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Welcome...

Greetings all,

I'm very happy to be writing this, my first newsletter piece as your new chairman. I took over from John after our last AGM. John, as you will be aware, has lead our organisation since day one and it must be said, through some of the darkest and most unpleasant times our football club have experienced.

He did this with decorum and dignity, in the face of, at times, severe opposition. However, that thankfully is in the past, and for totally different reasons John decided to step down as chairman, he will thankfully continue to represent the Trusts interests at board level, I think he's getting used to the prawn sannies at half time!

I threw my hat in the ring and was elected to take over the mantle. So here I am in the embryonic stages of office hoping I can undertake the required duties successfully. I must say however I'll never be able to fill the chair as "fully" as Mr Bell, pound for pound he's twice the man I am, but that's another story!



Given that we now find ourselves in "peace time" if you like, we almost have to reinvent ourselves as an organisation. This we are doing, and as an extremely useful tool to assist us we have carried out a survey of all our members. At this point I must credit board member Eric Deighton with the huge amount of work he has undertaken throughout this exercise, and to all intents this has been his "baby".

As a member you will, no doubt, be aware of this if you filled in the survey form and may even by now have seen the finished results, which I have to say make extremely interesting reading. We intend to use many of these findings as a starting point in how we move forward from here and continue to make a positive and productive contribution to our club.

Post AGM our board also has a new makeup which hopefully helps to keep things fresh and us "auld heids" on our toes. We continue to operate at almost full capacity, but still have room for more, so if you feel you have something to offer please get in touch, don't be shy.

As always, you as a member can attend any of our monthly meetings details of which you can find on our web site.

Keep the faith

Colin

Colin Pike, Chairman

vice-chairman

DAVID COOK

Unlike England's World Cup campaign - and believe me, as an England fan, I say that with considerable regret - the Trust has continued to progress as an organisation over the last 12 months despite having to overcome a few hurdles. The change in chairmen has been pretty seamless, which has helped with stability. It would be remiss of me not to use this article to remind every Trust member of the enormous contribution made by founder member John Bell during his 7 years as Trust chairman. When he's been in the country, that is. I'm only half kidding. John now represents the Trust on the football club board and his vision, energy and commitment have already been deployed to conspicuous effect by BRFC Chairman Brian Porteous. It also means that JB can pounce around in smart suits and hear himself on the tannoy, but that's a small price to pay for someone who has been instrumental in the Trust's success and has successfully transferred his skills to the boardroom.

John's successor as Chairman is another Trust stalwart, Colin Pike, who is also a founder

member. "The Chief", albeit not his birth name, may still be persona non grata in parts of Berwickshire but he has taken to the chairmanship like a chav to Lonsdale. Colin has a long-standing interest in the reserves and junior football elements of Berwick Rangers and, in keeping with the Trust's developmental ethos, he will be working closely with those parts of the club to help build a sustainable, community based football club with a high reputation.

The message here is this - the Trust is in good hands, and the extensive survey carried out by Trust board member Eric Deighton shows that our membership is extremely satisfied with what we're doing. That should not be an excuse for us to rest on our laurels thinking that all the hard work has been done. We have some real graft ahead of us if we are to maintain and increase trust membership. We live in a low-waged, rural community at the sharp end of the Coalition's draconian budgetary policies, which means that there's less money than ever to go around, so we need to be innovative in the way

that we go about raising funds for the Trust and the football club. We are lucky that the Trust has been sustained, to an extent, by the generous contributions of members from all over the UK and beyond.

We also have fresh blood on the Trust board following the most recent AGM, and welcome Gemma Law and Callie Denholm to what was previously a macho world of puffed out pigeon chests, seething with jealousies about who had the best programme collection. No more. Gemma and Callie have focused minds and brought some cracking ideas to the table, encouraged by their consumption of The Pilot Inn's fine selection of real ales.

And finally, I'd like to wish Jimmy Crease and his players all the best for the new season. That's why we're all involved after all, and if the team can maintain the progress shown last year, then the play-offs must be a realistic target.

Enjoy your football .

David Cook, Vice-Chair

membership update

BILL PURVIS

MEMBERSHIP CURRENTLY: 217

As far as membership is concerned it is a hard battle at the moment just to stand still never mind increase membership numbers. However, in light of the recent survey, the Trust Board will be looking closely at both membership retention and how to attract new members.

