

CANDIDATE STATEMENT – ROBIN CAUSLEY

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I have supported TUFC since 1964 ,when my dad took me to my first match and have been a regular at Plainmoor in virtually every season since. I've been a season-ticket holder for many years and currently sit in Bristow's Bench with family and friends.

I was recruited by the then Chair of TUST, Michael Golbourne in 2013, to help him rebuild the organisation following a dramatic drop in membership numbers and the consequent stalling of TUST activities.

Since then as Vice-Chair of TUST I have been involved in :

- Registering Plainmoor as an Asset of Community Value.
- Leading negotiations with Kelvin Thomas (Advisor to Thea Bristow) ,with a view to the club potentially becoming community-owned following Thea putting the club up for sale.
- Representing TUST at meetings with the club Secretary and Dave Phillips' consortium board of directors.
- Representing TUST at meetings with Chief Executive and Secretary when Clarke Osborne secured ownership of the club.
- Successfully submitting a bid for funding from the Premier League Fans' Fund for Fan Zones and Community Outreach activities.
- Liaising with Councillors, Council Officers, our local MP and the FSA .
- Strengthening the TUST board by recruiting new trustees and improving our governance.
- Increasing membership and improving communication to members.
- Undertaking interviews on TV, radio and local press,etc.
- Facilitating new ownership following Clarke Osborne's decision to put the club into administration.
- Helping to prepare and launch the Community Share Issue.

My time as a board member of TUST has been challenging and at times extremely frustrating, particularly during Osborne's ownership of the club when we were treated with disrespect and contempt by those he put in charge.

However, the TUST board have never wavered in our determination to ensure the club was run properly for the benefit of supporters as well as the wider community.

The fantastic response to the CSI has shown just how much our supporters value our club and how much they want it to succeed in the future.

Working with the Bryn Consortium , who have generated a new source of pride and energy to TUFC, and with TUST now having a significant stake in the club, I would very much like to play a part in supporting TUFC to become a Community-led club, ensuring that fans and owners have an open dialogue and that the fans' voice is heard