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Promising players to benefit from Nerine's support

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Nerine Fiduciaries is supporting Guernsey FC by covering essential away-trip expenses for three players.

GFC already subsidises travel necessities such as parking and food and drink for travelling players, but still look to reduce costs to the club wherever possible. As well as supporting three players to attend more away games, Nerine's support will also reduce the club's expenses for the season ahead.

For the 2017/18 season, Nerine have worked with GFC to identify three players to support. They are last season's young player of the year Thomas Dodds, stalwart midfielder and Muratti Captain Craig Young and the club's youngest-ever player Charlton Gauvain.

Nerine is also adding an extra incentive to the squad by supporting the club's end-of-season awards and presenting a prize of £250 to the players who win the young player-of-the year, the coaches' player-of-the-year and the players' player-of-the-year awards. The winner of the young player award will then also be supported on their away trips the following season as one of three new recipients of Nerine's support.

GFC boss Tony Vance called Nerine's support a unique initiative that will really help to make a difference for the club.

"Everyone locally knows our Achilles heel with away games and that our players work full-time and most have got families," Vance said. "The commitment required to go away for a midweek game or all day on a Saturday makes things very difficult for them and their families.

"It is an area where we struggle and Nerine want to try and make a difference. It's such a boost that they've come forward with an initiative where they'll cover the expenses of some players when they travel.

"In the instance of Craig Young for example, in his line of work when he plays, he obviously can't work and thus loses a day's wages. It's great that he can be supported with the expenses so that he doesn't end out even further out of pocket. Everyone knows when you go through an airport, it's impossible to not spend on things like food and parking. It can be a costly affair so Nerine are making a huge difference with their support.

"It's fantastic the way they have identified three players with three different stories whilst also supporting the young player of the year too. It's a real aspiration for a youngster to test themselves with GFC and now there is an added bonus of another potential reward.

"Charlton is at the other end of the scale. He is a student and at that age you want to have a few quid tucked away to enjoy your life but he can't get a Saturday job like his mates can, not even in midweek because we train so hard and he is in the gym all the time. It's his choice,

but from our point of view, we want him playing for us. But he loses out on potential income so if this helps him have less outgoings when he travels with us, it makes Nerine's contribution just as important for very different reasons.

"Nerine's concept is to try and make a difference and I'm certain that they will."

Keith Corbin, chairman of Nerine Fiduciaries said: "Supporting young people to take part in sport is very important to the team here at Nerine. We are always looking for new ways to help and in providing this funding to these three young players we are ensuring they can play at the highest level possible for Guernsey-based players.

"It is also very rewarding that the scheme will support Guernsey FC in their campaign as I'm sure everyone is aware of the difficulty they face in managing their travel requirements to play at this level.

"We're really looking forward to seeing what Thomas, Craig and Charlton can achieve this season."



Thomas Dodd, Keith Corbin, and Charlton Gauvain.(Photography credit: Chris George)