

# Hull City DSA



## Newsletter

From the Chair:

**Hello and welcome to the August edition of the newsletter!**

It's a slightly shorter read this month – we're keeping it lean during the final days of summer – but rest assured, we'll be back in full flow by September. With the new season fast approaching, excitement (and maybe a few nerves!) is definitely in the air. The close season has thrown up its fair share of challenges, but now it's time to look forward and get behind the lads once again. Let's hope for a strong start on the pitch!

There's some great news to kick off the season: the DSA is proud to announce a brand-new partnership with the Hull City Supporters Trust. This collaboration is already proving promising, and we're working closely together on joint initiatives that we believe will really benefit our members and the wider fanbase.

Mark your calendars – Wednesday 27th August is our Annual General Meeting, which will take place at The Tigers Trust starting at 3.30pm. It's a key event in the DSA calendar, where board positions will be voted on and a new board will begin its work to build on last year's momentum. Details can be found in the Members' booklet along with a nomination form – we'd love to see as many of you involved as possible.



**Welcome, to this month's Hull City DSA Newsletter**



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From the Chair, continued:

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank two of our outgoing board members, Peter Tarbitten and Michaela Westerman, for their dedication and contributions. Your work has made a real difference – thank you both!

In more exciting news, the DSA has been nominated for a Fans for Diversity award! It's a huge honour to be recognised, and we'll find out the results at the awards ceremony on Friday 26th September at The Emirates Stadium. Fingers crossed!

As always, we're keen to hear your ideas for sponsorship and fundraising – if you've got something in mind or want to get involved, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at matches throughout the season.

Up the Tigers

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Ollie Harsley:

My Cumbrian Holiday



Back in June, I managed to enjoy a fantastic week away with my family. We made the around three and a half/four-hour journey all the way to a cottage in Cumbria. Specifically, we were based near Bewcastle and had the pleasure of seeing some wonderful countryside views.

It was a good chance to get away from the usual chaos surrounding City. I'd only recently made my way back to X after just shy of a year away from the platform and had immediately thrown myself right back into it. I missed being able to interact with a lot of wonderful people, so that played a huge part in enticing me back.

Despite being on holiday, I kept myself in the loop on City related matters when possible. It just consisted of me looking on the #hcafc feed and then posting whatever popped into my mind. I always like to try and bring a sense of calmness to proceedings along with a little bit of sarcasm smuggled in there as well. You need that humour when things get a bit heated and tense. I like to both praise and critique aspects of the club and inject some nuance into the debate.

Over the course of my holiday, I got to visit a varied list of places. These included Carlisle, Gretna Green, Keswick and Dumfries.

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One thing I learnt from my trip to the latter was that it's the place where Scottish club Queen of the South are based. I'd always wondered about that and I finally had the answer to the question that was in my head for quite a long time. There'll be a sense of satisfaction whenever I next see the club's results on Soccer Saturday and Final Score.

I was sat outside a coffee shop in the centre of Dumfries when I asked my Dad to look and see what City's fixtures looked like for the 2025/26 season. Finding out that Coventry away was the first league game was quite okay. I expected something like Blackburn away, so it wasn't far off really in the realms of pure excitement. The Hollywood glamour of Wrexham was our Carabao Cup First Round adventure.

Even though I was away, I still wanted to keep myself occupied with some sort of writing to avoid any rustiness when I returned home. I sought some feedback on a couple of pieces from fellow City supporter Benedict Ferraby. I've admired Benedict's own individual journey throughout the years and have had many good conversations with him. As a writer for Football League World, I saw him as someone that would provide great advice and constructive feedback. He did exactly that and helped me to find more ways to improve how I write. I'm still grateful to him for taking the time to read the pieces I sent through.

Overall, it was a lovely holiday for myself. I absolutely relished the chance to relax and recharge the batteries. It's always important to rest up from time to time because I like to throw myself completely into endeavours that I'm really passionate about. This includes writing articles like this and I'll never get tired or bored of doing it. If anything, it's a perfect venture for myself because I'm having regular output and contributing something useful to the DSA.

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