

# CUSC TRAVEL NEWS

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## History v Progress

A move away from Brunton Park may not be to everyone's taste. Here are a few facts and some concerns that may assist you in your deliberations.

Below are details given to the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting of CUFC (1921) Limited on 17th November 2011.

**FACT** Brunton Park is in need of a total revamp

**FACT** The site is not suitable for redevelopment as a football ground

but if it was

**FACT** It would take several millions (reported as 20m) to revamp the current site suitable for Championship standard.

**FACT** The incomplete infrastructure of the East Stand has design limitations

**FACT** The East Stand is off centre to the pitch, a third of the stand has a limited view .

**FACT** Facilities at BP are inadequate, old fashioned and sad

**FACT** The player facilities leave much to be desired

**FACT** Parking at the ground is limited, as is street parking in the vicinity of BP

**FACT** During heavy rains the main car park is under water therefore not fit for purpose

**FACT** The comfort provided to the supporter when watching a game is virtually non existent

**FACT** The main (West) stand is predominately a wooden seating area. No longer acceptable post the Bradford FC fire

**FACT** The floodlighting at BP is only just acceptable for 1st division

**FACT** Investment would be required for new floodlighting should Carlisle reach the Championship and above

**FACT** The media facilities are not up to requirements for any division higher than the 1st

**FACT** A move away from Brunton Park must not mean that CUFC started life in the year 20++

**FACT** Some fans will not be pleased with a move away from Brunton Park our home for over 100 years, they may find any change difficult and their point of view should be considered - better to take them along with any move than lose a supporter.

- Since moving to the site at Brunton Park in 1909 history is continually being created and a move away from our current home will become part of that history.
- All the following depends on Carlisle City Council granting planning permission for a new site to be developed (Kingmoor Park). The Carlisle United stadium will not be the only structure to be developed on the preferred area at Kingmoor Park.

Some further information given as a result of questions being asked at the meeting on the 17th:

- It is hoped that planning permission will be granted in 2012
- If that was the case work on the stadium could start immediately
- Approximate time line for complete development 3 years. It was said that the completion of a stadium could be carried out in as little as 1 year
- The new stadium to be a 12,000 all seater
- Full disabled facilities
- The cost of building the stadium and equipping the site will be borne by the developer giving Carlisle United FC an asset of approximately 16million
- The stadium will be owned by Carlisle United FC, the freehold may be held by the City Council.
- The revenue from the sale and development of the total area of Brunton Park would be available to Carlisle United Football Club (1921) Ltd.

- The facilities for players i.e. changing rooms, physio facilities, gym, practice pitches etc would be to a very high specification
- Media facilities would be much improved and suitable for Premiership football
- Function/meeting rooms available for hire
- Catering facilities improved
- Administration facilities including ticket and booking offices easily accessible
- Club shop to be purpose built and incorporated within the stadium but accessible on non match days
- Footylink - Stagecoach provide a service to supporters from identified areas of the city and outlying areas for a nominal fee - this would expand to allow fans to access the Footie rider from a number of locations in and around the city.
- Retail outlet facilities on the site adjacent to the stadium.

It's hoped that the following will be considered and included on the new site:

- Family stand
- Electronic Score board(s)
- 2 large screens at each end of the ground to play re-runs of goals etc
- Lifts to levels within the stadium
- Function suites available within stadium
- Parking for several hundred vehicles
- First Aid facilities to include an immediate treatment room
- Admittance by electronically controlled bar-coding
- Corporate boxes
- Sponsor facilities
- Bars and catering facilities with seating area
- Full media coverage of sport for supporters prior to, during ½ time and on completion of the match
- On site betting facility
- Community involvement section
- Supporter group facilities
- Transport from car park to stadium for disabled supporters
- Public House facilities located on the retail park.

Almost every new ground that was previously located in the heart of a city have relocated to a site on the edge or outside the city. What we have with the chosen site is its excellent position on the main

arterial route (M6) and the junction of the new West Cumbrian link with the M6, and if they ever get planning permission, links to Carlisle airport.