In May I wrote to those members who pay annually to remind them that their annual subscription was due. Although I included an SAE, as at the date of this article, 32 are still to reply. While I am aware that some of these will pay up when I see them at the beginning of the New Season I look forward to hearing from the others ASAP.

Bill Purvis, Membership Secretary



Supporters Questionnaire

We are delighted to make available to you the results of our members survey that you may recall completing some time ago. Trust board member Eric Deighton has worked tirelessly to produce these final results and hopefully you'll agree it makes fascinating reading and will be an invaluable tool for us on your board to use to coordinate our future projects and enable us to target effectively where to put our resources. You can feel some satisfaction in having taken part in something which is unique to our football club and we intend to make it available to our partners across the club as I'm sure they will find it equally informative and useful in the work they are doing. If you have any questions relative to the survey drop us a line.

INTRODUCTION

We sent out a questionnaire to every Trust member (210 at that time) and got 72 back. This was disappointing but at 34%, it was greater than most local election turn-outs! It was a pity to waste £56 in postage which could have gone to the Club but we are certain to save money in the future by adopting some of the ideas you have come up with.

The full version of the survey will be placed on the Trust Website shortly. As we know now, some members do not have access to the internet, so if you want a full copy of the results please just ask and we will send you one.

ABOUT YOU

75% of returns were named so most of you had the courage of your convictions! We didn't really know the make-up of our members and the results amazed us. Only 1% are under 20 years old, 6% are 21-30, 8% are 31 – 40. 31% are 41 – 50 and 49% are aged 50 plus. If you add the last two results together it says that 80% of us are 41 years old or more! Now add that together with the results of the gender question and it surprises us more. 90% of members are male and we our ethnicity is 100% white British. With only 8% of us declaring a disability we can see that across the membership we are very unrepresentative of the population at large. A team of board members will look at our

membership make-up and devise a strategy to increase our reach and scope to try to achieve a better balance.

We asked what your reason was for joining the Trust?

Roughly half of responses were from fans believing that they were helping the club and wanted to be part of it. The other half had more sophisticated and deeply-held convictions that they heard the "call to arms" and responded when the viability of their club was under threat from a passionately hated former regime.

We asked what your reason was for continuing membership?

We believe that the Trust is sticking to its original aims and are happy with the work we are doing. You want us continue.

YOUR INTEREST IN BRFC

We asked how many miles you travel to see home games?

The statistics on this question were skewed because of members living in places like Australia, New Zealand, Spain and America! It is, however, worth noting the effort of a few members, some of whom travel big distances and attend many games per season. 50% travel 50 miles or more to a home game and distances of 65, 100, 213 and 270 miles were mentioned. One person travels from

Bristol 5 times per year, one travels 600 miles for the same number of games and one person travels 270 miles; attends 15 plus home games and 15 away games per season!

We wanted to know how you became interested in the football club and how often you come to games.

Once again you surprised us! 85% of us are just plain devoted fans and the rest have a connection from ex-ball-boys to shareholders. Amazingly the average time our members have been fans is 30 years and the total number of years of support just from our responders is 2191 years!

20% of our members never attend a single home game in a season and 46% never attend an away game! 36% attend 1-14 home games and 44% attend the same number of away games. 44% of us attend 15 plus home games and 10% of us attend 15 plus away games. Our interest in the Club and the Trust has not changed over the last couple of years for 45% of us, has increased for 33% and decreased for 20%.

YOUR EXPECTATION OF THE TRUST BOARD

We asked what do you believe is the main role of the Trust Now?

Most people thought we should continue good work as above in more stable times.

We asked if the Trust achieving its main role now?

Massively Yes! 96% offered claims like the following "We are doing a wonderful job". That is good for a Board who continually ask themselves if we are fit for purpose and agonising whether the responsibility vested in them is rightly placed!

We asked what you believe is the main job of the Trust Board Now?

You confirmed to us that the direction we are going is the correct one and made some good additional suggestions.

We asked if the Trust Board achieving its main role now?

Once again, a massive 96% said yes.





Supporters Questionnaire

We asked what you believe is the main job of the Trust in the future?

We should generally continue as we are but you made some good suggestions in addition.

We asked how we should change in order to fulfil our role in the future?

