

## Peter Ferlie's election Manifesto 2021

My first football match was in 1969, Coventry City V Leeds Utd and ever since I loved the match day atmosphere, enjoying the highs and enduring the lows in the 90 minutes of each game.

I first got seriously involved with ECFC when the Red or Dead appeal was launched in 2004 as was passionate that a fan run club was the only way for ECFC to survive and move forward.

In the 17 years since then, I've sponsored a match, been Grecian the Lion (against Coventry of all sides!), worked in the club shop, and from January 2015 - May 2021 was the Health & Wellbeing Officer at Exeter City Community Trust.

While at CCT, I promoted in Exeter and beyond to engage with ECFC fans and the wider community promoting physical & mental wellbeing, through programmes such as Walking Football, Sporting Memories, Man v Fat programmes and social cafes at SJP.

I would like to carry on and expand on this work with the supporter's trust, especially with the fans who are still socially isolated and haven't got back to SJP to date.

If elected I would bring my knowledge, expertise and partnership working know how, to bolster the existing good work of The Trust. I would like to look how we could work with the population who don't have an interest or knowledge of the club to get them to a match.

Through this work I would like to think the supporters will have another opportunity to strengthen the link between fans and the club, that link is so special, that it should never be taken for granted or forgotten, as I believe one of the roles of the club and The Trust is to support its fans and the wider community that surround SJP.

I firmly believe in the fan owned model for ECFC, when I read or hear stories about how other clubs are being run and managed, it fills me with pride to see ECFC in its' best ever position in terms of finance, player development, and community engagement, which a lot of is down to the stewardship of the club by the supporters trust.

One last thing, even if you don't vote for me, please use your vote, as without the trustees we can't have a well-run sustainable club and supporters trust.

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