**Taking history with you** - It's hoped that some of the history we take will be in the form of our previous heroes of the game, such as the naming of stands.

It would be nice to name two stands after former players - one the **Ross/Balderstone stand**, the other the **Ivor Broadis Stand**. Whilst its accepted that sponsorship is paramount in this day and age, surely we can name at least two of the stands after former players. Alan Ross is the longest serving player in CUFC history. Chris Balderstone in his day was a sporting hero not only a giant at CUFC but also a noted cricketer and umpire. Ivor Broadis played for England in the great days of Finney and Mathews. Broadis a player and manager of Carlisle , selling himself to Sunderland to ease the financial crisis at Carlisle United. The statue of Hughie will I am sure figure prominently at any new stadium. Prospective sponsors should be proud to sponsor a stand named after a former player and link their name with that of that player or players.

The current facilities in the names of Ross, Balderstone and McVittie are tacky and in the case of Ross & Balderstone only accessible to those frequenting the home end of the East Stand. The 3' x 3' board covering an unused window area of the West stand, (covered on match days by the burger van) states - "The Cumberland Building Society Stand, formally the Ivor Broadis Stand". This is not just tacky it's a disgrace to a former player, legend in his time and someone who made his home in our city.

### **Bricks in the Wall**

The bricks in the wall will need to be removed and transferred to the new site. This would be an opportunity to re-launch the scheme first suggested and launched by the United Trust.

### **All good and doable up to now but there has to be CAUTION**

Brunton Park **must not** be 'given away'. There must be a transparent 'sale' of the ground and its property. The 'floodplain' land recently sold under a court order had an overage clause as part of the sale. Sadly, this was 'omitted' from the sale document by the agent when sold for grazing land. Had that been retained this land may have formed part of any future development on the site at Brunton Park.

**Explanation of Overage Clause** - When land is sold, the vendor will normally do his best to sell at the best possible price - indeed, if the vendor is a public sector authority or a charity, he may be obliged to sell at the best possible price. Sometimes, however, the best possible price may only be available at some time in the future, or not at all. The most common example of this is where planning permission may be granted for a more valuable use of the land, but it is

by no means certain that the permission will be forthcoming and, in any event, this is unlikely to happen for some time. Similarly, if land is sold for a particular purpose, such as for the development of 50 houses, and the developer in fact manages to build 60, then the land will obviously be more valuable with 60 houses on it rather than the original 50.

"Overage" is the term normally used, in the context of a property transaction, to mean a sum which the vendor may be entitled to receive after completion if a specified condition is satisfied; the condition may be:

- The grant of a new planning permission; or
- The grant of planning permission for a new (perhaps more valuable) use of the land; or
- The construction of more than a specified number of houses, or a larger than specified commercial development on the land; or
- The on-sale of the land in its present state, where the vendor fears that the purchaser may take advantage of a rapidly rising market to make a quick profit from the land. This will be particularly useful in the case of a vendor who is anxious not to be embarrassed by being seen to have sold at an undervalue, such as a local authority or charity.

Included in this newsletter is the press release from Brunton Park (Friday 18th November 2011) and attached is the paper available for Supporters at Brunton Park (Thursday 24th November). These two papers set out the vision for 'Into the Blue Yonder' and some of the most frequently asked questions regarding the development.