We should not change! Keep on doing what we are doing, we are doing a wonderful job

COMMUNICATIONS

We asked you a range of questions on communications. Here are the results: It is clear from the findings in this section that we can get smarter about how we communicate and in getting smarter we should save money that can benefit the Football Club. A team from the Board will look specifically at the whole issue and make recommendations for change. 63% of us want printed newsletters issued quarterly and 19% want them six-monthly. 44% wanted newsletters via the internet and 34% want a printed copy. Interestingly in and age of the web, only 62% of members have access to the internet.

The quality of information was rated as "good" by 66% of members. Members log on to the Trust Website in varying degrees. Most (42%) log in weekly, 38% log in monthly and 10% never log in at all! The quality of information on the site was rated as "good" by the majority (58%) and average by 29%.

We asked you what you use the Trust Website for?

News, including club, trust and team news 55%, information 15% and match reports 6%

We asked what information you would like to see added to the Trust Website?

- More Squad/Player/club/ ground and financial information
- More news, results and reports, pictures and pre-match reports
- More on the league in which Berwick operates
- 39 people want nothing else!
- Website information should include AGM notes and financial statements.
- Distant (and very passionate) members want us to try to make them feel more a part of what is going on. Some form of forum would be useful as would be a place to leave ideas for fundraising

We asked you how often you would like to see the website updated?

Daily 18%, weekly 61% and another frequency (e.g. monthly, quarterly and as required) 21%

We asked which website was your first choice for football club news?

Berwick Rangers official site 31%. BBC 29%. Pie and Bovril 17%. None 12%. Trust Website 6%. Supporters Club site 2%. Others 3%



Ideas for expansion

We asked what you thought the monthly subscription is?

Most of you (47%) thought the current rate of £2 was about right. Interestingly, nobody thought that £2 was too expensive! The rest of you thought there was scope for more; one thought it should be £25! The rest came up with a range of contributions between the two. A team will look at this in detail.

We asked if we should the board rotate on a 2 year basis?

Although a massive 72% of people said the think the board should rotate the vast majority understand the practical difficulty in doing so.

We asked if you would like to help out with future fundraising events?

78% of you said no. Possibly understandably given our geographic spread but for the 22% of you, who would like to lend a hand, watch this space!

We asked if you would like to become a Board member?

88% of you said no but once again, the rest who said yes, watch this space.

We asked you for ideas on fundraising events?

You answered in floods! 31 ideas will soon be looked at by our events team.

We asked how we can recruit new members?

32 new ideas will soon be looked into by the Board.

An extensive report is available on our website.



It's just as well I don't believe everything I read, cos Clyde and Arbroath fans populating the threads on Pie & Bovril seem to think they'll be filling the top two spots come the season's end.

I'm not so sure. Look back to last year, when Livi fans thought they'd cruise through the league with a nil goals against column - an assumption well and truly challenged by the Black and Gold. Relegated teams always fancy themselves, but my gut feeling is that it'll be a close fought campaign with no runaway winner. Clyde and Arbroath will be in the mix, and Albion Rovers and Stranraer won't be far away.

I'm not so sure about Shire. I thought they were the best side in the league last season, but a change of ownership seems to have scared the horses a bit and they've lost some key players, though they've managed to hold on to some cracking players. So what about Berwick Rangers? Last season was the classic curate's

egg - superb up to the end of November, when their form took on the trajectory of a punctured jubilani, followed by a mild recovery. A lot of people blamed the effects of the weather, which meant 6 weeks without a game, and the having to double up in what remained of the season, but I'm not so sure, given that every other team faced similar problems.

The injury to Rangers' key striker, Alan Brazil, proved a more damaging blow than anyone could have imagined, and in his absence Damon Gray was left to shoulder the burden of scoring goals pretty much on his own. The biggest problem last season was Rangers' inability to take points from the teams above them - Livingston excepted. We lost all 12 matches to Shire, Forfar and Albion Rovers, which is damning evidence of either a lack of competitive spirit or poor motivation. Some games will be lost against teams of a similar level, but to lose all 12 is unacceptable.

I wonder how it was that Rangers competed so well against the eventual champions, winning one and drawing the other three matches? That needs some explaining.

