

Martin Weiler - Manifesto

We are in uncharted waters. No Trust owned Club has ever spent so long in the Football League. This is cause for immense pride but there are clearly challenges ahead for the Trust Board. At the heart of these is the simple question of how we help sustain the Club and create the conditions for success on the pitch. This is not easy but as owners of the Club we are charged with the task.

If we are to avoid stagnation we will need a blend of experience and fresh blood to drive things forward. As someone who has served on the Trust Board for the last six years I am in the experience camp. I believe this will be a valuable asset in building the future alongside new contributors.

So what should our priorities be? My top four areas for focus would be:

- * Exploring ways of bringing more finance into the Trust and Club. Community Shares and the Corporate Membership Scheme are a good start but we will need more new thinking too.
- * Finding ways to involve more supporters in our work, be it as Trustees or Volunteers. We have to re-energise our volunteering ethos.
- * Building better networks and relations with the key influencers in football and the local community. We cannot afford to be isolated.
- * Keeping working at new ways to improve communications with our members and others with an interest in what we do.

In addressing these priorities I would draw on a wealth of experience at and outside the Football Club. Before retiring I was a Senior Manager for the Environment Agency with a professional background in Communications. I have served in a number of voluntary roles including as Chair of the Devon Association of School Governors. I am currently Chair of Trustees at the St Sidwell's Community Centre charity. At Exeter City I have been a Supporters Trust Trustee since 2010 and current roles include Co-ordinator of the Trust's One Game One Community Group and Secretary of the Trust's History Group. I am also a Trustee of the Club's charity Football in the Community.

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