



Disabled Supporters Association

Youth Ambassador

We are delighted to announce that **Laith Ritchie**, a life long Burnley fan, is to be proposed at the next General Meeting for the position of Youth Ambassador on the BDSA Steering Committee - this role will keep us oldies well and truly up to date with the younger generation! He would enjoy hearing the views of our younger supporters with a disability. Our Editor in Chief - Kevin - will be vetting any ideas that younger supporters submit - to make sure they are not planning a take over of the Steering Committee!!!!

AccessAbility

At the Premier League Disability Advisory Group meeting on 8th May, attendees had a presentation from AccessAble. This is a free to download app that has comprehensive access guides to sporting venues, and many many other venues. It has detailed access information and a huge amount of detail for anyone with a disability to plan a visit. Take a look and let us know what you think.

AccessAble.co.uk

Hi Everyone,

It's been a busy, and challenging few weeks. The Steering Committee have been working hard behind the scenes to progress the profile of the BDSA since its formation on 27th February 2019.

The Steering Committee are delighted to announce that we now have our own website - bfcdsa.com

We are very proud of Nigel Cotterill, our Treasurer and 'IT' Guru for working so incredibly hard to put in place, a website that is operational and functional, and has lots of information about the BDSA.

The BDSA is your official link with Burnley FC. Therefore, it is really important that you use the website forum to express your views. THE BDSA WILL REPRESENT YOUR VIEWS TO THE CLUB.

We also have a Facebook account and an official BFCDSA Twitter account - @bfcdsa - enabling our Members to chat, and keep up to date with the DSA and the Football Club, even though we are in the closed season.

We are looking for stories, photographs, comments, suggestions about ways to improve the information we provide for our Members. If you have a contribution please forward it to Kevin, our Editor in Chief, at chair@bfcdsa.com

When the postponed General Meeting is rearranged, we all can meet, and the Steering Committee can update you on progress on fund raising and sponsorship.

We hope you have a great summer and look forward to the new season and the opening of the new Stands.

Kevin

Kevin Holden (Chair)

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Cumulative Survey

At the PLDAG meeting a discussion took place concerning feedback from away supporters on grounds they visit. Your experiences of your treatment, the facilities and access at the ground you visit. The only way to improve the quality of the experience is to supply feedback - positive and negative - and maybe conditions and facilities will improve to make everyone's experience a better one.

The PLDAG Disability Advisory Group would encourage supporters who intend to travel to away games to give feedback via this link:-

<http://www.pldag.co.uk/projects/cumulative-survey-responses>

At the end of a season we can access the information and inform the clubs if they are improving the experience for away fans.

Thank you.

Your help is very much appreciated.

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PLDAG meeting - 8th May 2019

Our Chair, Kevin Holden, attended this meeting of the Premier League Disability Advisory Group, which was held at Anfield Stadium, and hosted by Liverpool Football Club.

This is an organisation of Disability Supporters Associations representing their Premier League clubs. The purpose of the meetings, which are held every six months, is drive improvements in Accessible Stadia Guidelines and assess the progress of Premier League Club compliance in meeting disability guidelines and legislation., and to to keep clubs informed of changes in, and progress of, disability legislation.

Sixteen Premier League Disabled Supporters Associations, along with Premier League officials, were represented and it was an opportunity to meet, discuss and debate the issues that have a direct impact on, supporters with disabilities and their football clubs. It's a forum for gathering knowledge, challenging authorities and Clubs - and ensure that attending a football match is a positive, equal and inclusive experience for all football supporters with a disability.



LEVEL PLAYING FIELD

Our Treasurer Nigel Cotterill and his wife Jackie attended this meeting which was hosted by Manchester United. Level Playing Field promotes a positive and inclusive experience for all sports fans. The forums are held at various Clubs throughout the UK and consists of a variety of speakers who share their experiences with Disability Supporters Associations and their engagement with their Club, this gives the DSA's the ability to take notes, share best practice with each other and then feed this back into the Club.

The BDSA will be looking forward to engaging with Burnley FC over the summer months to share their experiences at these forums, and to start the process of achieving realistic targets throughout the 2019/20 season.