If you have any comments you wish to make and would like us to include in our newsletter please send to our website at [www.cuosc.co.uk](http://www.cuosc.co.uk) below or post to CUSC Away Travel, C/o 19 St Edmunds Park, Carlisle CA26TS

## QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 27 January 2012

£25 per team entry

includes pie, peas and gravy at half time  
following quiz, entertainment by

**Stevie Las Vegas**

Commencing 19.30hrs at Harraby Catholic Club,  
Carlisle

Teams of 4 persons

Cash prizes for all members of the first 3 teams  
If you would like to join us for the entertainment  
and food only tickets will be £5.00

Please ask for entry forms and more  
details from Kate  
on 07563 700 987

## The (Un)Loneliness Of A Long Distance Runner

For regular travellers 7am has been a late start for the last couple of seasons but for the few of us on the bus that don't go to all the away games there were plenty of yawns on arrival at Brunton Park for a weekend in Exeter and Torquay, although my long held tradition of eating a pie to stop the yawning worked, again. So, nice and stress free down the M6 meant a pretty early arrival in Stratford-on-Avon, although a round costing £9.20 for a pint for me and a large wine for senior management soon woke me up, thanks to the tears streaming down my cheeks.

Back on the bus with engines refuelled it was another uneventful journey, fortunately for us it would transpire later in the evening, for the lengthy trek down to Torquay and the Imperial Barcelo. Must say by the way, what cracking food that was in the hotel, very nice indeed. Still, post din-dins it was liquid refreshment that was the order of the day for some, with the evening just about to end when we entered the local Wetherspoons and saw the terrible news on the television about the awful crash on the M5 just four hours after we had travelled down it, it brought a sombre mood to the final drink of the night.

In the morning though we travelled the 20 miles from Torquay to Exeter for the reason we had come down to Devon for the weekend, a League One fixture for Carlisle at St James Park. After a few aperitifs before the game for some and a wander around a nice city centre for others it was down to the ground for what turned about to be a pretty uninspiring 0-0 draw, although my afternoon was certainly brightened in the final five minutes of the match when some spare, and particularly large pasties came out of the pie hut, to be offered gratis to punters, well, it would have been rude to have turned one down wouldn't it.

Back to Torquay then for a quick rest before another lovely evening meal and then a night at leisure in Torquay or simply a relax in the hotel room. Some of us going to The Attic to see a band called The Moons, musically not 100% my cup of tea but they still put a good set together in a nice little intimate venue. And then it was up in the morning for the long haul home on a journey that just never seemed to end, with the M5 still being closed at Hankridge due to the thirty-four vehicle pile-up on Friday evening, it meaning a tour of the back roads of Devon and Somerset that took nearly four hours to do the 50 miles from Torquay to Yeovil.

After a 90 minute break in Yeovil it was back on the road again to get from Yeovil to Bristol, but then even that was interrupted due to a crash on the A37. Our detour, on almost farm tracks at one point, around the Farrington Gurney and Midsomer

Norton area giving one poor Sunday afternoon jogger the fright of his life as he came over the crest of a hill to be met by a large coach coming the other way on a very narrow road, safe to say that the look of fear on his face meant that only one of us ended up reversing.

Back on the real tarmac in the end though and we made it to Charnock Richard, via quite a few games of bingo, before the next travelling trauma as the coach decided to throw its cards in for about 40 minutes in the car park, a huge sigh of relief coming for all as the engine cranked up on its way to a 10pm arrival back at Brunton Park, just the twelve and a half hours after we had set off from Torquay. Still, we had a lovely time in Devon and its environs on another well organised and successful Supporters Travel away weekend, and while the journey up north was hard graft at least we made it back, seven poor sods also travelled on the M5 that weekend, and they didn't.

## Ten to Try

1. Who plays at Pittodrie?
2. Name the two disciplines involved in the Winter Olympics Biathlon?
3. Which racecourse stages five Irish Classics each year?
4. Which county cricket team plays at The Oval?
5. Which English Rugby League team are nicknamed the Wolves?
6. Who beat Spurs in the 1987 FA Cup final?
7. With which sport do you associate the Cardiff Devils?
8. Which city hosted the 2010 Commonwealth Games?
9. The San Marino Grand Prix is held at which circuit?
10. Who the first player to be sent off in an English FA Cup final?