The BRFC board deserves real credit for signing up all of last season's best performers within a couple of weeks of the season ending. Guy Kerr looks a real prospect at centre half, and Chris McLeod is an interesting signing. That said, the signing of Kevin Gordon from Forfar has't led to an outbreak of impromptu street parties, and Joe Savage's apparent knock-back of an offer looks like a blessing in disguise. After last seasons best players were signed up, there has been a scattergun feel to new signings.

Darren Gribben has been involved in pre-season training, and would be an eccentric but exciting addition to a squad short of goals. Rangers also have a Nepalese international training with them, and his signing would provide an exotic flavour to the squad, even if he'll have a mountain to climb to adjust to the third division. Jimmy Crease still has some problems to sort out. His squad is short of pace, we desperately need a specialist left back, and he needs to address the way that Stuart Callaghan dominates every set piece play. Callaghan's performances towards the end of last season made him more of a liability than an asset, it could be that a team freed from the shackles of his influence actually plays with greater freedom and spontaneity.

I went down to Blyth (pictured left) to watch Rangers get outclassed in a 3-0 defeat by a very tidy home side, who, to be fair, are way above the quality of every team in the Third Division. OK, so it was only a friendly, but Rangers looked one-paced and predictable. Darren Gribben looked sharp and Elliot Smith and Mark Peat played well, while both Paul Currie and Fraser McLaren improved things when they came off the bench, but the rest of the trialists failed to impress. Personally, I'd rather see the manager take a chance on some juniors (look at how well

Paul Currie made the transition) than a bunch of journeymen on their second tour round every club in the lower leagues. Familiarity can breed contempt. It was't just Blyth's team which impressed incidentally; the whole club had a feelgood factor about it - cracking stadium, enthusiastic fans from all age groups and bundles of commercial sponsorship. We should be asking our county councillors how they can help make BRFC into a Blyth Spartans of the north.

Rangers now have a raft of other friendlies to test drive the new line-up, so we'll get a clearer idea of their potential before the arduous trip to Coatbridge at the start of August. My heart says 4th place this season; my head says 6th or 7th. It's going to be a very tough league, and with senior clubs shedding players, many of those will end up in the third division. As ever, it'll come down to who pays the biggest wages.

One things is certain though - Shielfield Park will be a much-improved stadium for the start of the new season. £60,000 has been spent on new changing rooms, disabled toilets have been installed and the pitch drainage has been completely overhauled. The club has also been awarded a UEFA B licence, the result of extraordinary work by a partnership comprising the football club, supporters club and Trust.

These achievements would not have been possible 2 years ago. That is a sign of real progress off the pitch, but it needs to be matched by obvious signs of progress on the pitch. Looking further ahead, the rumblings about fundamental changes to the structure of Scottish football continue. It's long overdue, but we need to make sure the interests of Berwick Rangers are not discarded in the headlong rush for something shiny and new.



Six in a row: Trust holds its 2010 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Berwick Rangers Supporters Trust held another successful AGM in the Black & Gold Social Club on Saturday, 13th February.

The meeting, attended by thirty Trust members and prospective members, featured a trio of excellent guest speakers in BRFC Chairman Brian Porteous, Manager Jimmy Crease and Director & Supporters Club Chairman Bill Parkin. In stark contrast to the prickly, "how dare you ask that?" attitude of the previous regime, our guest speakers gave a frank and honest appraisal of the progress made at the football club in the last 12 months, set out their objectives for maintaining that progress, and expressed their satisfaction with the now harmonious working relations between the Football Club, Trust and Supporters Club.

A precis of the meeting is set out below, though Trust Secretary Karen Thorburn will be producing a formal minute of the meeting in due course:

1) Appointment of the Trust Board for the period from 13/2/10 to 13/2/12

15 people who have been validly appointed to the Board for the above period:
John Bell; David Cook; Eric Deighton; Callie Denholm; Gordon Dickson; Keith Hall; Ron Kirk; Gemma Law; Colin Pike; Bill Purvis; Derek Purvis; Stephen Scott; Davie Spence (13)

This means that there are two remaining vacancies on the Trust Board. If you are a Trust member and are interested in joining the Board, then please get in touch with any of the Board members listed above. We'd also like to welcome two new faces and one not so new face to the Board - Callie Denholm and Gemma Law will help offset the male-dominated Board and bring a welcome female perspective to our business, and Keith Hall returns after stepping down some time ago due to business commitments.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank George Thompson, who has stepped down from the Board, for his substantial contribution to the work of the Trust over the last few years.

