



Barnsley FC Supporters Trust

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Introduction

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Welcome to the first newsletter of the Supporters Trust. It seems a very long time, since the idea of a merger was first mooted between the Supporters Club and Society, but we are finally up and running.

So what has the Trust achieved since its launch in July. Well we have a regular page in the match day programme, sponsored the first two home games of the season against Swindon and Yeovil and we have agreed with the football club to run the Junior Supporters. In addition the Trust have also made representations to the Football League regarding ticket pricing for away supporters at several grounds.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and if you have anything to contribute to future newsletters please contact the Trust.

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Alan Bloore

Trust

chairman

Chairman's message

Welcome to what we hope will be the first of many newsletters from Barnsley FC Supporters' Trust. The Trust was launched on 1st July 2005 with the Amalgamation of the previous Supporters Organisations, The Supporters Club and Supporters Society.

Elections were held and now the New Board is in place and ready to carry the good work started by our founding organisations. Unlike before where most of the business was conducted through regular meetings it is our intention to be more public conscious and open in our achievements.

To do this we aim to continue to hold regular meetings and open our office on matchdays as before but also remember to try and keep informed those who cannot attend the meetings or get to games as often as they would like. Initially this will be by regular newsletters and with the electronic age we update the website and use E-mail loops and direct e-mail's. For those not having access we will if requested send out mail shots of newsletters/minutes etc.

The Trust will be running a **NEW** style Junior Supporters membership scheme and as we progress hopefully more facilities will become available to our Junior Supporters'. Along side this will be the commitment to work with the local Community and Business.

The main difference though is that we want **YOU**, the members to get involved in helping run your **TRUST**. You can get involved in any of the Trusts working Groups and help make this organisation truly representative.

As before I will also be available to contact by telephone or E-mail to discuss any specific concerns or take suggestions.

The Trust has already established a working relationship with the Parent Club, Barnsley FC of whom the Board of Directors will be meeting with the Trust Board on Thursday 15th December 2005 to discuss how we can work more closely together.

As part of this commitment we will be keeping our membership of the Football Supporters' Federation and attending meetings at National Level on your behalf to make sure YOUR Voice is heard.

Meet the Board

Chair - Alan Bloore

Former chair of the Supporters Club, and vice chair of the Football Supporters Federation, Alan holds regular meetings with the football authorities

Vice Chair - Paul "Pele" Woodhall

Former chair of the Supporters Club, and a member of the Football Supporters Federation council. Paul is actively involved with the Junior Supporters Club

Secretary - Wendy Ding

Wendy is the Former Supporters club membership secretary. Through her role as Secretary, Wendy hopes to encourage members to participate more in the activities of the Trust.

Treasurer - Peter Jones

A local business man Peter was involved with Barnsley FC as a Director of BFC (2003) Ltd, a company who tried to purchase the "old" club during the administration period.

Owen Scrimshaw

Owen is the communications officer for the Trust and produces the website, programme notes and newsletters as well as sending out regular email updates to members

Joan Dawson

Joan has worked in the Disabled stand for the last 20 years and with her husband has organised trips to away matches for a group of disabled supporters. Joan was the disabled supporters representative on the Supporters Club committee and attended meetings organised by the National Association of Disabled Supporters (NADS)

Andy Fyfe

Former vice chair of both the Supporters Club and Society. Andy is a member of the museum committee and is undertaking a feasibility study for a museum at Oakwell

Ray Brammer

Ray was treasurer of the Supporters Club since its formation over 10 years ago and was involved in many of the discussions between the football club and the Supporters Club

Eric Bray

Eric was secretary of the Supporters Club since its formation over 10 years ago. A solicitor, Eric has gained valuable information on how supporters organisations operate and with his legal knowledge is a useful addition for all Barnsley Supporters.

George Myers

A local business man, George came to the fore in the Supporters Society during the administration, when his fundraising efforts and enthusiasm helped to raise over £90,000 for the Society

Jeanette Sagar

Jeanette has not missed an away game in over 10 years. A manager of 4 study centres in Kirklees, she wants to see BFC move onwards and upwards and for supporters to have their say through the Trust

Adrian Willis

Former secretary of the Supporters Society, Adrian is a member of the executive Suite, and assists the marketing department host sponsors on match days

Junior Supporters

At the Supporters Trust and the football club there is a realisation that the Juniors are the future of Barnsley Football Club and that we need to provide for them. With the demise of the Junior Tykes the BFC Supporters Trust has agreed to take on this role. The New Junior Supporters will be part of the Main Supporters' Trust allowing members to attend the Regular Monthly Meetings.

