

NEWPORT COUNTY AFC SUPPORTERS TRUST
ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE TRUST BOARD 2017



PERSONAL STATEMENT FORM FOR CANDIDATES

Please answer the following prompt questions to present yourself to the voting members of the Trust. Each answer should not exceed 100 words. Please remember to provide a portrait photograph of yourself. The photo should be recent, of you alone and not a group photograph, and one in which you are easily recognisable.

Describe your personal history with, and passion for, Newport County AFC.

Growing up a stone's throw from the legendary Somerton Park and the youngest of four brothers, one of my earliest memories was of hearing the cheers from the Cromwell end over our garden and sometimes on a good day in the living room.

Once old enough, I attended games with my father, (firstly taking in some cockles at the bottom of Somerton Bridge) and then when older attended with my brothers. This then led to meeting my second family, the county boys. We have grown, celebrated, lost and sometimes cried together.

Passion is built and my passion has built over 45 yrs.

What is your vision for Newport County AFC?

Community, Respect, Inclusion, Growth, Transparency.

As an elected Trust Director it will be my duty to ensure community involvement, input and direction to the board. Immaterial of my personal opinion on different subjects, it's about the fans, I am their representative.

Honesty and openness brings respect.

Inclusion for all, from all walks of life, race, creed, physically challenged, vulnerable, LGBT. Everyone should have a voice and a representative at board level from the trust.

Going forward we need to not look at the here and the now, we need to look at 5,10,15 yrs.' into the future. Our academy, grass root football, development and of course our own facilities.

Recently we've seen a lot of changes, challenges and some upset which can be rectified with just letting people know i.e. the trust. This can then be fed back to the fans.

What skills and experience would you bring to the Club if elected?

As most fathers, mothers and guardians know all too well, bringing up two young boys who are sports mad, always covered in mud and yourself sometimes feels that a huge part of your life is spent in the rain, snow and sometimes sun, on the side lines you just have to get involved.

I have been an active parent with our local grass roots football team Riverside Rovers for over 15 yrs and also their chairman for some of that time. As a close knit football community such as st Julian's, you watch the children grow succeed and sometimes get signed to a club, furthering their football careers, which is fantastic but after talking a step back, I miss that community input, the fundraising, the representing etc.

I am not a business man, I don't have an agenda, I don't want to bring in a new clothing line or promote my brand off the back of Newport County. I AM A FAN. And a fan who would like to bring a voice of the community trust to the board and a voice back.

What roles might you play in the Club and what difference could you make?

I think the BUZZ word at the moment is transparency.

Basically that's all about communication and how that is fed back which is a huge part of my daily role, working within the safety transport environment. An informed group who has a full understanding of what's going on, (good and bad) a place to ask questions, vent and put forward ideas can only be productive. They just need a voice.

The future of Newport County is our academy. Yes we have to concentrate on today but let's not be ignorant of tomorrow and after spending 15yrs at grass roots level I feel I'm well placed to be the connection between the academy, the Trust and the Board as well as taking direction from our fans that I represent on any matter.

With all best intentions I'm not saying I can or will sort out any of our challenges. I will represent the Trust with direction from the fans in an open and honest and transparent way and that I can assure you of.

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