



## **Supporters Trusts – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

### **Q. What is a Supporters Trust?**

It is a democratic, not-for-profit organisation of supporters, committed to strengthening the voice for supporters in the decision making process at a club.

### **Q. What are the essential factors required for a Supporters' Trust?**

It must be run democratically, be open to all fans, as well as being representative and pursuing viable and sustainable objectives.

### **Q. Why is a Supporters Trust required at Burnley Football Club?**

Put quite simply, we've been missing out! Over 100 clubs in England, Wales and Scotland already have a Trust and there are many ways in which a Supporters Trust can have a positive influence.

### **Q. What can be achieved by Supporters Trusts?**

Although several high profile Trusts have helped to ensure the survival of their club eg: York City and Lincoln City, others, including those at Manchester United and Arsenal, have been able to play an important role in the ongoing links between fans and the club they support.

### **Q. Are there other ways that Trusts can help their clubs?**

As well as trying to raise funds to invest in the club, in some instances Trusts have also been able to gain additional grant funding which the club would not be able to obtain on their own.

### **Q. Is membership open to all fans?**

Yes – and in addition, concession membership would be available to OAPs and minors (although as Trusts are legal entities, only those over 16 would be permitted to vote.)

### **Q. How much does membership cost?**

There are clear recommendations that the cost of annual membership to a Supporters' Trust should be no more than the average cost of a ticket for a home game. With this in mind, the annual membership for Clarets Trust has been set at £10 (or £7.50 for those aged 60+, or £5 for those under 16.)

### **Q. Is there anything else that supporters can do to help?**

Now that a Trust has been established at Burnley, there will be an ongoing requirement for volunteers to offer their various skills to run the organisation. Anyone who wishes to help out can contact the Trust by post (Clarets Trust, PO Box 1960, Sports Desk, Burnley Express, Bull Street, Burnley, BB11 1DP) or by e-mail ([info@claretstrust.co.uk](mailto:info@claretstrust.co.uk).)

Supporters Trusts are run by supporters, for supporters, and the best way to ensure that we can work positively for the benefit of the club is to lend your support to us. The more people who join, the stronger we can be as a group, and the better the opportunity we will have to make a real difference.