2) Appointment of office holders

The Board will appoint to the following positions at the first meeting of the newly-appointed Board, which will take place @ 19.00 on Wednesday, 24th February 2010 at The Pilot Inn: Chairman (John Bell will be standing down having served as Chairman of the Trust since its inception in 2003); Vice-Chairman; Treasurer; Membership Secretary; & Secretary. All Trust members are welcome to attend.

3) Business to be transacted

Business to be transacted at the first meeting will include:

- setting a calendar of future meetings
- appointment of working groups
- carrying out a survey of the Trust membership to help establish future priorities/review aims and objectives
- financial planning
- reviewing communication and contracting arrangements
- planning fundraising
- examine ways of developing working relations with BRFC and the Supporters Club
- membership retention/target for increase

4) Summary of key points made by guest speakers

- a) Brian Porteous, BRFC Chairman
- club progressing well, on and off the field, despite a difficult financial climate
 - FC Board now working well with supporters organisations - no conflict now - repalced by a real sense of partnership working
 - Drainage of pitch at Shielfield a major problem; system last underwent a major upgrade in 1981 and needs to be replaced to prevent problems which have affected the pitch this season becoming worse next season. Bill Parkin spoke in more detail about this later in the meeting
 - BRFC close to achieving full SFA/SL licensed status - one of a handful of clubs in the lower leagues to do so
 - Finances - BRFC lost approx £3000 in the financial year ending 31/5/09 - detailed report to be made at the club AGM on 31/3/10
 - announced that the club had received a £30,000



grant for the upgrade of home and away dressing rooms at Shielfield

b) Jimmy Crease, BRFC Manager

- described the club as "the happiest" he's seen it in his 20 years' involvement
- team on target to achieve pre-season objective of a finish in the play-off places, though he admitted to concern about current form and the impact of the absence of Alan Brazil
- described moves to strengthen the team's attacking options
- answered questions from the floor about a range of footballing issues - including the play offs
- c) Bill Parkin, BRFC Director & Chairman of the Supporters Club
- looked forward to continuing to build an effective working relationship between the Supporters Club and the Trust
- pitch drainage - remedial works costed at £5000 and scheduled to start on 17th May; it was suggested that the Trust and the SC could examine how they could jointly fund this work
- outlined plans for fundraising events
- proposed regular joint meetings between Trust/ Football Club/Supporters Club reps
- moves to look at revitalising the weekly ticket scheme

• acknowledged that Shielfield stadium is old and tired and increasingly expensive to maintain - and that we should now be examining ways of developing a new community stadium based around an artificial surface (as at Ochilview etc)

5) Other business carried out at the Trust AGM

- a) Treasurers Report (Gordon Dickson) - see formal minutes of the meeting
- b) Secretary's Report - Karen Thorburn confirmed that all Trust business transacted during the previous two years had been conducted in accordance with the Trust's model rules
- c) Membership Secretary's Report (Bill Purvis) - Bill reported that membership had achieved a net increase of 4 members (rising from 212 to 216) since the previous AGM.
- d) Annual Audit (Gordon Dickson) - see formal minutes of the meeting
- e) Question & Answer Session - good questions from the floor - including changing arrangements for people seeking to increase subscription payments; monthly tripartite communications bulletins from the FC/Trust/SC

Thanks to all who attended the AGM and contributed freely to a constructive and positive meeting.

The Society Board has been joined by new faces. Along with returning member, Keith Hall, were newbie's, Callie Denholm and Gemma Law.

And it was evident straight away that they are going to bring a fresh perspective and ideas to the Trust. The girls came armed with proposals for a ladies night, proving their eagerness to get stuck in and do their bit. Other ideas were also suggested, so watch this space for some fun nights with the ladies in mind!!

Gemma and Callie joined the Trust together and become two of only three females members to have served on the board. The girls are lifelong supporters of Berwick Rangers and are looking to help the club and Trust progress and also take an active role in fundraising to make money for their club.

Gemma's dad, Davie, has supported Berwick since the 1960s so there has always been black and gold in the family. She started going to

games herself as a school girl, however once she started working she was unable to attend as many games as she'd have liked to. Once she got the bug back, she used all her holidays from work for Saturdays to attend games, luckily for Gemma this was the start of the Championship winning season, she has since changed jobs and to her delight has weekends off!! For the last two seasons both Gemma and Callie have barely missed a game home or away. Gemma was actually our 200th member (pictured below).

