



## Trust Statement - 22nd September 2022



**Further to the report in the Southend Echo today regarding Southend United FC's failure to pay the wages of non-playing staff, the Shrimpers Trust are aware of the current situation and continue to monitor and engage with the football club.**

Whilst we understand the club has cashflow issues and will continue to do so, at least under the current ownership until the Fossetts Farm Stadium project is complete, people's livelihoods are at stake, as is SUFC's further-tarnished reputation. It is simply not acceptable, especially at a time when the country is suffering a cost of living crisis, for any staff member not to be paid in full and on time.

The Trust has offered its support in helping in the short-term and would welcome further communication as to how these matters can be resolved immediately.

If you have any questions for the Trust please feel free to contact us via our website, <http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk> or by email on [info@shrimperstrust.co.uk](mailto:info@shrimperstrust.co.uk)

**The Shrimpers Trust Board**