

**Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the Moss Rose for this Vanarama National League match against Welling United FC. On behalf of the Silkmen Supporters Trust (SST) may I extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of The Wings who have made the 200-mile journey up from south east London.**

The new season is already two games old and expectations are still high despite the disappointing defeat at Torquay.

There is a lot going on with the Supporters' Trust at the moment and these notes just give a short overview. More information can be found on the SST website.

### **SST Membership**

One of the best ways for the Trust to be effective in influencing the running of the Club is to be truly representative of the majority of Silkmen fans. Some SST memberships are due for renewal shortly and we are keen to encourage everyone to renew as well as to welcome lots of new members.

### **Trust Projects**

As Steve Mundy said in his programme notes for the Southport match, the SST Board have a new set of objectives which include:

- To work with the club to improve the match-day experience for supporters
- To encourage the raising of funds that are used for the benefit of supporters, the community and the Club and
- To encourage supporter-led projects and initiatives and, where appropriate provide them with financial, administrative and media support

Recently we have been working on a project to improve refreshment facilities for home supporters on the London Road terrace and we hope to be able to provide more information about this, including timescales, very shortly.

The SST Board would welcome proposals from supporters for future projects that could be developed when funds are available and also ideas for new fund raising initiatives.

### **The SST Website ([www.silkmensupporterstrust.co.uk](http://www.silkmensupporterstrust.co.uk))**

You may have seen that there have been various changes to the website over the last few months. These have been the first step in providing as much information as we can about the Trust and improving the service to members. The next step is to develop a new website, with a shorter address and new features. This work will be done over the next couple of months. In the meantime if supporters have ideas or content for the website – especially photographs – please get in touch with [webmaster@sstrust.uk](mailto:webmaster@sstrust.uk)

## **SST Annual General Meeting**

Our AGM is at 7.45pm Monday 17th August in the McIlroy Suite and is followed by an open meeting of the SST Board which people are welcome to attend if they wish to find out more.

## **Contacting the Trust**

If you want to contact the Trust, please email your name and contact number to [sstcomms@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sstcomms@yahoo.co.uk) or leave us a message on Twitter at [@silkmensuptrust](https://twitter.com/silkmensuptrust) and your message will be passed onto the SST board. Don't forget to check our Facebook page 'Silkmen Supporters Trust' for updates too.

## **And finally**

Let's get behind our teams, enjoy a great game and a safe journey home.

Stephen Walker

SST Secretary