

This is my first formal duty as Chairman without my dear friend and Trust Board member David Spence. Losing Dave has shocked us all; we miss him dearly and the thoughts of all of us at The Trust are with Dave's friends and family, and our Trust Secretary Isla in particular.

As BRFC fans, and representatives of members of one of our supporter bodies, The Trust Board try very hard to retain focus on the aims of The Trust. We discussed this just the other night at our 'pre-AGM' meeting, to assure that our past and future activities are relevant. We keep this statement close to hand "We exist to promote football in the local community and to secure the long-term future of Berwick Rangers Football Club"

We used to be incredibly proud to support the BRFC development team and seeing local lads progressing into the first team squad. Not many mind, but there was a pathway, and it was most certainly helping to promote football in the community. We fervently hope this pathway can be refreshed from our local youth teams, through an under 20's team to senior football with a Berwick based team.

This year we have continued to collaborate closely with the Club Board, seeking to 'assure long term future of our club', you'll hear more of what you have enabled The Trust to do for The Football Club through your donations in The Treasurers Report.

In response to recommendations from supporters inside and outside The Trust, we balloted our membership last year asking formal member support to consider amalgamation with The Supporters Club, as this was mooted by both parties as a logical next step. 96% of our members who voted, were in favour of an amalgamation. Although The Supporters Club wished at that point then to delay any discussions due to current workloads, they have recently confirmed that they do not wish to discuss this matter anymore. Consequently, the merger is formally shelved.

Our commitment to provide two Trust Magazines a year free to our members, continues, and I hope all who read the Summer edition enjoyed all the contributions. The Winter edition is underway, and I can promise a new and more vibrant feel to it, we already have some fantastic contributions that I know fans will enjoy reading.

Lastly, my sincere thanks to The Trust Office Bearers and Board Members :-

- Isla Barber our Secretary
- Vice Chairman Gordon Dickson
- Joe Crawford who has kindly agreed to adopt the role of along with Treasurer along with that of Membership Secretary
- David Letham as Media Manager, with thanks to Brendan Thorburn for his wonderful past service in this role
- Ron Kirk for his regular experienced voice of reason
- Stuart Lee for his infectious great humor and strong voice of the fan
- Although not formally on our Board until this AGM; Jeffrey Roy for his enthusiastic support all the way from Nova Scotia
- Mark McLemman for his generosity with his time in preparation of our accounts

Andrew Allan  
Chairman  
Berwick Rangers Supporters Trust

Isla Barber  
Secretary  
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