



# MDSA24 Meeting – 29 January 2026

## Open Meeting

Tom opened the meeting with introductions and welcomed everyone.

### Apologies

David, Anna, Harry, Scarlet, Owen, Naimo.

### In Attendance

- Tom (Chair)
- Monty (Vice Chair / SLO)
  - Paul (Treasurer)
- Helen (Membership & Social Media)
  - Joe
  - Lucy
  - Ross

### Club Staff in Attendance

Craig, Rosemary, Brian

Also in attendance were members of MDSA24.

# Membership Report

MDSA24 currently has **68 members**.

# Treasurer's Report

Current MDSA24 funds: **£486.00**

Paul explained the cost of banking and the monthly charges for the Lloyds Bank account (£4.25 per month). He has researched alternative options and the account will be moved to **Darlington Credit Union**, who are supportive of community groups.

# Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Tom spoke about the MOU document and ongoing work with the club to finalise it.

Tom asked if anyone had any questions — none were raised.

# Fan Advisory Panel (FAP)

Tom explained the new club panel, including the different groups and individuals who will sit on it.

A meeting will take place to decide how the panel will operate, including the Chair and other positions.

Panel details:

- Helena B and Gary P will sit on the panel
- One former player will also be included
- 7 supporter groups and 4 individuals will sit on the panel
  - Rob N will represent the former MSF
  - Owen F will also sit on the panel
- MDSA24 will hold a seat for a minimum of two years

## Groups represented:

- MDSA24
- Rainbow Reds
- Boro South
- Boro Supporters 2020
  - 12th Man
  - Red Faction
  - Boro Fusion

The four individual members are not being named at this stage.

## Bag Searches

MDSA24 has received several emails and messages from disabled supporters regarding bag searches taking place in the South Stand.

Tom is working with the club to find a solution and has also requested to be seated in the stand to monitor the situation.

Joe and Helen attended a Level Playing Field event where the idea of an identification badge was discussed. The badge would help stewards recognise supporters who carry medical items that cannot be searched.

The name **Willie Maddren** was suggested in connection with the badge, and the group hopes to speak with the family about this.

Brian will provide an update at the next MDSA24 meeting.

Joe will research badge prices and speak to other clubs, including Leeds Rhinos, where the idea originated.

## England DSA Forum

Joe and Monty attended a meeting with other DSAs and Level Playing Field to discuss issues at England matches, both home and away.

Joe outlined problems supporters are experiencing at Wembley and overseas fixtures.

A forum will be created to work on these issues.

## **Rest Stops & Bus Routes**

Monty discussed a new project to install more benches and rest points on main routes around the ground.

The group will also explore options to bring bus routes closer to the stadium on matchdays.

**Action:** Craig confirmed the club will provide a donation towards the project.  
An update will be given at the next meeting.

## **Unite for Access Game**

This will be the Charlton match on a Wednesday night (7:45pm kick-off).

MDSA24 will have a table at the event and will work with the club to organise the day.

## **Any Other Business**

### **Disabled Parking**

The group discussed increasing disabled parking spaces.

AV Dawson was mentioned as a possible location, and Helen will contact them to explore options.

Park and Ride was also discussed and will be investigated further.

**Action:** Club to look at additional parking options in and around the stadium.

## **Accessible Toilets**

Craig raised issues regarding RADAR keys, toilets being left open, and stewards not having keys.

Rosemary confirmed all head stewards have keys.  
The group discussed MDSA24 representatives also holding a key.

## **South Stand Access**

Changing Places users are struggling to easily access the West Stand facilities.  
Ben explained the difficulties he has experienced reaching the changing facilities.

The group will work with the club to resolve these issues.

## **Stewards Meeting**

MDSA24 members have been invited to attend the stewards' meeting on **7 February 2026**.

## **East Stand**

MDSA24 would like to thank the East Stand stewarding team for their hard work.  
A statement will be released on MDSA24 social media.

## **Next Meetings**

- Next meeting: **Executive Meeting – February (date TBC)**
  - Next General Meeting: **March (date TBC)**