

Remembering Sandie

Blues pay tribute.



Gareth Ainsworth said Sandie Derben will "live on in Wycombe's history for a long long time" after paying a special tribute to her before last night's match at Adams Park.

The Wycombe manager laid a bunch of flowers on her seat in the Frank Adams Stand, which had been dressed with a shirt, scarf and programme cover bearing her image, before his team gave a special ovation in front of the stand as a mark of respect ahead of kick-off.



After the match, Ainsworth said: "I met Sandie soon after I joined here and she and (husband) John made me and my family feel so welcome. They've both written letters of support to me and my staff down the years, but really it should be the other way round for everything they've done for the club.

"Sandie will be sorely missed; everyone knew her - she was that kind of character. It's a huge loss for the Wycombe family, and my sympathies go out to all her friends and family, especially John, who was

with her at the end.

"It was a nice moment for the boys to go over towards her seat before the game. I said to them in the changing room 'Sandie Derben' and they all know what it meant. She will live on Wycombe history for a long, long time."

Assistant boss Richard Dobson also commented: "What a sad loss to the football club. She did so much for the club behind the scenes, always with a great smile and vigour for life."

"I just want to say to John, after all the support he's given to us, that if there's anything that I can do for him then he only needs to pick up the phone. We've lost a wonderful person in Sandie and she'll never be forgotten."

An initiative to raise money for John and Sandie's chosen charity - Brendon Care Foundation - has generated in the region of £2,000 with fans 'buying' one last programme from Sandie online. You can contribute [here](#).

