

# The Posh Supporters Trust

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## **GREAT NEW BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS!**

**SAVE POUNDS WITH OUR NEW  
‘MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT SCHEME’**

Read inside for all the latest news from the trust including a list of the benefits you can gain from local companies just for being a ‘Posh Supporters Trust Member’

Membership is still only £10 for a year, an amount that can be easily saved using the great deals that have been lined up for you.

## **TRUST MEMBERS CAN SAVE POUNDS WITH NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

The Trust Committee is delighted to announce that the following companies have signed up to support the trust by offering members the discounts as shown. Every member of The Posh Supporters' Trust will soon have received a membership card, which he or she can use at a wide range of businesses in and around Peterborough and obtain substantial savings on goods and services. To qualify for the discount the signed card must be produced and presented on each occasion.

This is only a start and we are already looking to extend the offers available to members. So a £10 membership for yourself and other members of your family can bring you some great savings.

Details of the discounts are as follows:

<b>Arriva Willhire Centres. 01733 340493</b>	<b>10% off the standard published vehicle hire rates, on all vehicles. Discount available through all depots, but Must be arranged at the P'Boro depot on 01733 340493</b>
<b>Best Bodies, Gymnasium, Mallard Road, Bretton, Peterborough</b>	<b>£19 per month for 2 years or £25 per month for 12 months.</b>
<b>Blinds Direct 0800 0282942 01733 840258</b>	<b>10% off purchases.</b>
<b>Escape Health &amp; Beauty, 27 Winslow Road, Peterborough PE3 9RE</b>	<b>10% off beauty treatment.</b>
<b>F Wade &amp; Son Fishing Tackle, 247 High Street, Fletton</b>	<b>10% off purchases. (excluding bait)</b>
<b>Fitzjohn Ingle Estate Agents, 4 Fortune Buildings, Cowgate, Peterborough</b>	<b>20% off standard sole agency fee (with minimum charge of £1,000).</b>
<b>Fleur Florists, 31 Queensgate Centre, Peterborough</b>	<b>10% off purchases. ( excludes Interflora )</b>
<b>Golden Cod Fish Bar, 2a Crawthorne Road, Pboro.</b>	<b>10% off purchases.</b>

<b>Golden Cod Fish Bar, 4 Staniland Way, Werrington, Peterborough</b>	<b>10% off purchases.</b>
<b>Huntingdon Steeplechase Race Course</b>	<b>£3 off admission to the Paddock Enclosure for all weekday meetings (excludes bank holiday Mondays)</b>
<b>J W D'Arcy Limited, Jewellers, 7 Westgate, Peterborough</b>	<b>10% discount off purchases – new sales only, not repairs</b>
<b>Lambe's Lawnmowers, 22 Lincoln Road, Peterborough</b>	<b>10% off spares and service. Possible discount off new products.</b>
<b>Living Well Premier Health Club Papyrus Road, Werrington, Peterborough. 01733 292600</b>	<b>One day free trial and reductions on Health Club membership.</b>
<b>Michael John, Hair Stylists, 30 Queensgate, Peterborough</b>	<b>10% off hair styling.</b>
<b>Peterborough Greyhound Stadium, First Drove, Fengate, Peterborough</b>	<b>Two entries for the price of one on any Tuesday or Wednesday evening OR four meals for the price of three (including admission) in the Raceview Restaurant on any Tuesday or Wednesday evening (pre-booking only).</b>
<b>Peterborough United FC</b>	<b>10% off replica shirts. Priority ticketing arrangements. (after season ticket holders)</b>
<b>Plough Inn, Ramsey Road, Farcet Fen 01733 844307</b>	<b>10% off meals.</b>
<b>Speedy Hire Centres (Southern) Limited, 577 Lincoln Road, Peterborough</b>	<b>25% off equipment hire.</b>
<b>Terry Wright Cycles, 39 Bridge Street, Deeping St James, Peterborough</b>	<b>12 ½ % off bicycles or accessories.</b>
<b>Woodston MoT Centre, Woodston 01733 315268</b>	<b>£5 off MOT tests</b>

*Many thanks to all of the Companies for their support and showing they believe in The Posh Supporters Trust. If you have a business that would like to join our scheme please contact us on 07753 344002*

# MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at 7.30PM on MONDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2003 In the  
EXECUTIVE SUITE, LONDON ROAD PETERBOROUGH

## *PRESENT:*

Leigh Porter (LP), Richard Bellamy (RB), Barry Bennett (BB), Dave Colbert (DC), John Henson (JH), Keith Jennings (KJ), Rhys Thrower (RT), Gill Williams (GW), Peter Williams (PW) and 49 other members.

*IN ATTENDANCE:* Matthew Holt (Supporters Direct) and Chris Turner.

*APOLOGIES:* Sir Brian Mawhinney (Patron), Nigel Cowling, Emma Cowling, Trevor Hanks and Pete Maddams.

## **Chairman's Report**

LP advised the audience that, 12 months previously, PST had not even been thought of. Eleven months previously he had started research into supporters' trusts and almost exactly ten months previously, on 9 November 2003, the meeting had taken place at Ebenezer's, at which 150 people had voted to set up the Trust.

