

TALKING CITY MATTERS AND OSCs WITH KEVIN PARKER

As part of a feature focusing on City Matters, we sat down with the group's Official Supporters Club representative, Kevin Parker, to discuss his role at our official fan network.

Firstly, can you tell us about when you first started supporting Manchester City and what your early memories are?

My dad was actually a Blackpool fan and he took me to Maine Road for my 10th birthday to see City play Blackpool, my very first football game. City won 2-0 with goals by Lee and Bell and I went home a City fan. I got my first season ticket for my 13th birthday and have had one ever since. I now have my two sons, Brian and Liam, and my nephew, Andrew, as season card holders so the legacy will go on and on.

Moving on to City Matters, can you tell us a little bit about your role as the Official Supporters Club representative?

As most supporters know (hopefully) City Matters is a committee that represents various groups of City fans and as the largest and oldest fans group, the OSCs were asked to have representation, and as the General Secretary I was asked to be the rep.

How have you been involved with Official Supporters Clubs in the past? Have you been a part of any?

I joined the Brooks Bar Branch



(our oldest branch, formed in 1949) of the Supporters Club in 1976 and was then elected to the Executive Committee in the late 1990s as Vice Chairman. When Frank Horrocks stepped down as General Secretary not long after I was voted in by the members to replace him.

What is the role of our Official Supporters Clubs? How do they benefit our loyal fanbase?

First and foremost, the OSC is a way for City Supporters to get together to support this great Club we are a part of. A

coming together of loyal Blues all around the world. Branches help organise travel and tickets and where members cannot attend they arrange viewings and meetings. All members also donate a portion of their membership fee to CITC and to the OSC Charities Fund where thousands of pounds are donated to worthy causes every year.

Finally, what is the best way for a fan to find an Official Supporter Club relevant to them?

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