

Wanderers point to good results off the field

WYCOMBE Wanderers' supporters are unanimously pleased with the club's financial position, director Graham Peart claimed this week.

Peart, speaking after Monday's annual general meeting, said news of the club's balance — just over £40,000 in the black — was very well received.

He enthused about the profit, made in a year which has seen Wanderers win the FA Trophy for the first time in their history and head the Conference for most of the current season.

"Most football clubs would make a loss in such a time of

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recession. I do not think it is a bad result, to have a profit of £40,000," he said.

"I think it is a stunningly good performance. If we could repeat it next year, then we would be delighted," he added.

Peart mentioned "staggering increases in turnover in many areas", and claimed Wycombe is the only club in the Conference to make a profit on programme sales.

He compared the club's financial fortunes with those of struggling Yeovil Town, re-

nowned for stirring FA Cup runs in the past and who moved into a new stadium at the same time as Wycombe.

"In the circumstances that we have moved grounds I think we are doing very well. If you were to compare our accounts with someone like Yeovil, it would look even better," he argued.

"They have been getting the same gates as us and are almost the perfect match with us in their circumstances. But it is quite possible they could get wound up by the bank. That could not happen to Wycombe, because we do not owe any money."

Yeovil general manager Roger

Brimsford confirmed his club, which spent approaching three million pounds on moving from Huish ground to a new stadium at Huish Park at the same time as Wycombe moved to Adams Park in August 1990, is about £700,000 in debt.

"We have severe financial problems. We will survive, but the next two or three years will be very difficult," he said.

Brimsford, who hopes a plan by cockney comic Richard Digance will raise £500,000 for the club, agreed Yeovil's circumstances were comparable to Wycombe's and that Wanderers' financial situation was healthy.