

Oxford United- the club I fell in love with when I was a kid, just as thousands of kids did across Oxfordshire and the country. Not just my local professional club, the only professional club in the county, the only professional club I could ever truly feel a real connection with, but a truly unique club with a unique fan base- a club that truly reflects and represents its home county. Me, an Oxford boy, watching my club punch above its weight in the FA cup, cheering it on with my fellow members of the Yellow Army, hugging somebody next to me after a late winner, somebody who should've been a complete stranger to me, but who wasn't because we were both Oxford boys, and we both loved Oxford United. Those are memories that could never ever be replaced, but memories that are very likely be just that: memories, nothing else.

The club I've loved all my life, that Yellow and Blue shirt my parents could never take off me, they could all be gone, if we don't get a new home. One of the most unique clubs in the world will be snuffed out, it's name made history. We've been looking for a new home for about 40 years, and never found one. When we moved into the Kassam we thought we'd found one, only to have to pay crazy amounts of rent, receive almost no revenue from the facility, and struggle with debt, all from a soulless three sided stadium that opposition fans mock us for almost every game. Is this the way one of Oxfordshire's great landmarks, probably the one that unites our community most, should be treated? A new stadium would save our club, Oxfordshire's club.

Oxford United are one of the few large clubs that still have that amazing tie with it's fans, with the community- it unites us, galvanizes us, and is part of our identity as the people of this county- if Oxford United does not find a new home before 2026, Oxford United will be no more; and if there's no Oxford United, I can tell you as an Oxfordshire local, our community will never be as unique and great as it is now.