

CANDIDATE STATEMENT – ROB BURKITT

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I've been on the Board of TUST since early 2018 and in that time we have certainly had some challenges. My initial role was to set up and run the Facebook page. Since then my role with social media has expanded to being in control of and building the Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts by being proactive with posting. Over my time I have also learnt to become proficient at editing our website which has saved TUST quite a large amount of money in fees. I have also learnt to create and edit graphics using online software which helps us get our message across much more effectively than ever before. These skills and more have been learnt thanks to the help of other volunteers that I am very happy to work with and learn from. There is a whole team that I am in contact with at the push of a button that all deserve lots of credit for their help in getting the TUST online communications to where they are today.

As well as my role in communications I have been part of the decision-making process on the board. Although a little shy at first having never been on any sort of board, it's fair to say I'm happy to speak my mind now. In all honesty, I cannot remember many crossed words with the team on the board as we've pretty much always been able to come to sensible agreements by looking at all sides of issues. It is great to be part of such a close hard-working team. Even when things got quite tough going up against the previous regime we all stuck together as a unit. We did plan a full protest after all.

Since the takeover, I have been involved with the Paint up Plainmoor project. Scraping steps in the ground, Painting indoors, Installing glass washers, finding the company to clean the seats, asking an old school friend to paint the family stand and even coming up with the 'Paint up Plainmoor' slogan. It's been one of my favourite things to do for the club as now it really does feel like it's ours again.

I've enjoyed being part of the board over the years even though there have been many downs, so I'd love to be a part of the team on the way back up.

Thanks very much.