



### **Stand By Your Saints and the Saints City Trust**

A number of supporters have asked about the relationship between the Trust and the SBYS organisation, I hope the following text covers this.

The Stand By Your Saints organisation began towards the end of last season following an announcement from the club's owners about the future of the football club in particular their continuing to fund the club. The SBYS campaign has to date started a Boost the Budget scheme and Saints Legacy Fund, both with the aim of aiding the club financially, as well as carrying out work around the ground and taking control of the club shop.

The Supporters Trust is a legal entity and part of the Trust Movement which has given Supporters a real voice in football and direct support to individual clubs, including running the whole operation. It is registered with the Financial Conduct Authority and is required to submit annual returns to Supporters Direct and the FCA.

Members of the Trust board have met representatives of SBYS and both parties have clearly identified what their respective roles are. The Trust will continue to:

- \* Liaise with the football club on behalf of supporters on matters such as pricing, facilities and any day to day matters raised.
- \* Continue to accumulate funds to purchase a share holding in the football club when the opportunity arises (these funds are wholly from Trust membership fees and donations).
- \* Act as a critical friend of the club on matters such as the proposed ground move and match day admission prices.
- \* Raise match day funds for the club to go towards sustainable items such as the pitch reinstatement work, floodlight upgrading and signage
- \* Act as the match day co-ordinator providing staffing.

Its main focus will continue to be a critical friend of the club.

### **Prediction League Competition 2015/16**

Forms to enter the Prediction League will be available at the match on 10 August and one is included with this Newsletter. Congratulations go to Vernon Hames and Dave Church who won £75 and £20 respectively in last season's competition.

### **General Knowledge Quiz Night - 23.10.15**

Our first quiz night of the season will take place in the Saints Bar on Friday, 23 October starting at 8pm. Tables can be booked through me.

### **Away Travel**

I will again be taking coach bookings for away matches on behalf of the club, please ensure you book early for this as we have a limited number of seats.

## **Trust AGM**

The provisional date for the AGM has been set for Wednesday 7 October and further details will be notified in due course.

## **Election to the Board of the Trust**

Along with this Newsletter, you will also find notification seeking for nominations to the Trust board.

## **Problems and Queries**

If you have any problems on match days or queries relating with anything to do with the club please speak to myself or any Trust board members at matches. Last season, we resolved issues concerning the disabled toilet, the TVs in Saints Bar, PA audibility and defective seating with the club on behalf of supporters. Alternatively, you can do so by emailing us. The details are on our web site <http://www.saintscitytrust.org.uk/>

## **Player of the Month and Sponsorship**

We are running the POM again this season with funds raised going to the football club. If you would like to sponsor this scheme for one month or know of a local business who would like to do so, please contact us.

## **Volunteers**

As the season approaches, we are looking for volunteers to assist on match days in a variety of roles. If you can help at all, in anyway, please speak to me at any game.

## **Trust Membership 2015/2016**

Membership renewal is now due for the Trust at a cost of -

Adult single membership – price £5.00 per annum

Aged 17 & under/senior citizen single membership – price £3 per annum

Membership forms are available at all home matches from Barry Hilliard and they are available to download from the Trust website. One is also included with this Newsletter. There is also a space to include a donation on the form , if you wish to do so.

Let's all look forward to building on last season's respectable finish for the team and to a good cup run this time around

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Saints City Trust