



Chelsea Supporters' Trust Newsletter – January 2026

Happy New Year and welcome to the January 2026 edition of the Chelsea Supporters' Trust (CST) newsletter. I write to you while defrosting following our emphatic victory in the FA Cup against Charlton.

The new year often brings change, and this year is no exception for Chelsea FC, with a change of head coach. The CST would like to thank Enzo Maresca for his service to our club. Those memorable nights in both Wroclaw and New Jersey will live in many of our minds forever.

As we turn the page, we warmly welcome Liam Rosenior and his team to SW6 and wish them every success in their new roles.

Since my last update in December, the CST Board has been working hard behind the scenes to ensure the views of our members and Chelsea supporters are represented independently, responsibly, and transparently, recognising that trust is built through openness, clarity, and sustained engagement.

It has certainly been a challenging start to 2026 both on and off the pitch and I genuinely hope that over the coming weeks, the club's leadership will address the concerns raised by sections of the supporter base.

As always, I am 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.

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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.](#)

In the meantime, all Chelsea supporters are invited to share their experiences with us via email. We will include these accounts in an appendix to accompany the letter. Please email E: enquiries@chelseasupporterstrust.com no later than 09:00 on Thursday 15 January.

January 2026 Survey Response and next steps

The Chelsea Supporters' Trust recently conducted an anonymous survey to capture supporter sentiment on Chelsea FC's ownership and governance. The strong participation provided a valuable snapshot of current supporter concerns, highlighting a significant confidence gap in the club's leadership and transparency.

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

While the survey results reflect longstanding issues rather than short-term concerns, they underscore the need for greater clarity and engagement from the club.

The CST believes the findings highlight a material and ongoing confidence gap between the club and its supporters. Addressing this gap will require clearer explanation, greater transparency, and more meaningful engagement. As a first and necessary step, we urge the club to provide further information and rationale, particularly in areas where supporter confidence is weakest, to help supporters better understand the decisions being taken on their behalf.

Moving forward, the CST will continue to press for enhanced accountability and engagement, ensuring that supporter voices are central in the club's decision-making process.

Fan Advisory Board Elections

On Monday 22 December, Season Ticket Holders and Members received an email from the club inviting them to vote for three new supporter representatives to the Fan Advisory Board (FAB).

As part of the election process, the CST was invited to nominate candidates. We are pleased to confirm that **Tracey Chapman** and **Alistair Charles Wilkinson** are both standing for election and appear on the ballot paper.

Both **Tracey** and **Alistair** are outstanding candidates who would bring fresh perspectives, strong supporter advocacy, and constructive challenge to the FAB. Each has set out a clear and thoughtful vision for how the relationship between the club and its supporters can be strengthened, improved, and made more transparent.

We would strongly encourage members to consider giving Tracey and Alistair their vote.

Voting is open to all Season Ticket Holders and Members (excluding forwarding-only members). Please check junk/spam if you are unable to find the email.

Voting for the election closes on Friday 16 January - If you are unable to find your initial

email/link, please email: chelseafc@uk-engage.org

Ticket Touting

It is really important to acknowledge the excellent work being done by the club in tackling ticket touting. The increased level of activity in this area has not gone unnoticed and is genuinely appreciated by supporters.

Due to the sensitivity of this issue, there is reluctance from the club to provide overly frequent updates or detailed data. The CST firmly believes that there is a sensible middle ground. Semi-regular, for example monthly, updates within an existing newsletter, without releasing sensitive figures, would help reinforce the message that the club is actively addressing this issue. At present, communications are too infrequent and are often missed by supporters. This would be an easy and effective win, and a genuinely positive story for the club to tell. This is an issue the CST will continue to press the club on and hope to provide a positive update in due course.

And finally, as we head into this new year, may it be filled with good health, happiness, and good fortune. It is never quiet at Chelsea FC and this year certainly looks like it will be no different.

Best Wishes,

Dom Rosso - Chelsea Supporters' Trust, Chairman



Vivid Seats: Premier League Response

The CST recently received a response from the Chief Executive of the Premier League, Richard Masters, regarding our correspondence relating to reports connecting Todd Boehly and the ticket exchange and resale company, Vivid Seats. We are in the process of setting up a meeting with Mr Masters to discuss the findings of the Premier League's investigation.

We will provide our members with a comprehensive update in due course and appreciate supporters' patience while we have dealt with this matter.



The Big Stamford Bridge Sleep Out 2026

We are pleased to confirm that The Big Stamford Bridge Sleep Out will take place on Saturday 28 March. Further details to follow.



Chelsea FC and the Chelsea Foundation Christmas Lunch

Before Christmas, Chelsea FC and the Chelsea Foundation held a Christmas lunch at Stamford Bridge for local homeless people and the local community.

Some of the CST board attended and volunteered their time to support the wonderful event.

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



Foodbank

The CST continued our collections for the Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank right through to Christmas, with generous donations received at both men's and women's fixtures at Stamford Bridge. Particular thanks go to Chelsea Women's supporters Basil and Jeanie Goode for their outstanding help and support at the games against London City and Barcelona.

Throughout the festive period, we also made several trips to the Foodbank warehouse in Hammersmith. These donations were made possible thanks to CST member Alison Johnson, who secured vital supplies through the Aldi store where she works. Thank you, Alison.



CST Community Projects and Donations

The CST also made generous donations to several charities over the Christmas period.

We were proud to support the Chelsea Foundation's hugely successful *Magic of Blue* campaign, purchasing

gifts and joining volunteers for an evening of wrapping ahead of their distribution to local families.

We also made a donation to our friends at the Barons Court Project, helping to fund a roof extension to their walk-in premises on Talgarth Road.

And last, but by no means least, we supported the Hammersmith and Fulham Big Christmas Day Lunch, which provided food and companionship for local people in need on Christmas Day.



Heritage Event

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

The event will take place in the Stamford Bridge Tea Bar prior to our WSL game against Arsenal on Saturday 24th January. It will start at 10:00 until 12:15 and is free to enter for match ticket holders. Refreshments will be available.

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

