

Twenty years ago three of us (the other two were Rena Perrin and Bob Cairney) sat down in a room at the Football Club to try to set up a Supporters Association with the objectives of looking after the interest of the supporters and providing support for the Club.

To mark this we have commissioned a special badge which we shall give to all our members this season to wear.

We have come a long way since then and it is with some pride that we look back on the achievements of those twenty years.

During this time we have donated substantial sums of money to the Football Club, which at the last count exceeded £60.000, spent on specific projects and activities such as:-

On three occasions funding the pre- season tours of the Youth Team to tournaments abroad.

Over the years providing the funding for items of medical equipment used at the Training Ground for rehabilitation of players who have been injured, indeed a particular item had to be imported from Canada.

Providing training equipment and also the signage for the training ground.

Recently, buying paint and other maintenance equipment such as strimmers, brushes, trolleys, for the volunteers who are making Adams Park a better place to come to enjoy football.

Having the interests of supporters as one of our prime objectives we have been able to represent them over the years at the highest level by having two members elected to the Football Club Board of

Directors and also to the Board of Frank Adams Legacy Ltd who are responsible for the legacy of the Club.

In the earlier days we acted as an interface with the Players Managers and Club Officials by organising a series of forums, these frequently included external celebrities such as Premier Referees, and Former International players, so supporters were able to be better informed on both internal and external affairs.

For those 20 years we have organised a first class high quality coaching operation, and fulfilled our pledge of running a coach to all first team competitive matches

But it does not end here, so far this year we have bought a state of the art mower which will help to keep the pitch in excellent condition. Invested in the Trust and will continue to do so.

Over the years there have been many supporters who have worked on the committee, far too numerous to mention all of them in this short article, but they know who they all are and we are grateful to them for all the work and effort that they have put in over the years.

It would however be remiss of me not to specially thank Rena who has organised the coaches with skill and enthusiasm over this time, and also two of the original committee who are still as enthusiastic now, I do of course refer to Harold and Marion Lunnon who have been stalwarts for 20 years.

Yes we are proud of these achievements, but they would not have happened without YOUR support over these years, a big thankyou to you all and please continue to support us we need you, and if you are reading this and are not a member why not come and join us.

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