

THE TRULY HORRIFIC HISTORY OF DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

PART 8: THE LATEST CHAPTER! HOW DUNFERMLINE CAME TO BE OWNED BY HUNDREDS OF ORDINARY PEOPLE

Most football clubs in Britain are owned by one person. However this is changing, with an ever-increasing number owned either wholly or partly by Supporters' Trusts.



When the club needed it, the fans were there to help.

So the Club belongs to about a thousand separate families, and lots of people help out by giving their time for free to help Dunfermline Athletic. Indeed the Dunfermline Athletic Supporters' Club shop has raised over £30,000 in less than three years by volunteers selling goods donated by fans

This might mean being a Ball Girl or Boy, helping paint the stadium, assisting disabled people on match days, working on projects in primary schools or in lots and lots of other ways.

People saved the club from extinction because it is very important to the community of Dunfermline and it has been for many generations of West Fife folk.



Thousands and thousands of Pars fans together at Hampden for the 2004 Scottish Cup Final.

At Dunfermline, the Pars Supporters' Trust is the largest shareholder with close to 30% of the shares. This came about in 2013 because of a financial crisis. Hundreds of Dunfermline Athletic supporters saved the Club from disappearing.

Lots of people, including several Supporters' Clubs, put in new money to a new Community Interest Company (which is a bit similar to a charity) and no one person owns more than 10% of the shares.



The Pars have great links with local schools.

This football club belongs to all of us, and we're delighted to share it with you.

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