Since then there had been six phases in the life of the Trust:

### 1 SETTING UP

Seven volunteers initially; registration as an IPS.

### 2 BECOMING SHAREHOLDERS

Writing to all shareholders, obtaining 388 shares and 27 proxies.

### 3 VOICING CONCERN

Discussions with various parties involved in the sale/purchase of Posh.

### 4 LAUNCHING TRUST

A successful evening on 10 March.

### 5 EXPANDING HORIZONS

Co-operation with new board – ball boys, half-time entertainment, club shop etc.

### 6 EXERTING INFLUENCE

The Trust had been trying for some time to arrange a presentation to the board, setting out its case for building a significant shareholding in the club. The draft presentation was given by JH, following which comments were invited, especially from member Nigel Hards, a Posh director, who was present. In reply, NH promised to provide constructive comments as soon as possible.

LP went on to advise how members could help the Trust, by renewing their subscriptions, buying replica kit and Trust merchandise, volunteering to help with bucket collections, newsletter distribution, stuffing envelopes etc. He invited sponsorship for member Lance Hemmings' run from Rushden to Peterborough on 20 December in aid of the Trust and a local charity.

### **Secretary's Report**

PW had nothing to add to the facts and figures already covered by LP and JH. He mentioned that he was contemplating approaching again some shareholders to ascertain whether they were willing to donate or sell their shares to the Trust. He appealed for any help members could give in this process.

### **Treasurer's Report**

RB explained some of the background to the audited accounts, which had been presented to the members, pointing out that the cost of the Launch Evening (shown as £1,984) had been reduced substantially by sponsorship and a subsidy from Supporters Direct. He mentioned three committee members' attendance at the Supporters Direct conference during the summer. This had led to useful contacts with other trusts.

### **Appointment of auditor**

Trevor Hanks was thanked for his work in connection with the audit and for sponsoring the audit fee of £200. The auditor, Richard Taylor, was re-appointed by unanimous vote.

Following the formal proceedings there was a quiz, set by member Mick Robinson, the winner being Neil Bates and the runner-up Mark Field. This was followed by a fascinating question and answer session with ex-player, manager and chairman Chris Turner; and finally an auction of a set of historic programmes, generously presented by member Mick Sexton, which raised £100.

Finally LP thanked all who had helped the Trust in the past nine months and during the AGM.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

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## **OTHER TRUST NEWS**

### **Ball Boys**

As you will have seen the Posh Supporters Trust are proud to be providing the ball boys for this season's home games. The boys (and one girl) are all junior trust members and have had their kits kindly sponsored by Waller, Needham & Green. We feel this is an important way of giving some of the Posh fans of the future a way to become involved in the match.

### **Sponsored Run**

Posh fan and trust member Lance Hemmings will be running from Rushden to London Road on the day of the home game against the Diamonds. Please sponsor him as all proceeds will be split between the trust and a local charity. Sponsor forms can be filled in at our stand in the Family Stand or see any of the trust committee for more details.

### **A plea**

During the Stockport game a posh trust member lost a hand knitted scarf. The scarf has footballers at either end and is a much treasured possession to its owner. If you found the scarf or know someone who did please hand it to the club shop or in to the trust stand; or email us at the trust ([theposhtrust@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:theposhtrust@yahoo.co.uk)) and we will arrange for it to be returned.

### **Finally: We need YOUR help!**

We are looking for volunteers about once a month, to help us distribute our newsletters at London Road. If you can occasionally give us just 90 minutes before kick off to help us, please make contact with any committee member or phone us on 07753 344002



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## MERCHANDISE

The following 'Trust' Merchandise and Posh replica shirts are available from our table on the family stand concourse, and from the 'trust' in the posh shop



Mugs  
**£3.50**



Polo Shirt (S/M/L)  
White **£12.50**



Polo Shirt (S/M/L)  
Blue **£12.50**

Supporters Trust Pencils 50p - Posh Player Figurines £10.00



Posh Stars of the Midland League  
Cards **£3.50**

These football cards have been designed by Posh Supporters Trust Member Tony Scarr and are a selection of top players from the successful midland league teams that played in seasons 1955-56 through to 1959-60, these are an original and unique piece of memorabilia with only 200 sets produced. Approx. 90 cards in a pack.

# The Posh Supporters Trust

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms [Please delete as applicable]

Surname.....

First Name.....

Address.....

Postcode.....

Home Phone No.....

E-mail Address.....

I wish to become a **Member** of The Posh Supporters' Trust in accordance with its Rules and enclose £10, being the membership subscription for 12 months from this date. (Members must be aged 16 or over.)

Signed.....

Date.....

Please Enrol the following **Children** (0 to 16 years old) as Members of The Junior Posh Supporters Trust. I enclose £1 joining fee for each child.

Full Name.....Date of Birth.....

Full Name.....Date of Birth.....

Full Name.....Date of Birth.....

Full Name.....Date of Birth.....

I wish to **make an additional voluntary donation** of £.....  
to The Posh Supporters' Trust in accordance with the objects of the Trust  
(contained within its rules).

Signed.....

**Please either hand this form to any committee member or it send to:- The Posh Supporters' Trust. P O Box 587, Peterborough PE4 5XL. With your cheque made payable to The Posh Supporters' Trust.**

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