

Chris Philips



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I'm Chris Philips, former Dons Trust Board member until 2005. I have been hands-on involved with the club since inception and am a founding member of the Dons Trust. My main role has been stadium PA voice, from the very first home game to this day, having quit the same paid role at Selhurst Park for Wimbledon FC in protest at the move. My background is radio. Fifteen years at Kiss FM and subsequently at Jazz FM since 2008. I have also been giving time as a volunteer driver for Dons Local Action Group. I grew up in Earlsfield.

If elected to the Dons Trust Board I believe my skill set is best served within matters of comms, events, presentation, social media policy and supporter engagement.

Now that we are back home, this is not the end of the process but the beginning. Sustaining, protecting and building our supporter ownership model and the democratic base is my imperative, supporting ideas on how to be fully inclusive of all stakeholders to build a culture of aspiration as one club. I want AFC Wimbledon to be the first-choice club in South London.

Match days are the most important events in our individual calendars, not just fixture fulfilments. I am passionate about improving fully functioning sound and video at the stadium, joined-up to inform, entertain and communicate the Club ethos. I want to prioritize giving a platform to our curators, historians, contributors, and connections in our fan base to give us content that celebrates our legacy and builds excitement about the future. This requires full buy-in at the Club in technical terms and providing for our people.

I want to pick up from some of the excellent work already done by departing board members, seeding and cultivating innovative ways to encourage and engage greater match attendance and fanbase. In particular, enticing extended families of seasoned football supporters from other clubs in London who feel they are priced out of Premier League and Championship matches.

I believe we need to review, promote and support greater use of facilities at the stadium to maximize opportunities outside of match days and football to generate revenue through a busy and more diverse itinerary of events.

I am an advocate for a robust level of scrutiny, review, and discussion with the Club on operations on behalf of all members and supporters to avoid mistakes of the past and unnecessary wastage and am prepared to speak up for this and accountability.

I intend to work to improve all lines of reporting as agreed by the Dons Trust Board to ensure responsibilities and action points are completed in a timely way that ensures we as a Club maximize on opportunities and improvements.