

Trust Statement – 8th July 2022

Work starts on Fossetts ...

The Shrimpers Trust welcomes the news that a contract has been signed with White Horse Contractors to develop the new training ground pitches and players' car parking for Southend United Football Club at the Fossetts site.



The protracted saga of the club's move from Roots Hall has long been a source of frustration for supporters, and the sight of spades in the ground on the first phase of the project to move to a new stadium will further increase the air of anticipation around the football club following a difficult period on and off the pitch.

There have been many false dawns during the past 30-40 years, and especially in the 23 years since the current Chairman became involved in the football club, and the maintenance of Roots Hall continues to place a burden on the club's fragile finances. Fans could be forgiven for believing that work would never start at a new site.

Whilst we are still some way from the turnstiles at Roots Hall clicking over for the last time, and we will never lose the memories from famous matches and fabulous players over the past seven decades at our current home, this feels like a long-awaited sign that we can also look forward to our future, and we eagerly await further updates from the football club.

The construction of Roots Hall in the 1950s was made possible by the fundraising efforts of the original Supporters Club, and whilst we are not in a position to act in a similar manner with regards to the new stadium, we will be making strong representation at future Liaison Meetings with the football club to ensure that supporters are consulted as the new stadium plans take shape.

The Shrimpers Trust Board