

# FST Board Election November 2025 Candidate Statements

This document contains the proposer, seconder and statement (maximum 200 words) of each candidate standing in the FST Board Election of November 2025. The candidates are listed here according to a random draw carried out by the Independent Scrutineer.

# **Roger Southgate**

#### Member standing for election

Proposed by: Gary Mclaughlin

Seconded by: Melissa Gemmer-Johnson

My Fulham story began with Sir Bobby Robson. During his second playing spell, he taught football at my school in New Malden. My Dad told me he played for Fulham – and from that moment I was hooked!

My era encompassed the heartache over the decades that followed with the odd glimpse of glory, including an FA Cup final, SuperMac's free-flowing football, Micky Adams and then our return to the top-flight. My family and I are hardened Hammersmith End regulars.

I've worked professionally in financial services, providing both personal and corporate advice, coaching and developing teams and acting as an operations director liaising with third providers within the EU. I believe my wealth of experience would be an asset to the Trust.

Without progress, football clubs would remain in the era of Tommy Trinder (nothing wrong with that by the way). The soul of a football club lies with the fans, who follow the team week in, week out. I want a close, positive mutually respected relationship with Fulham that move forward together, respecting the potential different viewpoints with one common goal - making Fulham the best version it can be both on and off the pitch.

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## **Simon Duke**

### **Board member standing for re-election**

Proposed by: Jerry Cope Seconded by: Ian Clarke

Since Tom Greatrex stood down in 2023 it has been my privilege to serve as Chair of the Fulham Supporters' Trust (FST). In my 2-year tenure we have faced challenges including ticket price rises and formation of the Club's Fan Advisory Board (FAB). I have worked with our Board to press our voice on the Club and continue our structured dialogue.

I attend the monthly meetings held with the Club, where I normally Chair. I am one of 2 non-Club appointed members of the FAB. I also serve on the Football Supporters Association Premier League Network and the Club's Safety Advisory Group.

In my time on the Board, I have built relationships with key individuals at all levels within the Club, enabling us to share ideas and try to solve problems.

I bring to the Trust professional and personal experience as a long-standing supporter of over 60 years. I use my skills, enthusiasm and understanding of values of Fulham fans to continue to help take the Trust forward.

If elected for a further term, I am determined to make the Club an affordable home for fans, not occasional supporters who turn up for the bigger matches.

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