## Hibs fans' group donate over £30k to club in July after substantial increase in members

Fans' group Hibernian Supporters (HS) have donated a further sum of £30,265.07 to the club which represents the donations that they have received from members in the month of July.

This is a significant increase from the amount raised in June which was just over £24,000.

Since the Club Statement on the Hibernian FC website on 15th June HS have seen the number of donators and rejoiners increase by over 1000.

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Hibernian supporters 1875

Chairman Jim Aidie told members via email this morning: "We are all absolutely delighted with these figures and the response from Members and donators has been fantastic, bearing in mind the very difficult economic circumstances many in our community are facing.

"I said six weeks ago that it would be terrific if we could add on around 1500 new Members/donators, and now we are  $2/3 \, \text{rds}$  of the way there .

"At the start of this initiative the rationale behind the idea of getting to 4000 donators was that from an annual financial point of view this could contribute around £400,000 to the

Player budget for 2020/2021, which of course would be a huge help to Jack Ross for the forthcoming Season.

"This is a very difficult financial period for the Club but the Season starts on Saturday and we are all reminded of what this is all about. We want to give our Manager the best chance of getting us right up there and getting back into Europe.

"As you know, at the moment all donations received by us are being directed towards the Club for the Playing budget, and nothing else. On behalf of all of my fellow Directors I would like to thank every single supporter who has contributed to these numbers.

"Once again an update from us would not be complete without a plea for help. Getting the next 500 new Supporters on board by the end of August is going to be challenging but with your help we know we can do it. Until 3pm tomorrow we have a fabulous prize up for grabs.

"Any supporter who joins by kick off tomorrow will have their name entered into a hat with one lucky winner being drawn at random. The prize for the winner AND THE SUPPORTER WHO REFERRED THEM is a Season Ticket for this year, or next if you prefer.

"We would love to get off to a flying start both on and off the park so could we ask you today/tomorrow to share this email and phone/text a fellow supporter and tell them about the help we are trying to give to our Manager.

"Now is the chance to get your name in that hat, and once again thank you for your generosity."

You can join HS at www.hiberniansupporters.co.uk