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Exeter City Supporters' Trust Election 2026 | 400-Word Manifesto

WE OWN OUR FOOTBALL CLUB

I am standing because "We Own Our Football Club" must mean more than a slogan. Supporters should shape decisions, not simply hear about them afterwards. Actions speak louder than words.

I have spent years volunteering for Exeter City: retrieving balls, helping with flags, clean-ups and fundraising, and supporting our women's and youth teams. I was co-opted onto the Exeter City Supporters' Club committee. I am involved in Grecian Generation Z, attend Trust meetings and engage with the Football Supporters' Association. These experiences have taught me to listen to different ages and views. I represent students at Exeter College, have worked with Panionios in Greece and have played for the Adam Stansfield Foundation.

Our club's financial security comes first. I co-proposed the AGM resolution supporting a three-month reserve. Members' decisions deserve respect, clear follow-up and honest explanations. I want cash reserves alongside solvency testing, forward planning and transparency about loans, risks and major decisions. Fan ownership must protect Exeter City for future generations.

I would make better use of co-option. Trust rules allow co-opted trustees for fixed periods. Why limit opportunities to people able to commit three years? We could invite members with business, legal, financial, safeguarding or other skills to help with defined three- or six-month projects, where appropriate, and widen participation in working groups. Open recruitment and reporting would bring fresh faces, more women and younger supporters into decisions, helping challenge groupthink.

We should look beyond our usual circles. I want stronger links with schools, colleges, councils, community organisations and international supporters. I would seek engagement with the Independent Football Regulator, the FSA and Football Action Network, sharing the strengths of fan ownership while learning where we can improve.

Good ideas can come from anyone. I've suggested exploring small businesses on underused club land, community celebration days and an updated edition of Kevin Miller's charity book. These are ideas to investigate, not promises without evidence.

I will press for inclusive dialogue, responsible AI, effective safeguarding and transparent handling of conflicts of interest. Disabled supporters, less visible members and those unable to attend regularly deserve a genuine voice. I will listen, question respectfully and report back.

We Own Our Football Club should belong to every generation. Actions speak louder than words.

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