



FC Isle of Man V's Bury FC – Saturday 7th September 2024 – KO 1800hrs.

The Isle of Man Constabulary, and FC Isle of Man, would like to welcome the fans of Bury FC to the Island. We hope that you have a safe and enjoyable visit, and enjoy the match, and the hospitality that we have to offer.

The Isle of Man Constabulary are aware of some of the football related incidents, which have occurred over the last few matches, and recognise that this behaviour has been conducted by a minority of fans, not the majority. We are aware of the individuals that have caused these issues.

There have been discussions with both clubs, and Greater Manchester Police over the last few weeks, to share information on these incidents. There will also be further meetings to monitor the behaviour of the fans over the next few matches leading up to the away fixture on the 7th September.

The Isle of Man Constabulary is committed to fully supporting the FA in relation to football related incidents, and will share information on any incidents that may take place on the Island, with a view to the FA taking action. This may have an effect on future matches, or possibly wider implications for specific fans should this behaviour happen during this away fixture.

The Isle of Man Constabulary want all fans, both Bury, and FC Isle of Man, to come and enjoy the match, but would like to state, that acts of violence, disorder, or inappropriate behaviour including the use of flares or throwing items will not be tolerated, and those apprehended will face the full force of the law.

The Isle of Man Constabulary, I would just like to remind all visitors to the Island, that we are not part of the UK, or England, and as such, have a different set of laws, and Policing powers, which are both different, and in some cases much harsher than the UK.

. Tolerance levels to drunkenness are much lower to that of the UK – this includes being on any licenced premises. – You may only receive one warning if you are spoken to about alcohol related behaviour.

. Tolerance levels to drug taking, and importing drugs to the island, is much lower, and harsher sentences will be given to those convicted.

. The Island has much tougher sentencing powers than the UK. It is highly likely, if you are arrested and charged, you will **NOT** be returning back to the UK. Even for minor offences, you may be held for court, and may face a prison sentence.

. If convicted of an offence, you may face a travel ban, and not be allowed to travel back to the Island. This may have implications on travelling to other countries too.

. Any conviction on the Island, will affect you back in the UK, in terms of any future criminal records checks.

The Isle of Man Constabulary will be visible during this match, and officers will be available to support the FC Isle of Man stewards.

All of the above will also apply to any behaviour deemed inappropriate on-board the Isle of Man Steam Packet Ferry. The captain of any vessel has the right and authority to return the ship back to the departure port, and alert the relevant authorities to deal with any unacceptable behaviour.