The cost of membership of the Junior Supporters will be £4.00 for 12 months membership from Month of Joining.

There will be a wide range of benefits to joining the Junior Supporters. These benefits will include:

- A booklet with information/history of the club, a signed photograph of your favourite player, team photo, and a wall chart to document the progress of Barnsley FC during the season and a personal letter from your favourite player.
- The opportunity to be a mascot at home games and away games. A chance to meet players at regular meetings for the Junior Supporters
- A 10% discount on purchases at the club shop
- Inclusion in a monthly draw for a £10 voucher to be spent in the club shop
- A Christmas and end of season party attended by some of the players at Oakwell

We are also investigating other benefits including Pre-Match activities, club tours, the opportunity of a 5 a side competition at half time at Oakwell during a league game, fan friendly away games where tickets will be available free of charge to away games and many more.

To join the junior supporters call into the Supporters Office on matchdays, complete the membership form at the back of this newsletter or download an application form from our website at www.barnsleyfcsupporterstrust.org.uk

Supporters Trust Online Shop

The Supporters Trust have an online shop which can be found at www.buy.at/barnsleyfcsupporters that could generate us significant funds for the Trust. This shop links to many high street retailers website's, and commissions are earned from these at an average of £2 per transaction!

Retailers lending their support to this initiative include: Marks and Spencer, Amazon, Oddbins, Comet, Cotton Traders, MFI, Co-op, CDwow, Blackwell's, RAC, ELC, BT, Sky, NTL, John Lewis, Littlewoods, Thorntons, Virgin Wines and many more. Quite simply your purchases from this shop will earn commission for us.

Other groups are finding an average commission of £2 per purchase and we should benefit similarly. Therefore 100 purchases per month spread across all our supporters could generate us £2,400 per annum! The precise commission rate for each retailer is shown on the shop when you hover over the links in the middle of the shop.

Please do use this shop, and recommend your friends and family to use it as well.



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ARGOS agree to support our fundraising. To shop with Argos just visit our website and click on the Argos link. We gain 2% commission on all purchases and 50p per click and reserve purchase.



Upcoming Events

For details of upcoming events please check out our website, call into the Supporters Office on matchdays or look in the Barnsley Chronicle

December Meeting

7th December Trust Meeting at Brooklands Hotel, Barnsley starting at 7.00pm. This is Benny Hill's popular Press night.

Venues for Supporters Trust Meetings

Where would you prefer the Trust to hold its regular meetings. The options are

- Brooklands on Tuesday / Wednesday nights
- Ardsley House on a Wednesday
- Oakwell Executive Suite
- At a variety of locations around Barnsley.

Please contact the Trust via the matchday office, post or email with your preference.

Supporters Trust in the Community

As part of its aim of increasing its profile in the Barnsley community, Barnsley FC Supporters Trust have recently donated football strips to several schools in the Barnsley area. These schools including Edward Sheerien School, Darton High School, Penistone Grammar School and the Richard Newman Primary school. This scheme has been set up by George Myers (a member of the Trust Board) and continues his work conducted with the Supporters Society. We wish all the schools well and hope that the shirts brings their teams all the luck.

Sponsorship

If you or your business are interested in Sponsoring the Supporters Trust or the Junior Supporters then please contact us. As part of the Sponsorship package we will place your logo and some information on the website as well as mentions on posters and future newsletters and other advertising material.

Membership

Do not forget to renew your membership. Without the members the Trust cannot survive. Why not encourage a friend to join the Trust. Membership rates are currently £7.50 for Adults and £4.00 for juniors (under 16) and Over 60's. Membership is for 1 year from the date of joining.

Please complete the form below and send with the appropriate membership fee to

**Jackie Scrimshaw,
Membership Secretary,
1 Mottram Road,
Beeston,
Nottingham, NG9 4EZ,
UK.**

Please enclose a SSAE and make cheques payable to

“The Barnsley FC Supporters Trust”

Or you can join at the Supporters Office on match days or online at www.barnsleyfcsupporterstrust.org.uk

Barnsley FC Supporters' Trust - Application Form

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

Forenames(s): Mr / Mrs / Miss

Membership No:

Surname:

Address:

Post Code:

(Please include STD code)

Home Tel No:

Email:

Date of Birth:

Type of Membership required:

Please circle status

ADULT
£7.50
per year

JUNIOR / OVER 60's/REGISTERED DISABLED
£4.00
per year

Please attach 2 passport sized photographs (Optional). Photographs are required on the membership card to enable you to get the 10% discounts

Some of the information you have provided on this form may be disclosed to Barnsley Football Club. If you do not wish your details to be given please tick the box:

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