

Paul Farley – Manifesto

I'm a Devon boy, born and bred, and grew up with City in my blood. My father was a season ticket holder until he died, aged 91, in 2014.

I have been a member of the Trust since the dark times of 2003 when I became a volunteer, spending much of that summer weeding, painting and working alongside many others to get our club in a position to be able to play in the Conference. I have been a volunteer ever since.

I was first elected to the Trust Board in 2010 and currently lead our Community Group, which is responsible for delivering the Trust's aspiration of being 'no ordinary football club'. As a Trust- owned club, I believe it is important that we raise our profile to a non-football audience, make a difference in our community and preserve and record our club's heritage for future generations.

That given, as a trustee, my focus has always been on the success of our football club. I championed and was successful in changing the Club Board model, by achieving equal representation of Trustees on the Club Board of Directors in 2014, ensuring Trust members views are fully represented. I was also successful in campaigning for Board Directors to be more accountable to the Trust through highlighting their achievements before re-election to the board.

I have been a Trust nominated director on our club board since October 2014 and have taken responsibility for safeguarding and compliance. Few would disagree that our youth is our future. Development of local, young talent is key to our future success. In order to achieve that, we have to comply with the many rules and regulations of the English Football League, Premier League and the Football Association which is an onerous task but must be maintained. I am fully committed to our youth development programme and want to see it thrive.

Exeter City F.C. is close to my heart. I want our club to succeed, to achieve the highest level we can, and to continue in fans' ownership.

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Supporters: Mike Cooper, Pete Martin, Nick Sanders