

Doug Gillard

Manifesto

I have been a trustee for three years and I am looking to be elected for a second term. I have been involved with the Trust for four years; I started by joining the Ownership Working Group in 2016 and I was elected to the Trust Board in 2017.

I have been organising our presence at the Exeter Respect Festival for the last three years and I have also been liaising with the Torquay United Supporters Trust, this partnership was expanded to incorporate the Argyle Fans Trust at the beginning of 2020 and the creation of the Devon Supporters Trusts' Group. I lead the collaboration with our Devon counterparts to support, and contribute to, the Jack Leslie Campaign this summer. I became the Trust Community Working Group lead towards the end of 2019 and I have been engaging with team members from Exeter Community Initiatives to develop our new partnership

If I am elected, my main focus will be the Trust's Community responsibilities. The Trust is listed as a Community Benefit Society and I am keen to forge new friendships with the local and wider community while maintaining and strengthening our current links around the city and within the football community. I would also like to make the Trust more visible at events and campaigns that share our values and ethos. Unfortunately the Corona virus pandemic has meant that progress in the last Six Months has been limited, I am hoping to be given the opportunity to make up for lost time.

I take a very holistic approach to the Trust; we are the sum of our parts so my aspirations must go hand in hand with the Trust Board's responsibilities to our members as majority shareholders of Exeter City Football Club. In my first term on the Trust board I feel that I learned quickly, contributed often and made balanced and reasoned decisions on the issues that were presented. Football is in crisis right now, everyone who knows football can see the problems but there is a cosmic inability by some within the game to make sensible choices. Good choices have stood both the Trust and the Club in good stead for the future and I want to be part of the mechanism that continues to lead by that example.