*Answers on back page*

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## Away fixtures results 2011

Date	Fixture	Result	Scorer
Tue 9 August	Oldham (Carling Cup)	1- 1 aet, won 4-2 on penalties	McGovern 57
13 August	Bury	2 - 0	Berrett 68 Noble 90
Tue 16 August	Rochdale	0 - 0	
27 August	Leyton Orient	2 - 1	Miller 68, 87
Tue 30 August	Aldershot T (Carling Cup)	0 - 2	-
Tue 6 Sept	Accrington Stanley (JPT)	2 - 3	McGovern 61 Zoko 68
Tue 13 Sept	Tranmere	2 - 1	Miller 3, Berrett 35 (pen)
Tue 17 Sept	Chesterfield	1 - 4	Miller 20
1 October	Walsall	1 - 1	Robson 50
15 October	Yeovil	3 - 0	Noble 55 McGovern 65 Livesey 84
22 October	Charlton	0 - 4	-
5 November	Exeter	0 - 0	-
12 November	Alfreton (FA Cup)	4 - 0	Miller 24 Loy 33 Berrett 41 Noble 45
19 November	Sheffield Utd	0 - 1	-
3 December	Charlton (FA Cup)	0 - 2	-

## Away fixtures and departure times 2011-2012 Saturdays unless stated

Date	Fixture	Depart	Cost
10 December	Scunthorpe	9.00am	£18
Mon 26 Dec	Preston	11.00am	£12
31 December	Huddersfield	10.00am	£13
14 January	MK Dons	6.00am	£28
28 January	Hartlepool	11.00am	£12
11 February	Stevenage	6.00am	£30
18 February	Brentford	6.00am	£32
3 March	Notts County	9.00am	£20
17 March	Bournemouth	6.00am	£35
24 March	Colchester	6.30am	£32
Friday 6 April	Wycombe	6.00am	£28
21 April	Sheffield Wed	9.00am	£17
5 May	Oldham	10.00am	£15

**Please note:** Some times/days may be altered subject to league alterations.

## Bottle Draw Winners

1	PI	Winner Wk 6 and 7
2	Tommy Coleman	Winner Wk 10
3	Mr Dent	
4	Ginger	
5	Ali	Winner Wk 8
6	Ian Tuer	Winner Wk 7
7	Nobby	Winner Wk 9
8	Steve & Becky	Winner Wk 2 and 4
9	Sarah	Winner Wk 1
10	Carole Merrie	Winner Wk 2 and 3
11	Paul Dent	Winner Wk 10
12	Barbara Abbott	Winner Wk 5
13	Krystal Gayle	Winner Wk 1
14	N Steel	
15	R Bristo	Winner Wk 6
16	Michelle Merrie	Winner Wk 3
17	Barbara Hetherington	Winner Wk 5
18	Keith Elliott	Winner Wk 9
19	R Brown	
20	Susan Elliott	
21	Barry Johnston	
22	George Gayle	Winner Wk 4
23	Jo Merrie	
24	B Smallwood	Winner Wk 8
25	Kate	
26	Helen Ross	

## Preston v CUFC 26.12.11

At this time coaches are leaving Brunton Park at 0900 and 1000. However, Lancashire Police are still deciding on any restrictions that may be imposed on this day.

Please keep an eye on our website or ring the travel number 07563 700 987 for more information. Suffice to say any unnecessary or restrictive measures to CUFC supporters will be questioned and if necessary challenged.

## Quiz Answers

1. Aberdeen
2. Cross-country skiing and rifle shooting
3. The Curragh
4. Surrey
5. Warrington
6. Coventry City
7. Ice Hockey
8. Delhi
9. Imola
10. Kevin Moran

## Don't Quote Me On It

*Footballers couldn't run a fish and chip shop*

Bob Lord, Burnley chairman, 1961

*I would not hang a dog on the word of an ex-professional footballer*

Alan Hardaker, Football League secretary, 1961

*I never wanted to be a coach because I have a low opinion of players. Footballers are the most obnoxious, ignorant and selfish people*

Edwin Stein, Birmingham coach, 1993

*Footballers are only interested in drinking, clothes and the size of their willies*

