



Chelsea Supporters' Trust Newsletter – February 2026

Welcome to the February 2026 edition of the Chelsea Supporters' Trust (CST) newsletter.

Since my last update, the CST Board has continued to work intensively behind the scenes to represent the interests of our members and the wider supporter base in a way that is independent, constructive, and firmly rooted in evidence. As ever, our focus remains on transparency, accountability, and meaningful engagement, recognising that trust between a football club and its supporters cannot be assumed and must be continually earned.

Over recent weeks, we have heard clearly from many supporters about their matchday experiences, their expectations of the club's leadership, and their desire for clearer communication and explanation around key decisions. The CST has sought to reflect those views responsibly and proportionately, ensuring that supporter concerns are raised in the appropriate forums and with the seriousness they deserve.

Engagement works best when it is consistent and genuinely two-way. While there are areas where progress is being made, there remains more to do to close the confidence gap that many supporters continue to feel. The CST will remain firm, fair, and persistent in pressing for improvements, while also recognising and acknowledging positive steps where they are taken.

As always, I am keen to hear directly from members. Your feedback strengthens our work and helps ensure we are accurately representing supporter sentiment. If you would like to meet before a match or arrange a call, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Changes to Ticket Policy 2026/27

The club has publicly confirmed via the Fans' Forum that it will be undertaking a review of its ticketing policy ahead of the 2026/27 season.

The review is expected to cover a number of important areas, including potential changes to the loyalty points system and how points are awarded, ticket forwarding and purchasing requirements and restrictions, season tickets and memberships, possible changes to the Family Stand and its allocation, the potential introduction of balloting for home Members' tickets, and a range of related ticketing matters.

The [minutes from the most recent Fans' Forum meeting can be found here](#).

The Chelsea Supporters' Trust is working hard to ensure that the views of supporters, the wider fanbase and our members are fully and fairly represented throughout all discussions on these issues. Ticketing remains one of the most significant and sensitive matters the CST deals with, and it is therefore vital that the club properly takes into account supporter views before implementing any changes.

We are working closely with our Fan Advisory Board colleagues on this issue and will provide a further

update to members in due course.

Fan Advisory Board Elections

Since my last update, the election process for three new supporter representatives to the Fan Advisory Board (FAB) has concluded.

Neil Beard and Anna Phillips were elected alongside Tracey Chapman. Tracey was nominated by the Chelsea Supporters' Trust and is an outstanding representative who, alongside her fellow FAB members, will bring fresh perspective, strong supporter advocacy and constructive challenge to the Board.

I am incredibly pleased that Tracey has been elected and firmly believe that her involvement will help to strengthen, improve and increase transparency in the relationship between the club and its supporters.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Tracey, Neil and Anna, and in wishing all three every success as they take on their new roles.

The Big Stamford Bridge Sleepout 2026

We are delighted to confirm that this year's Big Stamford Bridge Sleepout will take place on Saturday 28 March, during the international break.

All Chelsea supporters are invited to join us for a night under the stars at Stamford Bridge, raising vital funds for the Stoll Foundation and the Barons Court Project, two outstanding charities working locally to end homelessness and support vulnerable and disabled veterans.

Further information on how to get involved can be found towards the bottom of this newsletter.

Singing Section for Champions League Round of 16 Home Fixture

We Are The Shed have announced that they will be expanding the singing section in the Shed Upper for our upcoming Champions League Round of 16 home fixture.

Following the enormous success of the singing section during the group stages, We Are The Shed have worked closely with Chelsea Football Club to build on this momentum and further enhance the atmosphere on European nights. Season Ticket Holders who want to get involved are encouraged to move their seat into the expanded singing section and be part of a coordinated, vocal show of support for the team.

Season Ticket Holders who would like to take part should register their interest using the form or link below by **10:00 on Thursday 26 February**.

Demand is expected to be high, so early registration is advised.

Supporters who were already located within the singing section during the group stages do not need to take any action, as they will automatically be allocated a seat within the singing section for the next fixture.

[Sign up here!](#)

Chelsea Women vs Arsenal Women – Local Schools Ticket Donations

The Chelsea Supporters' Trust was incredibly proud to support Chelsea Women vs Arsenal Women at Stamford Bridge in January by purchasing and donating 100 tickets to local schools across the borough and surrounding areas.

It was a fantastic day for everyone involved, and we firmly believe it is vital that football remains accessible to young people. Many of us remember our first match, and opportunities like this can make a lasting difference, inspiring the next generation of Chelsea supporters.

We would like to thank the club, the participating schools and everyone who helped make the day such a success.

And finally, the Chelsea Supporters' Trust will continue to work hard on your behalf, representing supporter interests independently, constructively and with integrity. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing engagement, support and trust. It genuinely matters and strengthens everything we do.

Best Wishes,

Dom Rosso - Chelsea Supporters' Trust, Chairman



The Big Stamford Bridge Sleep Out 2026

The Chelsea Supporters' Trust is delighted to announce that the annual Big Stamford Bridge Sleep Out will take place on Saturday 28 March.

Supporters will have the opportunity to sleep out under the East Stand at Stamford Bridge and will raise funds to support [The Stoll Foundation](#) and [Barons Court Project](#).

Last year, Chelsea supporters raised over £30,000 in 2025 and we are hoping to better that in 2026!

Full details, including how to book your place, can be found by [clicking here](#).



Police Operation Following Charlton AFC v Chelsea FC

Following Charlton AFC vs Chelsea FC on 10 January 2026, the Chelsea Supporters' Trust has raised serious concerns about the unannounced holdback, which overshadowed the matchday experience. A letter to the MET Police has been drafted and will be delivered on Thursday 15 January when the CST meet with the MET Police to discuss policing operations.

Key issues noted within the letter include the lack of prior communication, confusion caused by blocked routes, and significant crowd safety and accessibility concerns.

[The full letter can be found here.](#)

It has subsequently been confirmed that a full investigation has been opened into the events of that night. The CST remains in contact with senior leaders at The MET Police and expects an update next month.



Holocaust Memorial Day

On 27 January, the CST was invited to attend a new exhibition entitled 'How Sport Defeated Racism' held in the Tea Bar at Stamford Bridge.

The event to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day was organised by the Chelsea Jewish Supporters Group and highlighted how sport and football has fought racism and antisemitism and featured Chelsea's first black player Paul Canoville and first Jewish manager Avram Grant.

The exhibition displays also featured the Aston Villa team who were booed in Germany in 1938 for refusing to do a Nazi salute before playing a German Select XI, Olympic swimmer Mark Spitz, athlete Jesse Owens at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, Bela Guttmann who survived Nazi concentration camps to go on to successfully coach Benfica to two European Cup wins, the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team and West Indian cricketer Learie Constantine.

Students from Hendon School presented the exhibition which was produced by Yad Vashem UK in conjunction with the Jewish Ethics Project and the plan will be to share it with schools and other football clubs during the year.

Mark Meehan and Rubin Weston attended on behalf of the CST.



Heritage Event

The Chelsea Heritage Partnership were delighted to present its next **Those Were the Days** heritage event.

This time we turned our attention to our formidable women's team and their amazing record in the Women's FA Cup. From our first win in the inaugural playing of the final at Wembley in 2015, to being current holders, our women have brought the trophy home six times.

Special Chelsea Museum memorabilia was on show, alongside images that tell the story of our history in the Women's FA Cup as well as supporter images and footage of some of those finals.

This event took place in the **Stamford Bridge Tea Bar** prior to our WSL game against Arsenal on **Saturday 24th January**.

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