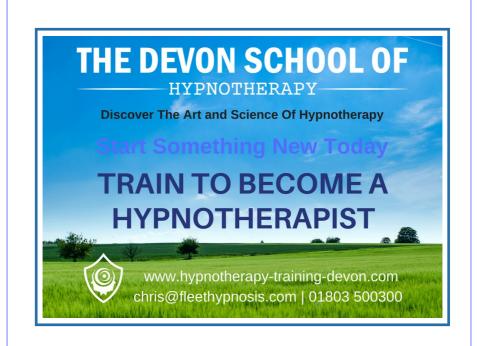
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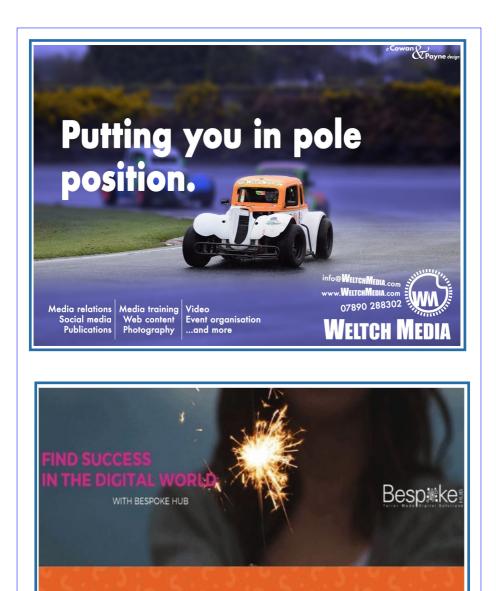






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Who We Are

We are TUST (Torquay United Supporters Trust), a democratic organisation that is committed to safeguarding the long-term future of the largest sporting organisation in the bay, TUFC (Torquay United Football Club).

We are a not-for-profit organisation designed to ensure the sustainability of Torquay United Football Club.



Our aim is continuous development, in that we build, maintain and strengthen community bonds with TUFC. We strive to be the representative voices of our supporters.

We are proud to be a democracy where every member is as valued as the next.

A membership with us entitles you to vote on the direction/s best suited for TUST.







Our Mission Statement

TUST promotes good governance and seeks to ensure the long-term sustainability of our club for the benefit of current and future supporters and the wider community.

Our Objectives

REPRESENTING SUPPORTERS: Being the democratic and representative voice of supporters and strengthening the bonds between the Club and the communities which it serves.

PROMOTING SUPPORTER INFLUENCE: Achieving the greatest possible supporter and community influence in the running and ownership of the Club.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Promoting responsible and constructive community engagement and encouraging the Club to do the same.

GOOD GOVERNANCE: Operating democratically, fairly, sustainably, transparently and with financial responsibility and encouraging the Club to do the same.

BEING INCLUSIVE: Being a positive, inclusive and representative organisation, open and accessible to all supporters of the Club regardless of their age, income, location, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexuality or religious or moral beliefs.

And finally, in summary: We want long term sustainability and good governance for our football club so that we and our successors can enjoy supporting it for generations to come. It is that simple.

A Potted History of TUFC

Founded in 1899, Torquay United has enjoyed an eventful history.



TUFC were elected into the football league at the expense of Aberdare Athletic in 1927. This started an 80 year span of great highs and dashing lows (until 2007).

In the 1986-87 season, United were famously saved from becoming the first club to be relegated to the Conference following the intervention of Bryn, the police dog. During their final game against Crewe Alexandra, Torquay were down 2-1 when Bryn sunk his teeth into the leg of right-back, Jim McNichol. The game was put on hold whilst McNichol received treatment. After the restart, the Gulls secured a late equaliser through Paul Dobson retaining their league status at the expense of Lincoln City.

In 1989 The Gulls became the first of three Devon senior sides to play at Wembley when they reached the Sherpa Van Trophy final. Sadly, they lost to Bolton Wanderers.

During their spell in the league United won promotion on four separate occasions. These included; 1959-60 & 1965-66 promotion from the 'old' division Four under the management of Eric Webber and Frank O'Farrell respectively.





An 'old' division Four play-off final victory over Blackpool at Wembley in 1991, when United became the first side to win a play-off final on penalties And an automatic promotion followed in the 2003-04 campaign under Leroy Rosenior.

In 2009, under Paul Buckle, The Gulls won a promotion from the National League when they beat Cambridge United 2-0 at Wembley to clinch a return to the



Unfortunately, United's second stint in the Football League only lasted five years, as they were relegated from League Two at the end of 2013-14 season. Four years later, and after two great escape seasons (2015-16 and 2016-17) they were relegated from the Vanarama National League to Vanarama National League South only to bounce back at the first attempt under the inspirational leadership of Gary Johnson who guided United to a first Championship in 92 years.

