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Dear Valued Members, Coaches, Players, Parents, Volunteers and Sponsors,

As we draw the curtains on our inaugural full season at Rushall Village Football Club CIC, I find myself reflecting with immense pride and gratitude on the remarkable journey we've shared. This season has been nothing short of extraordinary, marked by triumphs, growth, and a deepening sense of community that truly embodies the spirit of our club.

On the pitch, we've celebrated significant achievements, raising two well-earned trophies that stand as testaments to our players' dedication and skill. Yet, beyond the silverware, the true measure of our success lies in the tangible progress we've witnessed in every player. From their first training session to the confident athletes they've become, our players have grown not only in technical ability but also in character, embodying the values of sportsmanship, teamwork, and resilience that define our club.

Our coaching staff has been the backbone of this progress. This season, we proudly supported two coaches in achieving their UEFA C Qualifications and several others in completing introductory football coaching certifications. Additionally, our coaches have collectively amassed 56 hours of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) through courses in welfare, committee management, and safeguarding amongst others. Their commitment to personal growth has directly translated into the enhanced development of our players, fostering an environment where learning and improvement thrive.

The ethos of Rushall Village Football Club CIC has taken root in our players, who have consistently demonstrated positivity and sportsmanship both on and off the field. This has earned our club an outstanding reputation, evidenced by over 100 inquiries for player recruitment and several team transfers this season. As a small club in its first year, we've had to make the difficult decision to turn away some aspiring players due to capacity constraints. However, in true community spirit, we've guided them toward other local clubs to ensure they find a place to pursue their passion.

We are immensely grateful to our generous sponsors, whose support has been instrumental in our success this season. Their financial contributions have enabled us to provide high-quality equipment, secure training facilities, and fund essential coaching qualifications, ensuring our players and staff have the resources they need to excel. Beyond their monetary support, our sponsors have shown a genuine commitment to our club's vision, attending matches and engaging with our community, which has strengthened our bonds and inspired our players. Their belief in our mission has not only sustained our operations but also reinforced our place as a cornerstone of the local community.

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Our parents, volunteers, and matchday supporters are the unsung heroes of our club. Your countless hours of dedication—ensuring players arrive on time, dressed in proper kit, and ready to play—have created a positive and welcoming environment for all. From taking on linesman duties to setting up and dismantling pitches, your efforts have allowed our coaches to focus on what matters most: nurturing our players' growth. Your unwavering support is the foundation upon which our club stands.

Our coaching staff deserves special recognition for their tireless efforts. Week after week, they have meticulously planned, delivered, and reviewed training sessions, fostering an atmosphere of encouragement and instilling our club's principles in both players and parents. Their involvement in additional club activities and their drive to continually improve their own knowledge reflect the vision we set out to achieve when founding this club. Their impact is evident in the remarkable strides our players have made.

The heartfelt messages I've received from parents across all teams have been truly humbling. From stories of newfound confidence in players transitioning from other teams to the joy radiating from children who feel at home here, these testimonials underscore our mission. While we strive to enhance footballing skills, our commitment to fostering life skills, personal growth, and a sense of belonging sets us apart. At Rushall Village Football Club CIC, we believe in nurturing the whole person, not just the athlete.

One of our proudest achievements this season is the success of our Ladies' 7v7 team. Established to provide a welcoming space for women of all ages and experience levels, this team has been a beacon of inclusivity. Whether for seasoned players seeking a relaxed environment or newcomers eager to try football for the first time, the team has fostered friendships, boosted mental health, and brought joy to every training session and match. Joining the league in January, the Ladies' team achieved an impressive third-place finish, losing only two games and earning promotion for the upcoming season. Their success is a shining example of what our club stands for.

As we head into the off-season, our teams will take time to rest, recharge, and prepare for the challenges ahead. We look forward to competing in several tournaments and celebrating our collective achievements at the Club Presentation in July. These events will be opportunities to reflect on our successes and set our sights on an even brighter future.

I must extend a heartfelt thank you to Coaches Ashley, Kieran, and Chris, who have left us this season. Your hard work and dedication have left an indelible mark on our club, and we wish you every success in your future endeavors. Similarly, we bid a fond farewell to our U9 Diamonds, a team that exemplified our values throughout the season. While we're sad to see them move on to another club with a compelling offer, we wish them the very best and know they'll carry our principles with them.

Thank you all for making this season unforgettable. Your passion, commitment, and belief in our vision have made Rushall Village Football Club CIC a true community. Here's to celebrating our achievements, learning from our experiences, and coming back stronger for the next season.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Mark Adams
Chairman
Rushall Village Football Club CIC