

Good evening everyone and a warm welcome to the Moss Rose for the Vanarama National League match against Barrow AFC. On behalf of the Silkmen Supporters Trust (SST) may I extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of the Bluebirds who have made the journey down from Cumbria. Barrow have former Silkmen Neil Ashton and Steve Williams on the books and we can expect a tough game tonight.

Trust News

Supporting Our Silkmen

The SST is pleased to be providing support for Andy Worth's "SOS" campaign which is aimed at generating new funds to supplement the playing budget and strengthen the first team. As reported in the last programme notes we have already received £15,000 from an anonymous donor which has enabled John to bring in David Fitzpatrick and hopefully other new players. We look forward to playing our part in the success of exciting new short-and long-term initiatives that the SOS team are planning.

Membership Renewal 30th September 2015

Many SST memberships are due to expire on the 30th of September. We thank you for your support and would urge you to renew so that we can continue supporting the fans, the team and the Club.

If the SST is to represent supporters effectively and really influence the direction of the Club, it is important that as many of those supporters as possible are members of the Trust. The more members we have, the more we can make the fan's voice heard on key issues affecting the Club. In the last couple of months, with the refurbishment of the SSTea Bar on the London Road Terrace and the contribution to the signing of Danny Whitehead, we have tried to demonstrate what can be achieved and we are ready to listen to suggestions for new projects.

We will be contacting existing members by email shortly but if you are not already a member an application form is available on-line at www.sstrust.uk/join-us/

The SST Website

Over the last few weeks we have been developing a completely new website for the Trust and this went live last week. The address is www.sstrust.uk . If you have ideas for the future development of the site or would like to contribute photographs or articles please use the "contact us" form on the website at <http://www.sstrust.uk/about-the-sst/contact-us/> or send your ideas in an email to webmaster@sstrust.uk

The Home Ground Project

The local work on this project was completed on Friday 11 September 2015. While it is very disappointing that only four people were able to contribute to this important national initiative, working with the artist Zoe Hillyard, they have created designs and

materials for artworks that bring together the rich heritage of the Silkmen with local history and the silk industry. The results will return to Macclesfield in a few months' time.

And finally

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

Stephen Walker

SST Secretary