	s	d
By Balance from 1899	189	0	1	To Interest on Mortgage (less tax) from May 12 <sup>th</sup> 1899,							
Less Dividends paid to				to June 19 <sup>th</sup> , 1900	108	17	10				
August 31 <sup>st</sup> , 1899	£150	0	0	“ Secretary's Salary	20	0	0				
“ Amount carried to				“ Office Rent	2	0	0				
Depreciation Account	<u>39</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	“ Auditor's Remuneration	1	1	0				
				“ Rates and Taxes	38	1	8				
				“ Repairs, Mowing Machine, Materials, Insurance, etc.	37	11	10				
Sundry Rents - Football, Athletic Training, Circus,				“ Advertising, Printing, Stationery, Stamps and Postages	4	1	0				
Flower Show, Advertising Stations, Grazing, Fair,				“ Wages and Sundry Labour	30	12	0				
Drilling, &c.	439	6	6	“ Cost of transferring Mortgage, inclusive of Valuation							
Transfer Fees	0	7	0	Fee and Stamp Duty	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>				
									258	15	4
				Disposable Balance					<u>180</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>2</u>
											£ 439 13 6
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*I have examined the Vouchers and found them and the Accounts correct,*

September 24<sup>th</sup>, 1900.

BENJAMIN J. H. COOMBS.

((HEREIN THE MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS - HELD ON  
12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 1900))

### Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

held at the Registered Offices of the Company, Friday October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1900.

Chairman Mr. A. W. Vears.

### Notice of Meeting

having been read, the

### Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

were read and confirmed.

### Report and Balance Sheet

The Chairman moved the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet.  
Mr. C. E. Brown seconded and the proposition was carried unanimously.

### Election of Directors

Mr. Vears vacated the Chair. Mr. Boughton presided and proposed the re-election of Mr. Vears and Mr. Reardon as Directors, in doing so he congratulated the Company on retaining Mr. Vears' services as Chairman ever since the Company was formed and also on the fact that Mr. Vears had only missed one meeting in nine years. As regards Mr. Reardon everyone knew he had taken the greatest interest in the Company and was never absent from the meetings. Mr. Peter Grant seconded the nominations - carried unanimously, and Mr. Vears again took the Chair, thanking the Shareholders for the confidence they had again reposed in him. Mr. Reardon also acknowledged his election, mentioning that although their first duty was to the Shareholders yet a great interest was centred in their best tenants viz. the Football Club.

### Election of Auditor

On the proposition of Mr. H. A. Dancey seconded by Mr. Watkins, Mr. B. J. H. Coombs was re-elected Auditor at the remuneration of 21/-.

### Thanks to the Directors and Secretary

Mr. A. J. Lane proposed the best thanks of the Shareholders be accorded the Directors for their services. He said it was true they had not received one penny for their services but he thought the time was not far distant when a slight acknowledgement may be voted them. Mr. Bailey seconded. Carried. The Chairman remarked they were a happy family, every member of the Board took the liveliest interest in the affair of the Company, and the meetings were always of the most cordial nature.

Mr. Pearson moved a vote of thanks to the Secretary. Mr. Wm. Dancey seconded. Carried. The Secretary, in acknowledging said he still entertained the hope that one day the Football Club would become sole proprietors of the Ground as that was the original idea, and he hoped to see that day.

[Signed] A. W. Vears

((IN HERE - ATTACHMENT - EXTRACT TAKEN FROM THE GLOUCESTER CITIZEN,  
OCTOBER 13, 1900))

GLOUCESTER FOOTBALL & ATHLETIC GROUND CO., LIMITED.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the above Company was held at the registered offices, the Oddfellows' Hall, on Friday evening. Mr. A. W. Vears (chairman of directors) presided, and among those present were Messrs. D. Reardon, S. Davis, H. J. Boughton, H. J. Berry, C. H. Dancey, H. A. Dancey, C. E. Brown, W. C. Bailey, F. W. Lovesy, A. J. Lane, P. Grant, W. H. Watkins, and Sidney S. Starr (secretary).

In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, the Chairman said the income from rents, &c., was not so large as the previous year, but the expenses had been less, and the Directors felt they were perfectly justified in recommending a dividend of 5 per cent. Mr. C. E. Brown seconded, and the proposition was carried unanimously.

The retiring Directors were Messrs. Vears and Reardon, but both being eligible they offered themselves for re-election. Mr. Vears vacated the chair in favour of Mr. Boughton, the solicitor to the Company. The temporary Chairman proposed the re-election of the two retiring directors, and in doing so said Mr. Vears had been chairman of the Board ever since the inception of the Company. Throughout the whole of this period he had only missed one meeting, and the interests of the Company had received his best attention. As regards Mr. Reardon, they all knew the interest he took in the Company, and he was still the largest shareholder in the concern. Mr. Boughton said he should like to congratulate the Company on two facts. First, that the Directors had been able to put by something towards the depreciation fund each year - there was a balance in favour of the Company of about £128 since 1893 - whilst the value of the property had increased at least 25 or 30 per cent.; and secondly, that they had succeeded in borrowing the sum of £3,000 at the very low rate of interest of 3 per cent. When they considered the Corporation could not obtain money at less than 3½ per cent., he thought the shareholders ought to be fairly satisfied. The proposition having been formally seconded, it was carried unanimously. Mr. Vears again took the chair, and in acknowledging the confidence reposed in him, said the fees of the Directors were not very great - in fact, they had not received anything. (Laughter). Their little Company, however, was not started for the purposes of making money, but simply in the interest of sport. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Reardon also replied. He remarked that the Directors were bound to consider the shareholders, but he had always worked for the benefit of the Football Club, and should continue to do so.

Mr. B. J. H. Coombs having been re-appointed auditor at the same remuneration as before, Mr. Lane proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Chairman and Directors for their services during the past year. Mr. Bailey seconded, and it was carried. Mr. Vears replied, and in the course of his remarks acknowledged the support he had received

from his colleagues on the Board. They had a good Secretary in Mr. Starr, and as long as he remained in the office he (the chairman) was sure the Company would go on and prosper.

Mr. Reardon also referred to the energy and ability displayed by Mr. Starr, and proposed that the best thanks of the shareholders be passed to him for his services. This was seconded by Mr. W. Dancey and adopted. In reply, Mr. Starr said the Company was started with the one idea of getting a home for the Football Club, and he hoped to live to see the day when the Club became sole proprietors of the ground.