



Richard Allan – Candidate Statement

Firstly, thank you for taking the time to read this!

I'm standing to become a trustee to help us attain a four figure membership. As part of the steering group to first establish the trust in 2016, I've seen the it grow from the old Fans Club of Morecambe into a professional entity; respected by the board and fans with over a quarter of season ticket holders as trust members. These are unbelievable numbers not even seen by some Premier League clubs.

The people who have helped achieve this deserve everyone's thanks, and hopefully I can help move us towards a four figure membership. We have a podcast, a monthly meeting with the board, a healthy bank account, offer away travel when possible and see some great people getting involved every year. With the club also going from strength to strength, I hope I can add my skills to this and be part of it.

Supporting Morecambe FC and living in Manchester, all I ever got was: "who", "who are your real team" and "didn't you only take four fans to Portsmouth". Now, it's: "oh, you were in League One last year", "didn't you play Spurs recently" and "that Cole Stockton's scored a few belters", as well as other clubs marvelling at our away support over the past year or so. The club and the trust are unrecognisable from 10 years ago, and hopefully I can be part of the next 10 years.

I was humbled to see so many people at the open meeting in May following the recent travails regarding Sarbjot Johal. This club really cares about being sustainable, well run and not sprinting towards the latest shiny thing that's got a few quid. It's paramount that this club is here for our kids, their kids and so on. The trust is fundamental in ensuring that it is protected, and I'd be honoured if you'd lend me your vote to be a trustee for 2023-2025.