



## **ELECTION STATEMENTS 2022**

Provided below are the election statements for all candidates in the 2022 Trust board elections. The vote will take place by way of a show of hands at the society AGM on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 7-9pm at the LNER Community Stadium.

### **Mike Brown**

As a supporter of 42 years and founding director of YCFC and the Supporters' Trust it was a great honour to be invited to return to the Trust board as Chairman in May 2018.

Since then, I am proud of the complex work completed by the Trust and our legal team to navigate the due diligence and legal processes relating to the move to the LNER Community Stadium and the sale of Bootham Crescent. It was a huge privilege to have overseen the momentous takeover of the club by the Trust and Glen Henderson on 5th July 2022.

But this was only the start of a long journey. There is still a huge amount of challenging work to do to reshape the club and Trust to meet the aspirations of our supporters and the City. I hope that my broad business experience, deep understanding of the club and marketing expertise can contribute to delivering a more modern, dynamic, and responsive approach.

As we move into a next positive chapter in the club's history, I am committed to continuing to serve our fantastic supporters to deliver the fan-centric, sustainable, and successful football club we all want. It will take time and patience, but I'm confident that we have all the right ingredients to achieve our ambitious vision & mission.

### **Jim Calverley**

It's been an honour to serve Supporters Trust for the last year since being co-opted on to the board, in that year so much has been achieved but I know there is more to be done. If I am successful in being elected I will spend my tenure ensuring that the Supporters Trust is the group that unites fans behind the new ownership structure. That means I will:

- Listen to fans, both when they have positive ideas and constructive criticism.
- Talk directly with our members explaining what is happening within the Supporters Trust and Football Club.
- Ensure the Supporters Trust boards takes action and makes decisions that protect and grow York City Football Club and the community that surrounds it.
- Deliver on the promises outlined in the Vision, Mission & Values statement released just after the club takeover.

I believe whole heartedly that the Supporters Trust is the organisation that can help Glen Henderson take our football club forward, I hope both within this statement and what I have already shown in my time on the Supporters Trust Board that you will elect me to continue to represent you.

### **Richard Hall**

I have been a City supporter for over 50 years and if re-elected I would work with the other board members to encourage the philosophy of working together and building ways of including all City fans in the running of their club.

### **Alastair Smith**

I am a life-long supporter and former Chairman of Pocklington Supporters Club and York City South. I was honoured to be co-opted to the Trust board in early 2022 and subsequently appointed Chief Executive of York City Football Club.

As a Trust appointed club director, I am committed to continuing the work to reshape the football club for the benefit of all supporters and local community. Everyone connected to the club recognises that there's a huge amount of work to do, but I'm proud of what we have achieved in the first couple of months. I'm equally excited about our ambitious plans for the coming years.

As a Trust and club director, I promise to always remain faithful to our fan-centric vision, by listening to supporters and making decisions that put them first. York City fans have always shown that we can achieve anything if we all pull in the same direction. In recent months, the supporters have come closer than ever and so I'm extremely optimistic for our future prospects.

### **Chris Tune**

I've been watching City all my life. The wins have felt sweeter and the (many) losses less painful because of the camaraderie shared with fellow York supporters. Whether it is friends, family, or strangers you recognise from previous games - the fans are the lifeblood of our club. The club's success is dependent on a thriving, united fanbase with a powerful voice in the club's boardroom.

I would relish the opportunity to serve Supporter's Trust members as a board member. I believe I have the drive, passion, and professional skillset to support the Trust in its next phase as a significant stakeholder in the club.

If elected to this role, my priorities would be to:

- Communicate regularly, and transparently with Trust members and the wider York City fanbase to ensure that all members feel truly represented and able to bring forward ideas directly.
- Bring a new perspective and action-focused drive to the Trust so that members can quickly see the steps being taken to support the club's progress towards being a sustainable, fan-centred club.
- Be proactive in finding opportunities to passionately and professionally represent the Trust to increase awareness of the excellent work being done.