Gary Johnson's next goal is to help our club to regain a place back in the English Football league, an ambition shared by every supporter and the many friends of Torquay United F.C

THE TUST IAN TWITCHIN MEMORIAL AWARD



Ian Twitchin sadly left us in December, 2017 after many years of distinguished service both to Torquay United Football Club and to local football. The TUST Ian Twitchin award was an idea put forward and eventually supported by some very generous TUST members, who wished to commemorate our local legend in a permanent way.

It was decided, together with lan's family, that a perpetual shield and individual trophy should be awarded to the TUFC player who has, appropriately, made the most first team appearances each season.

Ian served our club as a boy and as a man, from the age of 12 years old, when he first pulled on a gold and blue shirt, to the age of 31 when he retired as a professional footballer. He was a 'one club local man,' who continued to put something back into local football until his untimely death. A committed, extremely fit, adept, multipositional footballer, who

was the model team man, liked and respected by all who met or watched him play.

He played for the TUFC first team from 1970 until 1981, making 435 first team appearances, the fourth highest in the club's history. On his professional retirement, he continued to entertain us at Minehead, Newton Abbot and Teignmouth football clubs for many years, then continuing as a regular spectator at local matches, until his untimely passing.

For the 2018-19 season, it was a pleasure for Laura Twitchin on behalf of her family, and for TUST, to present this inaugural award to Liam Davis. His outstanding achievement of appearing in every match during our championship winning campaign was extremely significant in helping the TUFC team win the title. The event was appropriately held at Boots and Laces, Plainmoor and our thanks go to the club and lovely staff for making this possible, as well as to his colleagues and friends who joined us to celebrate both these men's special contributions to our club's history.

THE GOLD AND BLUE

Those four towering beacons beckoned, high above the sands and sweeping seas Above the rolling, undulating hills, as signals beaming a golden glow Towards the rugged heights of Dartmoor, downwards to the clustered town below Spreading their alluring star like blaze along the coast in every direction.

One young Teignmouth boy, already under the spell of the round ball game,

Took his first steps towards the Gold and Blue, in the heady years of the rock and roll sixties

With a passion fixed on the game he loved, adept, proficient, with un-abounding energy,

With a desire to develop his craftsmanship, keeping his eyes and mind fixed on his goal.

After 5 years of dedication, work and service in the Gulls cause

The sixties just turning to the seventies, the world slowly changing

This young local man took centre stage on the platform of his dreams

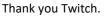
The crowds drawing in, as bees to the honey, to delight in the shows they witnessed.

Twitch, longish haired by now, was immediately taken to by the yellow army

In their thousands, stacking down the Pop side, the old stand creaking and stamping clamorously

The Cow shed, the Mini stand, reeking of cigar and pipe smoke, emitting its own brand of thunder

All part of this young man's early experiences in the limelight, under those four towering beacons, always there, as he was...



Written by Michel Thomas









Individual Membership

Help us build a better Torbay

TUST strives positively to place fans in a position to work constructively with the club, associated individuals and businesses.

Our aim is to positively engage and build relationships between supporters, TUFC and the surrounding community.

Your membership will allow us to continue shaping TUST in a way that is both fair and inclusive.

By becoming a member of TUST you are not only supporting our team but the community around you.

There are many benefits of becoming a member with TUST including;

- Having a say in what the TUST does for you and members ensuring all voices are heard.
- A democratic vote on the direction/s best suited for the TUST
- Regular updates via our digital team and newsletters
- Supporting TUFC related community initiatives
- Discounts from corporate members
- Partnering with vested local businesses



Corporate Membership

Help us build a better Torbay

Being a corporate member of TUST is a unique opportunity for you and your business to be involved. We are a community first initiative that aims to ensure the population of Torbay (and beyond) have a football club they are proud to support.

Do you know the financial benefit a thriving football club brings to a local community?

The actual economic value to the community that a well-supported football club brings with it is inestimable. There has been no official research on this, however some statistics are worth mentioning, based on EFL, Wikipedia and Torquayfanstats figures.

The average total attendance for home matches in 2013-14 season, our most recent one in the football league, was 2,970, we should consider this was low as we were relegated!

The average number of away fans visiting Plainmoor that year was 441, totaling 10,143 for league matches.

This then added to our local economy an estimated yearly total of:-

*Circa £660,000 to £1,168,000

The average per home game being:-

*Circa £28,700 to £57,780



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*Those figures are based on all the facts we have been able to gather from the above sites and from away supporter's feedback.

Secondly, it is a well-known fact that a significant number of away supporters plan a one, or sometimes, two days overnight stay. Therefore, as well as the cost of the tickets and their match day spend in the area, the higher amount reflects the many who also pay for overnight accommodation. There is also the extra spend in shops, restaurants and pubs etc., which is unaccountable...

Thirdly, and maybe most importantly, many of the away fans tell us they return for group or family holidays after having sampled the delights of the English Rivera on a first visit to Torquay United F.C.

Finally, this only include league games, cup ties can obviously bring extra revenue.

At the beginning of the 2018-19 season, it is worth nothing that Cardiff City brought down over 800 supporters for a pre-season friendly.

