

## **Ian Lyon – Candidate Statement 2019**

My name is Ian Lyon, I have been a supporter of Morecambe FC most of my life, seeing the good times and bad. Standing on the terraces at Christie Park in the 1970's watching games with a crowd below 300, seeing promotion from Northern Premier League to Conference and finally to the Football League. As a long-term supporter, I am proud of the journey the club has taken. Most supporters at the Globe may know me as one of the club match day photographers.

I have been involved with supporters/fans clubs for over twenty-five years from Shrimps Supporters' Club, Fans' Club of Morecambe to the setup of the Trust. I have been a Trustee since the set-up of Shrimps Trust, in one of the darkest moments in the history of Morecambe FC. Only recently in a national newspaper there was a report of club being up for sale again, which quickly the club denied in a statement. I feel a healthy supporter's group is not only beneficial to all supporters but to the club as a whole. Communication is always vital, fans always need to be kept in the know, just not local Morecambe fans but in the wider football world.

Over the years I've helped to set up and run many activities on behalf of supporters, including setting up and running the old supporters club website. This is where my interest in the football club's history began. At present I am reworking the old website I did, to relaunch the history section on behalf of the Trust. However, the work is taking longer than I thought but I hope to have it completed for the club's 100 anniversary.

The Trust is for all supporters, this is why I would be interested and willing to work as a disabled/minority persons contact to the Trust. I have personal knowledge living with a disability and have over the years gained an insight to people with various other disabilities. I may not have the formal training but I do consider that I understand their concerns and needs.

I would ask members to vote for me and give me the honour of representing them on the Trust.

