

Hello to our fine supporters,  
just to try and keep you up to date with a few things with the team. First of all, if somebody had said to me at beginning of season you would be 4th in the league with games in hand in November to go top i would have taken that, no problem. If we are still there at Xmas even better and i believe we will be. I take all your comments good or bad into consideration every time i hear something what is said about the team, a lot i go along with some i dont but i will always value your opinion which you are always entitled too do. I know we need to add strength to our squad, we had a meeting on thursday with the committee about funds and they,ve released some money which i thoroughly appreciate, so watch this space for some new signings. I hope to have at least two in for the Marske game. We released D.J last week and wished him all the best for the future. I believe this Squad is the strongest we,ve had since i took over, and it is going to get stronger in the very near future. So keep the faith and we will do our very best to get us where we belong. the first division.

thanks Gary

The committee of South Shields Football Club wish the newly formed supporters association every success as a strong vibrant supporters association can only be of benefit to the football club and I was pleased to be asked to contribute to the association's newsletter as it is important that supporters are aware of developments within the club.

It must be remembered that the members of the committee are first and foremost supporters but we have an additional role in ensuring the survival of the club and we take defeat as badly as anyone else. Recent performances have dropped below what we have come to expect from the team and be assured that we are looking to strengthen the current squad as we maintain a push towards the first division and beyond. This can only be done at a cost and any financial support from the association to the club will be used as part of this process, one area supporters can help is by selling/buying weekly draw tickets which are available from Jimmy Brass.

Supporters can also help by taking posters to local shops, pubs and clubs to publicise games. The committee of the football club hope that as the association grows there can be an open exchange of views between Club and Supporter and we can work together to promote and develop South Shields Football Club. In the future it may be that a representative of the association attends Committee meetings to put forward the supporter's views and feed back information

Phil Reay

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.** E. Armstrong Cup  
**HOME** v Prudhoe Town

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November.** ANL 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.  
**HOME** v Marske

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November.**  
Supporters Association Meeting after game at Filtrona

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November.** League Cup  
**AWAY** v Newcastle Benfield.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November.** ANL 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.  
**HOME** v Guisborough.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.** ANL 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.  
**AWAY** v Team Northumbria.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November.** ANL 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.  
**AWAY** v Esh Winning

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December,** ANL 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.  
**HOME** v Penrith

Let us know of any events or dates that you'd like to have included here.

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