Speaking at our last committee meeting, Callie said: "to join the committee of Berwick Rangers Supporters Trust has been an honour, to be recognised as a fan and someone who is willing to help and support the club".



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RECORD YEAR FOR CLUB DONATIONS

Season 2009/2010 proved a record year for the Trust and its support for the club. In total the club has benefited by over £12,500 due to the activities of the Trust. The figure consists of £5000 cash donations made over the course of the season, £2,500 from the Trust shop account and over £5,000 worth of stock handed over to the club. The latter figures come from the formal handing over of the merchandising activities at Shielfield, run by the Trust over the last five years, back to the football club. Although the shop sums are a one off, we will continue next season with the £5000 cash support. Rangers Football Club.



THANKS FROM ROBBIE

Hi Colin,
As you may have heard I have been released by the football club. Due to financial constraints I was told there was no position for me there as a coach which is extremely disappointing but that's life sometimes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank yourself and the rest of the Supporters Trust for your great support over the last 6 years and best wishes for the future.

Take Care,
Robbie Horn



SUPPORTERS TRUST ON FACEBOOK

You can now connect with us on Facebook, simply search 'Berwick Rangers Trust'. A fair number of members have already joined our group, we hope that the numbers will only increase. An improved social network presence is one of the objectives we have outlined as a result of the recent fans survey.



FANS TO BARE ALL FOR CALENDAR

New society board members Callie Denholm and Gemma Law are asking for Berwick Rangers supporters to pose for a new 'nude calendar'! The girls assure us that modesty will be covered and the calendar will be tastefully produced. The proceeds from the calendar will go directly to help the football club.

A few fans have already come forward, as well as staff at Shielfield Park, including a couple of the first team squad members.

They are also looking for businesses to take an advert, with advertising slots available for just £60. The calendars will be on sale later this year.

If you are interested in taking part or sponsoring the calendar, please email Gemma and Callie-
trust@berwickrangers.co.uk

FIRST SUPPORTERS-OWNED CLUB IN SCOTLAND

We would like to pass on our congratulations and best wishes to the Stirling Albion Supporters Trust, after the Forthbank fans agreed a deal to take ownership of the First Division club.

Chariman, Colin Pike said: "It is fantastic that we have a football club owned entirely by their Supporters Trust, it proves that the Trust movement has come an awful long way".

Supporters Trust Development Manager, James Proctor said, "The Stirling Albion Supporters' Trust are breaking new ground in taking the first club in Senior Scottish Football under supporters ownership. We congratulate them on that achievement and wish them well in the running of the club. They will no doubt look to the successes seen at Exeter City, Scarborough and Brentford among others in England for ideas and inspiration." Proctor added, "We have experience in Scotland in helping supporters re-establish Clydebank and Gretna as Football Clubs and I am sure the learnings from these cases will be of interest to the Stirling group as well."

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WHAT WE'RE ABOUT...

Established in 2003, we have quickly become one of the most successful Supporters Trust organisations in the UK. We have also managed to become the second biggest shareholders in Berwick Rangers F.C., through the purchase of shares. The Trust is owned and run by its members who each have one vote. The Supporters Trust cannot guarantee greater success on the pitch, but works to ensure the club continues for the benefit of the community and all supporters of Berwick Rangers F.C.

WHAT WE DO...

We are involved in many projects and initiatives. Our core aims are to:

- Strengthen the bonds between the Football Club and the community which it serves.
- Promote the principle of supporter representation on the Football Club Board.
- Promote football and its development locally.

We have put over £30,000 into the football club to help with first team affairs, stadium improvements, youth and reserves, as well as merchandising and marketing.

GET INVOLVED! FROM ONLY £2 PER MONTH

If you like the sound of what we do and would like to become a Supporters Trust member, please fill in your details overleaf. You can choose to be a Senior, Junior or Corporate Member. We will be in touch shortly to complete your application and you will receive your membership card, certificate, pin badge and car sticker. If you have any queries, please get in touch - 0776 418 9983 or trust@berwickrangers.co.uk



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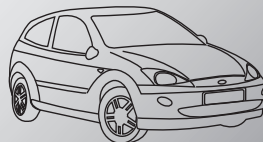
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