Become a member and help us build a better Torbay

Benefits of becoming a corporate member include;

- Advertising through our website, social media channels, e-mails and in printed materials
- Targeted marketing to home and away supporters
- Sponsorship opportunities for TUFC related community initiatives
- Regular Newsletters and Bulletins
- Sponsorship opportunities for events and competitions
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Membership Options

TUST is proud to offer two levels of membership:

Individual

TUST works on a very simple membership structure of £2 per month.

Monthly Membership	Annual Membership
£2.00	£24.00

Through demand, we are pleased to offer the opportunity for current and prospective members to increase their contributions.

Corporate

We have decided on a simple structure for our corporate membership.

Annual Membership

£50.00



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Torquay United Community Sports Trust



Torquay United Community Sports Trust exists to provide opportunities for all sections of our community, using sport and healthy living to drive up aspiration and participation.

We pride ourselves in showing professionalism in everything we do, offering a consistent quality service, building new partnerships across the community and working closely with Torquay United Football Club.

It is a great honour to be the charitable arm of Torquay United, celebrating the rich history of our football club, while forging a new and inclusive relationship with the whole community.

We want to grow engagement with all sectors of society and use the incredible power of sport to inspire people of all ages and abilities to reach their personal goals.

What we offer; Community Football for all ages, Holiday Club Provision, Education, Social Inclusion and Health and Wellbeing.





Will these young people become footballing stars of the future, or regular supporters of our club? Remember the TQ1 club is open for all to join!



Torquay United Community Sports Trust



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How We Use Your Contributions

Your valuable membership & contributions enable TUST to carry out vital work and to ensure it's future success.

"Without you we would simply not exist"

These include, but are not limited to:

- Insurances Indemnity cover, membership fees for organisations such as Supporters Direct, and legal/professional fees.
- Marketing; design and print of information.
- Enlisting professional support in ensuring the long term sustainability of TUFC.
- Venue hire i.e. AGM/SGM's and projects aimed at not only sustainability and governance of Torquay United Football Club, but also supporter unity.

The vast majority of membership monies have centred on building a fund for our future to be used in pursuance of our long term goals, and giving us access to a wide range of professional supporter resources and services. Further more, SD and FSF now have 2 members on the FA council.

Our current focus is not only on finance, but also on supporting TUFC related community initiatives and increasing club members, although the two go hand in hand.

"Your membership contributions are crucial in enabling us to support the hard work and dedication of TUST and its members."

Matt Gorman — Strategy Team



Torquay United Ladies, September 17th 2009 Intes (tsons Kitson In Kitsor W wts

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How TUST and TUFC Support the Community

TUST believes that working with the community positively impacts Torbay. We support TUFC/TUCST community related outreach initiatives, inclusive of all ages, genders and abilities.

Both home and away supporters attending home matches support the bay by;

Dining in our local restaurants | drinking in our local bars/pubs/clubs | staying overnight in one of our many beautiful hotels and B&B's | shopping in our local town/s | utalising our public and private transport | returning for a weekend or a family holiday after their first visit



"Many away supporters I have spoken to over the years have said that they stay in Torbay for a long weekend. Furthermore, this first experience has led to a return visit to the bay, to holiday with family and friends."

Michel Thomas



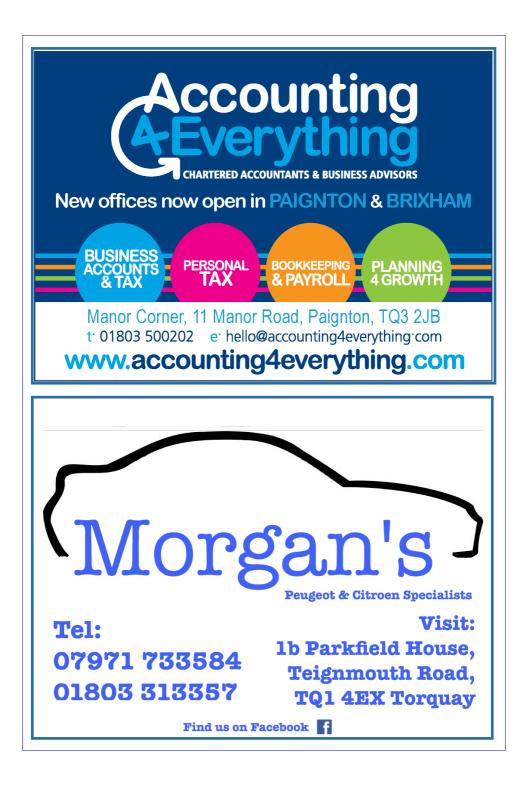


Membership Application

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The simplest way to apply for membership is via our website at <u>www.tust.co.uk</u> and click on the "Join" tab where all options are clearly signposted. Alternatively you can fill in and post this application to us together with your payment by cheque made payable to "Torquay United Supporters Trust". Upon receipt of your application we will contact you to confirm your membership. Please forward your application to the address on the back page.



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