



# STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**15 December 2023**

**NUST (Newcastle United Supporters Trust) welcomes allocation of 6000 tickets for FA Cup tie versus Sunderland.**

NUST welcomes the allocation of 6000 tickets for Newcastle United supporters at the upcoming FA Cup Tie on Saturday 6th January 2024. We acknowledge the effort and collaboration involved in securing this allocation and we extend our thanks to all parties involved in the negotiations.

Whilst our original request was for the full 15% allocation, on this occasion we understand that due to safety and access concerns, this was unachievable. We appreciate the efforts made by all parties involved in the negotiation process to find a balance between fan enjoyment and safety.

It is crucial to emphasise that this designation as a 'bubble match' (where fans must travel on designated transport and which had previously been avoided in this fixture) should not be considered a precedent for future derby fixtures or any other matches. However, NUST understands that were supporters to have been allowed to make their own travel arrangements for this match, Newcastle United would have been forced to accept an allocation less than half of what has been agreed. We therefore welcome the decision to allow as many Newcastle United supporters as possible to back the team at the Stadium of Light.



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We appreciate the ongoing commitment to collaboration between the football clubs, supporters, and relevant authorities to strike a balance between ensuring safety and maintaining the unique atmosphere that fans bring to football matches.

NUST remains dedicated to representing the interests of Newcastle United supporters and fostering positive relationships within the football community.

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#### About Newcastle United Supporters Trust

The Newcastle United Supporters Trust (NUST) is one of the largest supporters trusts in the UK with more than 10,000 members.

It seeks to benefit the football club and its supporters by channelling the passion of its loyal supporters into a forward-thinking non-profit organisation.

The Trust is a legally constituted, democratic organisation which is run by its members. Every member is eligible to stand for election and to vote for candidates for the NUST board which will be accountable to all NUST members.

The Trust is legally registered and reports to the Financial Conduct Authority.

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