

## One wish granted, one more to go!

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Two things that Workington Reds fans have been hoping for since the season was suspended relate to being awarded promotion and seeing manager Danny Grainger commit further to the club.

We are still waiting for the FA Council to decide on how they are going to conclude the current season. Project Non-League is pushing for points per game, but a number of clubs have already confirmed they prefer the season to be null and void.

That might not work out as the Reds are hoping, but the second item on the fans' wish list is in the bag after the club announced last night that Grainger and his second-in-command Steven Rudd had signed new two-year deals.

It is excellent news for a club with ambitions to move forward, despite the problems that coronavirus has thrown at it and the rest of non-league football.

The management team, who have shown how well they work together in the 18 months or so since they first arrived, have extended their contracts until the end of the 2022/23 season.

Grainger told the Reds' website: "We came here with a plan of where we want to go and we haven't finished that yet.

"Anybody who knows me knows that I'm ambitious and that I want to keep being successful.

"So obviously for me and Ruddy to be able to get our futures tied down and get it sorted, we're excited for what's going to lay in front of us."

The aim now, whether it be in NPL NW next season or the NPL Premier Division, will be to put together a squad capable of competing strongly and successfully as they have done in the season and a bit they have been in charge.

At the moment, despite the uncertainty and damaging effects of Covid-10, Reds are in decent shape. The club is in good hands, both in the boardroom and the dug-out, and peering through the gloom of the pandemic, there's hope and much to look forward to on the other side.