

#### 1. Why change the structure?

The current structure is proving to be too bureaucratic to maintain. It also costs too much to operate. By paying regular monthly amounts online by direct debit, members will provide income for the society and the club on a continuous basis thus reducing the potential for cash flow shortages. The new structure will be simpler and easier to operate.

#### 2. What do I get for my contributions?

Apart from obtaining ownership of the club and protecting it from financial difficulties, members will receive a variety of benefits, some of which are based on existing ones on offer while new list are being introduced.

The benefits being withdrawn are mostly those that cost both the club and society too much. The new ones are not only less costly but are based on providing more access to the club's assets, including greater links with the manager and players. We may add new ones later.

# 3. If I joined before the introduction of the revised membership structure do I get the benefits based on the current structure?

In a word, yes. All members who signed up to the original structure will receive the same benefits, which they will receive for one year from the date they joined. Similarly, those members who have renewed their membership will receive their usual benefits for a year from the date of their renewal.

Don't worry if you have not paid your renewal fee for this year. By pledging by direct debit you will carry forward all your previous contributions to each new tier and level for which you will receive recognition.

#### 4. Do we need to receive any benefits at all?

According to a fairly recent survey, some members are not too bothered if they don't receive benefits so long as their contributions are going to the society and ultimately to the club. However, we believe that it is important to offer benefits for those who want them. But most importantly because we want to recognise the support provided by each and every individual member and to thank them for their contributions.

### 5. Why is it important to pay my membership monthly by Direct Debit?

Quite simply, it is much easier, quicker and more efficient to pay by Direct Debit online.

## 6. Can I still pay my membership or upgrade my contributions by cheque or standing order?

Of course, the society is more than happy to receive payments by any other means.

