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Hello and welcome to the first Member Update for the new Burnley FC Independent Supporters Association (BFCISA). This will be the first of what will be regular updates on Association news, views and activity.

Firstly, thank you for joining. You are one of the first members of BFCISA and you've got a vital role to play in what we hope will be a successful and important group for fans of Burnley Football Club. We look forward to you all being part of the journey.

We hope you find the update below useful and, if you have any suggestions, questions, or want to get more involved, do [get in touch](#) – and we'd love it if you could spare a few minutes to complete the [survey](#) mentioned below, designed to help identify what our initial priorities should be.

Thanks and UTC,
The BFCISA Steering Committee

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Membership update - and a new President

Since launching this month, over 200 of you have joined up – thank you to everyone of you. More people are joining all the time, and we want to keep up the momentum, to grow our membership far and wide – the more people who get involved, the stronger our collective voice.

Our ask, to each and every member, is to think about any friends, family and fellow supporters who may want to join us – let them know about us and, if they're interested, point them to our website at www.burnleyfcisa.com where they can sign up.

The website is also the place where people can find out more about who we are, our work and priorities – as we grow, we'll keep it updated with news. If you've looked at the website recently, you'll have seen the announcement of our new President. We were delighted to announce that Barry Kilby, former Chair of Burnley FC, has agreed to become our honorary President. We couldn't be more pleased that he's agreed to join – as one of the most pivotal people in Burnley's recent history, and a passionate fan. There's no more credible a President for our group. His involvement is a real endorsement of the importance of the Association and what we're trying to do. Welcome Barry!

Get involved and plans for an AGM

At the moment, BFCISA is guided by an interim Steering Committee of volunteer officers who meet online every other week. Now that the Association has opened to members we start to look forward to our first Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held in the 2025/26 season. As part of that meeting we will hold elections to committee positions. More detail will follow as we approach that meeting, including how to register interest for any positions.

Ahead of the AGM there's still plenty of opportunity to get involved. If you want to find out more about the Steering Committee and/or register an interest in helping out, [get in touch](#). We welcome interest from everyone, but we are particular keen to hear from women and younger voices.

First steps – member priorities

Ahead of launch, we conducted a survey of Burnley fans to hear about them, what they thought about some of the issues facing fans and what their priorities for a new Association may be.

That survey provided valuable insight which informed our launch and values (see website). As we get up and running, and ahead of an AGM, we're now keen to hear more from our members on the issues you think the Association should prioritise in the early days. What do you think we should campaign on? What issues are most important to you? What do you want to hear more about? To that end we've created a short survey and form: [see here](#).

Please take a few moments to complete it and help set our priorities ahead of our AGM. The views of members will help shape our early activities.

Charity partnership

BFCISA is looking to identify a charity partner for potential fundraising and partnership activity in the coming months. We are interested in members' views on suitable organisations. Particular consideration will be given to organisations with similar values, interests and where there are local links to Burnley town, area and football club. If you have ideas for partnerships, do let us know. We have included a question in the member survey (see above) where you can submit ideas for potential partnerships.

FAQ

Since launch we've been delighted by the response. The Association is nothing without members and the more people who get involved the better. Understandably, there have been lots of questions, about what we are, what we want to be and what we want to do - both from new members and those who haven't (yet!) joined.

As a group dedicated to representing fans' voices, some of the questions – such as 'what will your first priorities be?' and 'what do your members think about this?' will be shaped by you and your fellow members as we go about our business, but there are some common questions we can answer now. Do [get in touch](#) if you have any questions about these or any other issues.

What does BFCISA stand for? And why should I join?

Burnley FC Independent Supporters Association (BFCISA) is a fan-led, democratic group aiming to connect supporters with their club and champion accountability, tradition, and fairness. You can read more about what we stand for in our Purpose and Values statement, on our [website](#).

By joining BFCISA you get a say and a vote in the direction of the Association. As a democratic institution we're the voice of our membership and will be guided by members' priorities – no one else's. If you have something you think we should campaign on, or want to raise a point, then join up and let us know – it's that easy!

How can we get more involved?

Membership is open to everyone over 18. By joining you get a vote at our AGM and can stand for the elections we'll hold for our organising committee. If you want to get involved beyond that, for instance with the Steering Committee, then get in touch via [email](#) to register your interest.

What's the difference between you and other fans groups?

BFCISA is an independent, Supporters Association, designed to represent and campaign on behalf of Burnley FC supporters, on issues decided by our members (through the AGM or the Committee). Our role is to promote the views of our members, to the Club, football authorities, government at all levels and all other relevant organisations.

We are independent of all other organisations and committed to remaining so. We are formed by volunteers based on a shared commitment to the importance of Supporters Associations and a desire to create one for likeminded Burnley fans. You can read more about us in our Constitution and Purpose and Values on our [website](#).

Our foundation is unrelated to, and not a judgment upon, other fan groups or supporters' clubs, some of which fulfil different purposes (we are not, for example, a group which organises supporter travel). We recognise the important role played by other Burnley fan groups new and old, and welcome all who are committed to shared values and principles.

Other supporters' groups can apply for affiliate membership, but we remain independent from all other groups, just as we are independent from Burnley Football Club.

Why is there a membership fee?

There is a small membership fee (£5) in order to pay for administration costs, such as a membership system. Beyond that, membership fees will be used solely to pay for Association activities such as campaigning and publicity. No costs go to individuals and spending is agreed by the Association's committee.

I'm under 18 – can I join?

At the moment, membership is available to those aged 18 and over, only. As we establish ourselves and move towards a full AGM we intend to open membership to younger members. Further detail will follow once we are set up for younger members.