

Annual Report 2019

What we have done

Provided around £4,000 for work to reinstate the pitch for this season.

Funded work for repairs to the main boiler at the club.

Raised funds for the football club by:-

- Selling raffle tickets and golden goal tickets on match days,
- Organising the Player Sponsorship scheme on behalf of the football club,
- Through the player of the month sponsorship
- Running quiz nights

Arranged away travel for supporters.

Supplied volunteers for all home matches.

Invested funds from Trust shareholders into our Cambridge & Counties account.

Promoted the club in the St Albans district via our local community radio station, Radio Verulam.

Provided regular newsletters and arranged meetings with owners to help keep supporters informed and pass on their views.

Ian Rogers attended the EGM of Supporters Direct, the umbrella organisation of which the Saints City Trust is a member, where it was agreed that SD would merge with the Football Supporters Federation. There has been no material change to the operation of Saints City Trust as a result.

Made representations to the City and District council regarding the introduction of parking restrictions on York Road. These were introduced in December 2018 without consultation with the Football Club and placed a two hour limit on parking on Saturdays, specifically on York Road and not on neighbouring streets.

Worked with Stand By Your Saints to raise concerns about proposed ticket price increases with the Club. The increase went ahead, with some concessions, despite this, and as anticipated, there have been number of negative impacts; attendances are down and match day fundraising through the raffle and golden goal are much reduced. More regrettably, volunteers at the club have been personally attacked on social media.

Worked with the family and others to use the Clive Churchhouse legacy fund to contribute to the purchase of a defibrillator to be installed at the ground.

What we want do in next 12 months

Continue getting information from the football club about progress being made on the new ground and informing and finding supporters views and supporting the club where practical and appropriate.

Increase fundraising activities.

Continue to arrange the volunteer work force.

Informing and finding supporters' views and supporting the club, where practical and appropriate.

What we would like to do more of

Increase membership of the Trust.

Arrange more events to raise funds for the football club to be spent on sustainable projects.

Recruit additional Trust board members.

Seek more transparency from Club on its plans and finances.

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