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Jim and Ruth
cheer on HSV*

Sports-mad Jim and Ruth Curtis used their community website to support their passion for German football.

The Shadsworth couple are both huge fans of German club Hamburger SV and have travelled to more than 100 home games in the last five years.

Now their British HSV supporters club, which has over 60 members from the UK and Ireland, has been officially recognised by the German club. Membership has been boosted by the website www.hsv-uk.co.uk, which they set up with help from the Council's digital development unit. The website allows them to post news, views and photos and saves on sending out printed newsletters.

Jim and Ruth's love affair with HSV started when they went to Germany for a pre-season friendly with Manchester City.

"We had a great time. The city was wonderful and the people were very welcoming," said Jim.

Along with fellow supporter Dave Pearson, they formed the supporters club in 2004 and make regular trips to Germany to watch HSV and other Bundesliga games as well.

"We use up all our holidays going to watch football. Most people at work spend their weekends gardening," added Jim.

For more information on setting up your community website, contact the digital development unit on (01254) 582426.

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