

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A STRONG RAITH ROVERS

Since the suspension of football earlier this year, we have been working with the football club and other fan groups to help secure the future of the club we all love. We have engaged positively with the RRFC Board and offered our assistance where we can. We were proud that the Trust's donation to the club took the fund-raising effort by the supporters over the £100k mark. This tremendous effort shows the importance that fans play in our football club. They are the heartbeat of Raith Rovers. The Supporters Trust also worked with the club to help cover the cost of any season ticket refunds as a result of the League One season finishing early, ensuring that the club didn't lose out financially.

The continuing lack of fans at games is a frustration, both for the club and for the support, but we obviously need to be mindful of the difficult situation that COVID-19 brings. Over the coming months we will be working with the club to help get fans back to Stark's Park safely as soon as possible. Football is nothing without fans and the sooner we are back in the stands cheering on the team the better.

If you have any views on fans returning to matches or concerns about how we can return to watching football then please get in touch. We would be happy to put your ideas and/or concerns to the Raith Rovers Board. Feel free to email us at chairman@raithtrust.org.uk



A FRESH NEW LOOK

There has been a lot of work going on around Stark's Park over the last few months under the guidance of Scott Boyd, the stadium development manager. We have been in discussion with Scott about refreshing the Roary Club and Raith Supporters Trust area in the home end and we have some exciting plans in place. A talented local artist has been commissioned to provide a fresh new look so watch this space.

NEW MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM

Thanks to everyone for their patience as we moved to a new membership system over the summer. The transition has been a huge success and the new system will enable us to be much more efficient in dealing with new members joining and membership renewals. Remember you can join the Trust at any point in the year, so if you know someone who has been a member or who would like to join, they can join at www.raithtrust.org.uk



ASKING THE TOUGH QUESTIONS

The Raith Supporters Trust exists to make sure that Raith Rovers Football Club has a strong, sustainable future. We work positively with the Board of the football club and other fan groups to help the club year-on-year, but we are also focused on making sure that the club has a healthy future in the long-term. That is why we have been the main funders of the highly successful Roary Club initiative, which seeks to build the future generation of Rover's fans. It is also why at the recent Q&A session with owner John Sim we asked some challenging questions on ownership, finances, and season ticket pricing for children.

Raith Rovers has made massive progress in creating a better atmosphere for kids, but at £65 for new supporters we are the third most expensive club in Scotland for this age group, with only Celtic and Rangers being more expensive. After extensive research, we did put proposals for a more realistic pricing strategy for children to the club, but regrettably they did not take us up on this. We still believe there is a better way and we will continue to make the case for a fairer approach for younger fans.



SOCIAL MEDIA OPPORTUNITY!

There is an opportunity to get involved in the Raith Supporters Trust to provide assistance with our social media. We are looking for someone who loves the Rovers to help us out getting the Trust message out to our members and beyond. So if you are interested in communication and the digital world, then it is a great opportunity to get some hands-on experience. You can get in touch for more information or for a chat about what's involved at chairman@raithtrust.org.uk You can also use this to let us know your thoughts on the Trust or ask us any questions.

The Raith Supporters Trust seeks to represent as many fans as possible. Join today for only £5 to ensure your voice is heard in discussions about the future of our club.

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You can also join online at:

www.raithtrust.org.uk

