

## CALLING ALL FANS!

The Raith Supporters Trust will be launching a number of new initiatives at the start of next season. These will be looking at the work of the Trust and how we can support the club in the long term and give fans a greater say in Raith Rovers Football Club.

The three areas we will be looking at are:

- the financial priorities of the Trust
- tackling the long term debt of the club
- establishing a legacy giving programme

We will be setting up groups of fans to explore these three areas in more detail and are looking for people who either have experience or skills in any of these areas or who just want to help out and get involved. The more people we have then the more ideas we will have so we would encourage as many fans to get involved as possible. You can get in touch with us through our Facebook page, by leaving a comment on our website or emailing [us](mailto:us@raithtrust.org.uk) direct at [chairman@raithtrust.org.uk](mailto:chairman@raithtrust.org.uk)

## LOTTO SPONSORSHIP

We recently announced a major sponsorship deal with the club which will see the Trust sponsor Roary's Super Lotto. We feel this is a great way to back the club in challenging financial times and also help put something back into the wider community as the Lotto raises money for a number of local charities.



## WELCOME ON BOARD

Rover's fans Steve Wallace and Niall Russell have joined the Trust board as we gear up for the next few years. Both have been supporting the Rovers since the eighties. Niall works as a Freelance IT Training Consultant and is involved in the running of the official Raith Rovers website while Steve works as a buyer for a large supermarket chain. Niall will look after our membership while Steve will be looking at the events side of the Trust. Blair White has stood down after his second spell on the board. Many thanks to Blair for helping us increase our membership over the last few years. More information on the rest of the Board and their roles can be found on [www.raithtrust.org.uk](http://www.raithtrust.org.uk). If anyone out there has some spare time and is interested in joining the Board then please just get in touch.





Board member's John Mainland and Steven Lawther took part in 'Decembeard' and by not shaving for a month raised over £600 for The Maggie Centre and the Rovers.

## THE FANS PLAN

A number of Trust members helped us out with our response to "The Fan's Plan" put forward by Supporters Direct. This is an alternative proposal for the future of Scottish football developed by fans. There is a link to the full plan on the Raith Supporters Trust website.

## SUPPORTERS DIRECT VOTE

We recently took part in a meeting in Stirling to discuss and debate the future of Supporters Direct Scotland (SDS) the organisation which assists Trusts across Scotland. Recent developments at SDS meant that drastic changes were being proposed which would effectively scrap SDS and replace it with a Scottish fans network. This would have lost the valuable link to Supporters Direct UK and shifted the emphasis away from the important work that Trusts do at football clubs up and down the country. At the meeting in Stirling Scottish Trusts overwhelmingly rejected the proposals and voted to maintain the current set up. We feel this is the right decision as the proposed changes were based on short term funding problems rather than what fans need.

## ROVERS BEER FESTIVAL

The 3rd Annual Beer festival at Starks Park run by the Trust is coming soon. Keep your eyes on our website and local press!

**Join the Raith Supporters Trust today to have your say in the future of our club. Simply fill in the form below and hand it in at the Supporters Trust Table in the South Stand on matchdays or post it to The Raith Supporters Trust, Freepost RLTS-AJGJ-YX2J, PO Box 26727 Kirkcaldy, Fife KY2 5WP.**

Name: .....

Address: .....

Email: .....

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You can also join online at:

**[www.raithtrust.org.uk](http://www.raithtrust.org.uk)**

