

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the Moss Rose for today's Vanarama National League match against Chester FC. On behalf of the Silkmen Supporters Trust (SST) may I extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Chester who have made the short journey across Cheshire for today's derby game.

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

Board matters

We are sorry to report that former Chairman of the SST, John Rayner, has decided to stand down as a Trust Board Member. John's special skills advising both the club and the Trust on construction matters will be specially missed in particular his ability to suck in his bottom lip, shake his head and say 'not sure how it's not fallen down' whilst standing in a nonchalant way in the middle of a sagging roof!! Seriously, the Trust Board would like to place its appreciation of John's massive contribution on record.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Clive Westbury of Westbury Telford, Chartered Accountants of Cheadle Hulme.

Clive, who many will know as a long-time supporter of the Silkmen kindly volunteered to take on the role of Independent Examiner of the Trust's annual accounts this year and has offered to continue to do so in the future. This is an important matter for the SST because of the legal requirement to have our accounts professionally reviewed each year. Thanks again Clive!

Trust AGM

The Trust AGM was held on 17 August when the Annual Report for 2014/15 was agreed. The Report is available on our website and the minutes of the meeting and the open meeting that followed are there as well. Especially interesting is the report on SST activities during 2014/15 which is included in the Annual Report.

The SST Website (www.silkmensupporterstrust.co.uk)

The redesign and rebuild of the SST Website continues and will be released soon. The site helps us provide information about the Trust and the services we offer members. In the meantime if you have ideas or would like to contribute content for the website – especially photographs – please get in touch with webmaster@sstrust.uk

Contacting the Trust

If you want to contact the Trust, please email your name and contact number to 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

I would like to welcome a number of family members who are joining me today in the McIlroy to help celebrate a special birthday and I hope we can add to the volume cheering on the Silkmen to a win which would make a very special birthday present.

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

David Woolliscroft

SST Board Member