

# SPIRIT OF SHANKLY

NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS

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## Update from SOS Chair Paul Khan



### Meeting SOS members

Some of our management committee and I were out meeting members and LFC fans before our first game of the season at Hotel Anfield. It was great to talk to people and answer their questions about SOS, and to recruit new members and sell SOS t-shirts and badges.

We hope to do more of this during the season.

We will be at *Taggy's Bar* on Anfield Road before the Villa game on 3 September. If you're in the area, come and say hello. Hope to see you there!



## Tragedy chanting

Work continues with the FSA and football authorities to eradicate tragedy chanting from football.

**SOS Committee and FSA Council member Joe Blott took part in a discussion with Jamie Carragher and others for Sky Sports News.**

**Joe spoke of the impact of abusive chants and of plans to eradicate it. This aired on 29 August.**



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## News In Brief

### Ticketing update

We continue to work with the club on behalf of our members on any ticketing issues you may have or need support in resolving. In particular, we are aware of concerns raised in relation to the members' sale and have stayed in dialogue with LFC over these concerns and the impact on supporters. Based on feedback, we have made some recommendations to the ticket office regarding how these sales might be improved in future.

### Europa League draw

We're all excited for the Europa League draw on Friday and the opportunity to visit different cities. Ahead of these games we'll link in with LFC regarding any concerns for our travelling support.

### Working with Supporter Trusts

We work closely with other Supporter Trusts, sharing pertinent information to ensure that any potential issues for our members are flagged as soon as possible.

### Polling members

In the coming months we will be seeking your opinion on a range of issues to ensure we provide the best representation for you when in discussion with the club. **Please ensure your SOS membership is up-to-date to enable you to fully participate in any votes we hold.**

## Community Update

- We are looking to expand our community programme this year. With the help of *The Church*, which has acted as a base for us, we have been able to introduce local youngsters to various activities.
- Creative Balance and LIPA graduates have delivered a very successful Arts Club, Youth Theatre and guitar tuition.
- The weekly Welfare Rights Session continues to be a valuable resource for the local community.
- In the autumn we aim to introduce health screening and 'open days' in Anfield, following liaison with Professor Matt Ashton, Director of Public Health at Liverpool City Council. Details to follow.
- We regularly attend Anfield Improvement District meetings and will continue to, in order to strengthen our links with the community.



## Liverpool FC Women's Team

Following on from the Women's World Cup, the Women's Super League kicks off with Liverpool away to Arsenal at the Emirates on 1 October at 2pm. With several additions to the squad over the summer, it promises to be an exciting season for the women's team and SOS look forward to going to watch them.

**The LFC Women's team play the derby at Anfield on 15 October at 2pm, although this may change due to TV scheduling. Tickets are £10 for adults and £1 for children.**

**There promises to be a great atmosphere and we encourage all members to join us in supporting the Reds at home.**

## Travel news

We've had two successful away trips on the SOS coach already this season - one to Chelsea and another to Newcastle.

**We are now planning for Wolves away on 16 September.**

**Watch out for details on the SOS website: [spiritofshankly.com](http://spiritofshankly.com)**