

Blyth Spartans Supporters' Forum, February 2026

Financial Report



I'm sorry I can't be with you this evening. Firstly, a huge thanks to the dedicated fans who regularly attend games and support the team. Without fans' dedication and support, there wouldn't be a Blyth Spartans Association Football Club, you are what this club and this board work for, and we thank you for your support.

The recent results, when games have been played, show that this club can escape another relegation and forge on to bigger and better things.

However, the finances of the club continue to be challenging, more so with recent cancellations due poor to weather.

For the season to date, excluding catering, revenues are marginally below target. However we are grateful for some unexpected additional sponsorship that has contributed to keeping revenue at this level. Continued thanks for the hard work of the commercial team in this area.

Gate revenues continue to be below target by around 10%. Lower than forecasted crowds, crowd mix, and rearranged games are contributory factors.

Our continued thanks go to the Green Army's shop and 1899 Club for their support totalling over £28k season to date. Catering outlets have returned a modest profit for the club season to date and are a crucial component of our income streams.

On the operational cost side, excluding ground development work, we are slightly under budget, with only utilities and printing costs over budget as we are operating at the absolute minimal costs possible.

On the playing side, we are £12k and 12% over budget season to date. Just over half relates to the tenure of the previous manager. Following his departure, costs emerged relating to loan players and other playing side costs that were above budget. These costs have been written off.

The new management team continue to do their best under a tight budget, and the results are now showing through on the pitch. Discussions are ongoing as to the playing budget for the remainder of the season, and the club will support Nashy and the team where possible under difficult financial circumstances. At a minimum we will continue to honour the original budget, discounting the previous management's overspend.

This playing side overspend is partially offset by a saving of over £6k on stewards and other matchday costs. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who help to run the club in matchdays, including the folk on the turnstiles and those at hand to help inside the ground.

Our cash position remains challenging. The recent news about Harlow Town FC entering administration reminds us how difficult it is to maintain a sustainable non-league club. We encourage fans to get behind YOUR team, come down on match days and help support YOUR club for it to be the best it can be on and off the pitch!

Mark Middling, Chief Financial Officer, 12th February 2026