



Wimbledon Football Club Supporters' Society Limited

Announcement of Election to fill five two-year vacancies and one one-year vacancy on the Dons Trust board 2022

This **Announcement of Election** formally starts the election process to fill six vacancies on the Board of Wimbledon Football Club Supporters' Society Limited (the Dons Trust board). It is being sent to you in the format in which you have chosen to hear from the Trust.

If there is anything that is not clear, or anything that you would like to discuss, contact the Elections Steering Group (ESG) via elections@thedonstrust.org. David Hall and Matt Breach who are jointly chairing the ESG this year, will do their best to help.

Vacancies

Elected members serve on the Dons Trust board (DTb) for two years with half stepping down each year. The DTb has recently decided to increase itself to ten elected members so there are five two-year vacancies this year.

In addition to this there is a vacancy arising from the resignation of Graham Stacey who is stepping down at this year's Annual General Meeting. There is therefore a sixth vacancy for a one-year term.

For reference, the four continuing elected members are Kris Stewart, Michele Little, Niall Couper and Freddie Flaxman, who will be happy to discuss the role and responsibilities of board members.

Standing as a candidate

If you wish to stand, you will need to complete a nomination form. This year, separate forms are available for submission either electronically (with a validation system explained on the nomination form), or via hard copy. It is essential that you and your proposers ensure that your electronic contact details are correct. The forms and the Election Rules are being circulated with this Announcement; they can also be downloaded from the relevant section on the Dons Trust website at <http://thedonstrust.org/elections/>.

The Dons Trust board has issued Guidance for Board Candidates which gives information about the way it operates and Terms of Reference for its four theme groups. Candidates are encouraged to read this guidance before submitting their nomination. These are attached to this document and will also be available on the Dons Trust website.

Conduct during the Election

All Dons Trust members are reminded that the rules governing the election are there to ensure a vibrant, but fair, contest. The rules apply to all members of the Trust, not just candidates. You are particularly reminded that comments made in



any forum, including on social media groups, are governed by the rules of the contest.

Timetable

The election will be conducted in accordance with the following timetable:

Nominations open	Saturday 8 October 2022
Nominations close	Saturday 29 October 2022 at 23:59
Voting eligibility deadline	Sunday 30 October 2022 at 23:59
Announcement of the candidates and Manifestos published / sent out. Campaigning starts around	Wednesday 2 November 2022
Voting forms sent to members	Saturday 12 November 2022
Closing date for voting	Saturday 3 December 2022 at 23:59 (electronic vote)
Result announced via Dons Trust website, etc	As soon as possible after counting
Annual General Meeting – Formal announcement of result	To be confirmed

Dons Trust Secretary