Karren Brady, 1994

*I like a bit of rough - footballers, roofers, blokes who get banged up*

Danniella Westbrook, 1996

*I wouldn't quote Kipling to the lads. They'd probably think I was talking about cakes*

Rob Kelly, Leicester manager, 2006

*When a manager rests players because they've played two games in six days, I laugh my cock off*

Ricky Hatton, 2005

*Footballers like to think they are boss drinkers, boss gamblers and boss shaggers*

Micky Quinn, 2003

*It's not the sex that tires out young players. It's staying up all night looking for it*

Clemens Westerhof, Nigeria coach, 1994

*Footballers are scum. Total scum. They don't know what honesty or loyalty are. All they're interested in is themselves*

Sir Alan Sugar, 2005

## Travel Committee

Kate Rowley, Ali Ross, Martin Armstrong, Karen Gallagher, Susan & Keith Elliott, Helen Fuller, Becky & Steve Potts & Jo Merrie

The Board of Carlisle United has recently received the results of a feasibility study commissioned to look into the options available for the club's future development and location, and are now looking to exhibit the results for supporter input on 24th November 2011 at Brunton Park.

The study was carried out by The Frank Whittle Partnership (FWP) who are one of the most experienced stadium, sport and leisure consultants in the UK.

Commencing on the study Managing Director John Nixon said "We have long had aspirations of playing Championship football and we believe it is within our reach. However, the basic ground requirement at that level is to have an all-seater stadium within three years of promotion.

We would also need additional Press and Media facilities and costly improvements to our floodlighting. The Football League regulations, released in 2009, stipulated minimum ground standards which we are currently struggling to meet within Brunton Park. The Board would be doing a disservice to the fans if we didn't look into the future options for the club and report back to them for their input."

The brief for FWP was to review the re-modelling of Brunton Park as a phased redevelopment project which would allow the stadium to comply with all aspects of the Taylor Report, and with the requirements of a venue capable of hosting Championship football. The Carlisle United Board also advised that any scheme should not place financial duress on the club, and be self-financed.

The study was carried out in three phases, with phase one conducted between August 2010 and January 2011. This investigation defined a phased programme for each of the four stands at Brunton Park. The finished product would both improve and modernise spectator facilities and also add income generation areas, conference and banqueting space and lettable areas. The total cost for the redevelopment of Brunton Park would be in excess of £18m. It was felt that if this route were pursued achieving and maintaining Championship football would be highly unlikely, and would also saddle the club with extensive debt. FWP also advised that the flood prevention measures installed following the 2005 floods placed restrictions on expansion of the stadium.

Phase one also explored the possibility of a stadium relocation as an option, should redevelopment of Brunton Park be unviable. FWP

identified a list of 17 sites within the locality which would be further explored. FWP advised that in order to progress the chosen site would need to provide the opportunity for an 'enabling' development to find the new stadium construction.

17 sites have since been refined to the most viable options. Each site was evaluated and reviewed with enablement and accessibility being the key components.

In the final phase of the study the options were assessed under a number of criteria, including planning, special site specific factors and financial viability.

In conclusion the study recommended that discussions should be progressed with Kingmoor Park. This option would provide the best opportunity for an 'enabling' development, subject to planning permission being obtained, and provide an ideal development partner with appropriate financial backing.

The end result is a 12,000 all-seater stadium with up to date training and playing facilities alongside offices and conference suites to meet all possible match day and corporate non-match day requirements.

A new stadium would be an iconic asset for the City and give Carlisle United Football Club the platform and infrastructure to perform at their very best and make the people of Carlisle proud of their club.

With the backing of our supporters we would like to progress the discussions with Kingmoor Park to develop the idea further, looking at the design and viability of the new stadium and associated development. Keeping our fans fully informed and gaining their approval is most important, and that is what we will seek to do now.

### McCalls Pies, Upperby Road Carlisle

Our pie man, Mally has offered to provide hot pies on Boxing Day so they will be available on all coaches.

Price £1.00.