**WYCOMBE WANDERERS SPORTS AND EDUCATION TRUST**

**MONTHLY REPORT FOR WYCOMBE WANDERERS TRUST – April 2022**

**Trustees**

There are 8 Trustees on the Trustee Board of WWSET. Yvette Thomas and I represent Wycombe Wanderers Trust; Ian Keizner and Adam Velasco represent WWFC, and Karen Adams Robinson, Gina Allan, Dave Cove and Derek Lobelock are independent members. Dave Cove is the Interim Chair. The Board last met on 26th March.

This report summarises the current and recent activities of WWSET and the input of your Trust representatives.

**Equality Diversity & Inclusion**

WWSET’s Equaliteam, on which I have been Trustee representative, has unfortunately not met for a while, but both Paul Foley (Head of WWSET) and I attend WWFC’s Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Safeguarding Group which meets monthly.

**Trustee Responsibilities**

As an outcome of preparation work for the submission of WWSET’s Capability Code of Practice, the following Lead Trustee appointments have been made:

Safeguarding: Karen Adams Robinson

EDI: Peter Lerner

Environmental Sustainability: Adam Velasco

**Green Street**

Following the disappointing outcome of WWSET’s bid for the Green Street premises, contact is still taking place with Bucks Council and with Steve Baker MP, about the possibility of alternative facilities.

**Staffing**

Head of Inclusion & Cohesion: Luke Godfrey has been in post since mid-January.

Head of Fundraising & Communications: Mark Fawkes has left WWSET for a role at Bucks Council and the post is being advertised.

**Big Community Takeaway**

WWSET have recently concluded a 5-week funded project supporting the BCT with their food delivery service to those facing food poverty/insecurity. Food has been prepared at Adams Park by a BCT chef, and distributed to families living in the HP10, 11 and 12 postcodes. Following the 5-weeks the hope is that the food deliveries will continue on a more sustained basis but this will depend on the data collected during the pilot which will hopefully demonstrate a continued need. For further information follow this link: https://www.wwset.co.uk/uncategorized/bigcommunitytakeaway/

**Ramadan Fixture**

WWSET worked In partnership with Wycombe Wanderers Trust to ensure the success of this project, at the WWFC vs Doncaster Rovers match on 2nd April, highlighting the need to better engage the local Asian/Islamic population in activities at Adams Park, via the hosting of a dedicated Ramadan fixture on 2nd April to tie in with the beginning of Ramadan.

WWSET made use of their contacts with Wycombe Mosque and as a result over 300 people from the Asian / Islamic community attended and enjoyed the football. The event coincided with the opening of WWFC’s Multi Faith Room and the introduction of Halal food on matchdays at Adams Park.

**Stadium Days**

During February and March, WWSET welcomed Carrington, Disraeli, Our Lady, and Lane End Junior Schools to Adams Park to take part in termly Collapsed Curriculum Days.

As part of WWSET’s Premier League Primary Stars and Future Goals programmes, 360 children from partner schools were given the opportunity to extend their learning via workshops based around internet safety, train and railway safety, racism awareness, plus they got a sneak peek behind the scenes on a stadium tour of Adams Park. WWSET were also grateful to be joined via Zoom by Wycombe Wanderers first team players, Daryl Horgan and Adam Przybek, who took part in Q&A discussions with the children.

A class teacher at one of the schools which were involved had this to say about the stadium visits: “Our visit to Adams Park was a great success. Tackling topics such as Internet safety, railway safety and racism is vital for the children and to do this in a football setting outside of the classroom really showed our pupils the importance of these issues in the real world. The stadium tour was great. One child, a lifelong Wanderers fan, was moved to tears when she saw the home dressing room. It was a heart-warming moment and many of our football-loving pupils have never stepped inside a stadium before. The staff were all friendly and enthusiastic. Thanks for a great day.”

As a Governor at Lane End School, I am also pleased to report that their pupils had a wonderful time and are asking for further contact with Wycombe Wanderers.

**Annual Report**

WWSET recently published their 2020-21 annual report which can be viewed here: https://www.wwset.co.uk/about-us/annual-reports/

**HAF Funding**

Following the success of their first Holiday and Food Camp which ran at Xmas, WWSET have now gained funds to offer another camp during Xmas 2022 which will be football based plus offer a dance camp in order to expand the offering.

The camps are funded by Buckinghamshire Council and will take place at Cressex School.

**Skateboarding Project**

The skateboarding project has continued to go from strength to strength over the 10 weeks it has been delivered and has recently concluded.

WWSET are carefully starting to gather the participation and impact data, plus explore plans for continuation. One positive outcome that has already been confirmed is the fact that Millbrook Primary School, where the sessions take place, have loved the idea so much that they are starting an after-school club for their own pupils using the coach who was introduced to them by WWSET.

**Human Library**

WWSET and Buckinghamshire Libraries teamed up with the Human Library, an international organisation and movement, to hold an event in High Wycombe Library from 10am to 2pm on Saturday 2nd April 2022.

The Human Library is a collection of individual human beings – or ‘books’ – drawn from different minority or marginalised groups in the community, that have somehow been exposed to stigma, misunderstanding or discrimination. The Human Library is a safe space where members of the public can rent out the ‘book’ for 30 mins and ask all those questions they’ve always wanted to ask and open a conversation in which they can gain meaningful insight into the lives of the people they are talking to. Each Human Library event is designed to facilitate interactions that challenge stereotypes and prejudice through conversation. During each 30-minute conversation, members of the public as ‘readers’ can access, encounter and engage with the life stories of each human ‘book’, by asking questions and by listening to the answers.

WWSET are delighted to announce that we have become the first professional club to work with the Human Library in the United Kingdom and underpins our desire to grow our Social Inclusion related activities.

**All Quarters**

All Quarters meetings continue to be facilitated and administered by Paul Foley and have amassed a hard-working core group of experts in the fields of EDI, Disability, Womens’ and Girls’ issues, and the needs of people from the LGTB+ communities. They continue to be held at Adams Park on the first Tuesday of every month (6.30pm: also via Zoom) and Directors of both WW Trust and WWFC have been present at both meetings, enabling some of the good ideas to be escalated. The April meeting was also pleased to welcome Joe Jacobson whose input was valuable.

Please contact me if you need any more information.

**Peter Lerner: 25th April 2022**