



Chelsea Supporters' Trust Newsletter – August 2024

Chair's Introduction

I'm Dom Rosso, and I am really pleased to have been elected as the new Chairman of the CST - only the fifth since our founding in 2012. I want to thank our outgoing Chairman, Mark Meehan, for his outstanding leadership over the past three years. I'm delighted that he'll continue to serve as Vice-Chairman.

Having served on the CST Board since 2019, I'm well aware of the challenges facing Chelsea supporters. But I'm also keen to hear directly from as many members as possible. If you'd like to meet before a match or arrange a call, please do [get in touch with me directly](#).

While I write to you at the beginning of December (on the way back from a cold and miserable night in West Yorkshire), the newly formed board has been in place for over 6 weeks and has truly been busy on behalf of you - the CST members.

Ticket Pricing & the "Protect the Fans. Protect the Game" Statement

At the end of November, the CST, alongside all other Chelsea supporter groups, including the Fan Advisory Board, co-signed the [Protect the Fans. Protect the Game statement](#).

Created by the Football Supporters' Association, it highlights the escalating cost of watching football and calls for a two-season freeze on home ticket prices. After two consecutive years of above-inflation ticket hikes that have hit supporters hard, the message is clear: Chelsea must now halt further home ticket price increases. By co-signing this statement, we are standing up for a Stamford Bridge that remains accessible, inclusive, and alive with the supporters who make Chelsea what it is - today and for generations to come.

Ticketing: Our Biggest Priority

This season has seen the introduction of digital ticketing issues, higher prices, new 'priority' membership tiers, policy errors, and poor communication. Frustration among supporters is understandably high.

Ensuring fair, transparent, and a well-communicated ticketing policy remains one of the CST's top priorities. These aren't radical demands, they are basic standards that the club must meet, and areas where they have fallen short too often.

To support this, we are developing a new mechanism to strengthen two-way communication between the CST and our members on ticketing and wider club matters. While our Board reflects a broad mix of match-going supporters, we want even more voices feeding into our work.

I want to be absolutely clear: we see and hear your frustrations. We speak to senior leaders at the club daily, and we will continue pressing relentlessly for improvements.

Tackling Ticket Touting

Earlier this year, the CST successfully campaigned for the club to step up its actions against touting and communicate its progress more transparently. While there was an initial spike in activity, we have urged the club to maintain momentum and provide evidence that these efforts are working. Supporters deserve reassurance that this issue is being dealt with robustly.

Since the Benfica match in September - where a Ticket Collection Point was introduced for 2,000 supporters, many of whom failed to collect their tickets - the club has implemented similar collection points for the Ajax, Barcelona and several Premier League fixtures. While the club has taken some positive steps, it is now essential that they communicate more consistently about this work, including how many memberships and touted tickets are being cancelled.

The elephant in the room when discussing ticket touting are the reports connecting Todd Boehly and the ticket exchange and resale company, Vivid Seats. You'll note that in March 2025, the CST wrote to the Premier League regarding these reports. I can confirm that the Premier League has very recently responded to this correspondence, and the CST will update our members as soon as possible.

Magic of Blue Christmas

We're also proud to be partnering with Chelsea FC and the Chelsea Foundation on the Magic of Blue Christmas Collection. With over 700,000 Londoners experiencing loneliness, this campaign helps bring warmth and support to those spending Christmas alone. Please consider donating if you can. My thanks go especially to CST Board Member Cliff Auger for his tireless work on this initiative.

And finally, with lots of football in December, it can often be a hectic and busy month. That said, I truly wish you and your family a restful Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We end 2025 as World Champions, and while the future is unknown, one thing we can be certain of is that 2026 will be anything but quiet at Chelsea Football Club.

Best wishes,
Dom Rosso



CST Board Elections

The full list of the newly elected board of the Chelsea Supporters' Trust [can be found here](#).



FSA: Protect the fans. Protect the game.

On Monday, 24 November, the Football Supporters' Association issued a collective statement on home ticket pricing.

The "Protect the Fans. Protect the Game" [collective statement can be found in full via this link](#), and has been co-signed by the Chelsea Supporters' Trust, the Chelsea FC Fan Advisory Board, Chelsea Supporters' Club, and Chelsea Supporters' Group.



Earls Court

On November 26, Hammersmith & Fulham Council approved the planning application submitted by Earls Court Development Company to build on the 40+acre site “with no plans for a football stadium.”

Kensington & Chelsea Council are planning on discussing the planning application in early December.



Paul Canoville and Friends - Christmas Dinner

Our friends at the PCF have recently announced a Christmas Dinner in the Canoville Suite @ Chelsea FC on Thursday 18 December.

Join Paul Canoville & Friends for an unforgettable evening of stories, laughs, and festive cheer at Stamford Bridge.

Joining us we have our Patrons:

- Claire Rafferty - Former Chelsea and England Star
- Omid Djalili - Comedian
- Frederick Afrifa - Former Apprentice Star (S19)
- Pat Nevin - Former Chelsea and Scotland International
- Andy Myers - Former Chelsea Player
- Becky Spencer - Current Chelsea and England International
- And Special Guest.....Now that would be telling!

[Get your tickets here.](#)



Those Were the Days...

Recognising Remembrance and our service personnel

On November 8, prior to our Premier League game against Wolves, the Chelsea Heritage Partnership hosted another successful event at the Stamford Bridge Tea Bar - our themes focusing on our Remembrance commemorations and the 80th anniversary of our game against a touring Dynamo Moscow side.

[Full details can be found here.](#)



The Magic of Blue Christmas Collection

With 700,000 Londoners experiencing loneliness, we're coming together with Chelsea Foundation, Chelsea FC and local charities to donate gifts and raise funds supporting those who may be spending Christmas alone. Help make Christmas a little brighter for those that need it most.

For additional information on how you can donate, [please click here.](#)



Chelsea Disabled Supporters' Association (CDSA)

The CDSA recently elected its inaugural board. Confirmed positions are as follows:

Chair - Diane Akers

Vice-Chair - Darren Williams

Vice-Chair - Kim Holdaway

Tatika Wyre

Membership and Recruitment Member - Margaret Wittich

Lee Field

Ralph Charlwood

Co-Optee - Michael De Kare-Silver

Co-Optee - Alistair Charles Wilkinson

The CDSA would like to thank the CST, Chelsea FC, Hannah Travers (Chelsea FC's Disability Access Officer), and Lara Scott (Chelsea FC's Disability Liaison Officer).

Any supporters who wish to contact the CDSA can do so [via email](#).