## So just what is the County Supporters' Trust?

currently consists of seven elected

THE Newport County AFC Supporters' Trust is one of more than 140 Supporters' Trusts that exist under the national umbrella of Supporters' Direct.

The Trust was originally formed in 2001, and took a controlling stake in the football club in October 2015 following a community share issue which saw County supporters raise a magnificent £236,000 in just a month. Since then, Newport County AFC has been a supporter-owned club.

The Supporters' Trust Board



and two co-opted directors.

As the Trust is the majority

shareholder in the club, all nine

Your Trust/Club elected di-

Trust directors are also registered

with the Football League as direc-

#### Bar Amber opening hours

THE Supporters' Trust runs Bar Amber @ The Ivy Bush in Clarence Place. All profits are donated to the Club. Run by the fans, for the fans. Our opening hours:

Thursday: 5pm-11pmFriday: 5pm-11.30pm

• Saturday: 10am-11.30pm

● Sunday: 10am-11pm

rectors are: Gavin Foxall, Shaun Johnson, Mike Everett, Ryan

Courtney, Colin Faulkner, Bob Herrin and Kevin Ward. The co-opted directors are Mark Crook and Peter Madigan.

More details about the Trust here: www.ncafctrust.org



### **New Membership Tiers & Fees**

· Headlines of the new membership below

tors of the club.

- More detail available on website: www.ncafctrust.org
- It is a tiered membership and it includes the tiers below the one chosen

Area	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Ex Pats	Corporate
Cost per month	£5	£10	£20	£50	£25	£1000 p/y
Benefit	Owner	Members Card	Golden ticket draw	Player appearance at business or club	Regular communication – exclusive video from manager or player each month	Logo advertised on Club & Trust websites, team sheets & Trust programme page
Benefit	Regular Trust news	Local area discount	One hospitality game	Opportunity to purchase Cup Final tickets *	Voting rights	Advertorial in 2 programmes
Benefit	Voting rights	5% shop discount		Director for a day plus one guest	Bespoke Members card	Player appearance at business
Benefit	Priority tickets	Invites to 2 open training sessions			Bespoke clothing	2 places in Boardroom for home match
					One hospitality game	

## How you can help the Trust help your Club

THERE are a variety of ways in which County supporters can help the Trust.

The more money raised by the Trust, the bigger the budget available for the manager every season.

Additional funds already raised this season through membership upgrades and profits from Bar Amber @ The Ivy Bush meant the Trust was able to fund, along with matched funding from individual directors, the return of former captain Joss Labadie to the club.

**BECOME A MEMBER:** A new tiered system of Trust membership has been introduced.

This is explained in more detail in the table above.

Bronze: £5 a month; Silver: £10 a month; Gold: £20 a month; Platinum: £50+ a month. There is also a membership package for Ex-Pat supporters at £25 a month. Corporate membership is available at £1,000 a year or £600 for six months.

More details here www.ncafc-trust.org/join

EASYFUNDRAISING: Join easyfundraising and you can collect free donations for the Trust (and therefore the Club) every time you buy something online.

It won't cost you a penny extra. Just start your online shopping first at www.easyfundraising.org. uk/causes/ncafctrust/, then shop as normal.

Retailers will then make a small donation to say 'thank you'.

There are more than 3,200 retailers to choose from and so far this scheme has raised almost £18,500 for the Trust.

For more information, contact Andrew Perry here: easytrust1@ hotmail.com

**VOLUNTEER:** The Trust and the Club appreciates the many outstanding volunteers who give up their time to help in a variety of ways. If you have the time and skills you think could benefit the club, then please email info@ncafctrust.org

Please do not use the Trust email to make enquiries about Club-related issues.

# Our new corporate member



• County boss Michael Flynn and midfielder Robbie Willmott with Trust director Colin Faulkner (far right) and Richard Young of R W Cole Opticians

THE Trust is delighted to announce that R W Cole Opticians has become the first new corporate member since we announced the new membership scheme.

The business, based in Commercial Road, was opened in 1955 by Mr Bob Cole, a wartime RAF pilot who won the Distinguished Flying Cross.

In the early days of the NHS, waiting times for glasses sometimes stretched into months so Mr Cole took the decision to add a workshop to the practice so that glasses could be glazed on site.

He would work through the day examining the eyes of his patients, then in the evenings he would man the machinery to make up the glasses ready to be picked up the following day.

Mr Cole retired in the mid-1990s and the practice is now managed by David Suller, a technician who has been with the company for nearly 40 years, and Richard Young, an optician who started working with Mr Cole in 1992.

Four years ago the practice became the first in Newport to use Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) technology to image the back of the eye and scan below the surface of the retina to detect early signs of eye disease.

R W Cole provides a comprehensive eye care service, including fitting all types of contact lenses, safety glasses, myopia control, home visits, onsite industrial examinations, low vision devices and emergency appointments for patients with acute eye problems.

Richard has been a lifelong supporter of Newport County and is a season ticket holder. He is delighted that R W Cole Opticians can play a part in helping County to move onwards and upwards with a clear vision of promotion in their sights.