



## **Trust Statement - Ron Martin's Blog - 31st December 2009**

The Shrimpers Trust is delighted to read in Ron Martin's latest Chairman's Blog his comments about supporters and the Trust in particular. In order to maintain our communication with members and Southend United's supporter-base as a whole, we felt that two specific items were worthy of note from us.

Firstly, the confirmation of discussions that have been ongoing for some time - namely that a Trust representative will join the Football Club Board at the end of the next financial year - is excellent news for the Trust and Southend United fans in general. The Trust's mission statement includes the following bullet-point: "To encourage and promote the principle of supporters' representation on the Board of the Football Club" As such, we are extremely pleased with this development.

Later in the article, the Chairman mentions some details about a non-interest bearing loan made to the Club from the Trust recently. As this is commercially-sensitive information, the Trust does not intend to comment any further but hopes that supporters will be able to see in time how valuable this turns out to be. The Trust's finances continue to be made available to any supporter for scrutiny, where precise details will be documented.