Application for Trust Director : Scott Curtis

Dear Members,

I currently work as the Finance and IT Director of a Group of companies based in Gloucester, which employs just over 300 people. I’m a qualified accountant with over 20 years experience in the commercial real estate sector, working for companies such as Regus and the Goodman Group.

It’s great that the Trust will be involved in owning and developing the county ground. This means that we are far more able to ensure that supporters needs are met, not only in terms of facilities, but also by putting the right structures in place to protect it for generations to come. If elected, I’d like to use my experience to play a role in that process and help the trust achieve its goals.

I live in Swindon within an hours walk of the County Ground, with my wife and 2 student children and have been a season ticket holder since I moved here in 2006, regularly traveling to away games. Yes, I was there when Douglas scored.

I grew up in Worcester and although I played a lot of football, was primarily a Cricket fan following the likes of Hick, Botham and co around the country on a Sunday for the 40 over competition. It wasn’t until I went to university in 1992 and shared a house with a couple of Swindon fans, that I started to become interested in watching football. Luckily for me that happened to coincide with a play-off win and the premier league. You could say I was a glory hunter!

I didn’t start going to matches until 2001. Seeing wins at both Oxford and Reading, as well as Neal Ruddock’s shorts, were memorable highlights that season.

Watching town has become very much a family and social affair for me, my 21 year old daughter is a season ticket holder and my wife accompanies me on many away trips, often staying over and making a weekend of it. I’ve also been fortunate to make some good friends along the way, which can occasionally make losing 5-1 at Fleetwood a little less miserable.

In all the time I’ve been physically watching Town we have been in the bottom 2 divisions and latterly have made the 4th division our home. Now that the club is now stable off the pitch, I believe we can begin to look forward with genuine optimism to improvements on it and one day break our 21st century curse and get back into the championship. If we can do that in a modern stadium with lots of local talent in the squad even better.

I’ve been a member of the trust for some years and last year I had the pleasure of working as a trust officer before joining the Board officially when the opportunity arose. It’s incredible how much work goes on in so many worthwhile areas, often without any individual credit being taken or sought and if elected, I look forward to continue this work on your behalf and on behalf of future generations of Town fans.

Many Thanks

Scott Curtis