

I don't think any of us would have believed at last year's AGM, that a year later we would not only have had football with no crowds, but we would currently have no football at all for our Club. That said, the role of Berwick Rangers Supporters Trust has remained consistent, focused on maximizing our value to The Football Club on behalf of our 188 worldwide members.

We have worked as closely as ever with the new Club Board, seeking particularly to support young players at The Club; successfully too in helping to ensure Andy McNeil, our 19-year-old goalkeeper realises his bright future with us for the next 2 years. In these strange times, your Trust has also helped fund expensive critical work, such as the recent legionella testing and treatment; mandated as the stadium water systems have been lying dormant for so long. You will hear more of what you have enabled The Trust to do for The Football Club through your donations in The Treasurers Report.

My favourite objective in our constitution however remains "to strengthen the bonds between BRFC and the community which it serves, and to represent the interests of the community in running The Football Club". The sea-change in messaging from The Football Club in this area has been fantastic, and we were delighted to support The Club's desire to get the stadium ready for football through inviting fans to come in and give the stadium fan areas some TLC.

The series of Duckett Days were highly successful indeed, the majority of the intrepid band of hard-working fans having travelled from Duns, Kelso, Dunbar, East Linton, St Andrews, Edinburgh and Dunblane! What an enormous difference these brilliant people made. My heart-felt and sincere thanks to all who took part.

In other related news, this year saw the creation of the Berwick Rangers Community Foundation which, under the leadership of Warren Hawke and George Mathieson, has seen their Charities Commission Approval in December. With the impressive Tracy Donnachie and Andy Thorpe appointed, they have already run some wonderful activities for young people at Shielfield.

Looking to the future, in response to recommendations from supporters inside and outside The Trust, we balloted our membership on two potential motions that we, and through members responses, all see as critical for The Club and our supporters. Those asking formal member support to consider a) amalgamation with The Supporters Club and b) a Joint Venture share offer with the Supporters Club, utilising our enormous joint shareholding to attract some major investment.

24% of our membership voted, making it a legally constituted vote, where 96% voted in favour of an amalgamation and 91% in favour of a joint share venture. Two pieces of feedback that was also given was for the latter to ensure:-

- That sufficient shareholding was retained to ensure a strong and viable fan voice.
- Robust due diligence is undertaken of any investor.

The Supporters Club wish to delay any discussions on either matter for the time being due to current workloads.

We have caught up on our commitment to provide two Trust Magazines a year free to our members, with my personal apologies for the lateness of the Summer edition. I hope the Winter edition was well received and I already have an article for the next Summer edition.

Last, but not least, my sincere thanks to The Trust Office Bearers and Board Members

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- Isla Barber our Secretary
- Vice Chairman Gordon Dickson
- Dave Spence our Treasurer
- Dave Letham as Membership Secretary; and Joe Crawford for agreeing to take on the role
- Brendan Thorburn as Media Manager, with support from David Letham
- Ron Kirk for his regular experienced voice of reason
- last and certainly not least, Mark McLemman for his generosity with his time in preparation of our accounts

Andrew Allan

Chairman

Berwick Rangers Supporters Trust