



**Grimsby Town Supporters Trust (Grimsby Town Supporters' Society Limited)
2011 AGM – CANDIDATE MANIFESTOS**

Candidate Name	Candidate Manifesto
Christopher George Parker	My primary aim is to turn GTST from what is perceived by many as an exclusive club to a totally inclusive one. The aim must be for every GTFC Supporter to be a member of the Trust, to that it is worthwhile and that it gives them a voice.
Christopher Michael Garry Stephenson	I am a lifelong supporter who is keen to help shape the future of the GTST and ergo GTFC. Locally born and bred family man and local business owner.
Dave Otter	I have been involved with the Trust since its inception and have served on the board both as Chairman and Spokesman. I have experience as a company director and as a manager within the NHS.
Dave Roberts	<p>55 years old and have supported the club all my life with my first game in 1966. I have been a season ticket holder for the last 20 years and also go to most of the away games.</p> <p>I have been on the trust board previously taking on the role of treasurer but I decided to resign due to family and work commitments. I have worked all of my life for Young's and its associated companies and since 2003 held the position of Commercial Finance Controller which is a very demanding and high profile role hence the difficulty in trying to perform trust duties on top. When Young's took over the sponsorship of the club I was given the labour of love of looking after the sponsorship and so I have good relationships with all of the staff at the club. My personal situation has now changed with the move of many of the commercial jobs in Young's to London I have elected to take semi-retirement and do a couple of days pw project work for them . Also my two daughters are now through university and in the big wide world trying to earn a living in London and Leeds.</p> <p>Although I must admit I have a bit of a travel bug and also I am about to take up golf, I will still now have much more time to devote to the trust and I am more than happy to offer my time and considerable business experience if required . I strongly believe in the concept of having a vibrant supporters trust working alongside and potentially within the board of the football club for the long term good. I am not a believer in the trust having an agenda to take full control of the club.</p>
Graham Precious	<p>I have supported the Mariners for 47 years through thick and thin (including 120 away grounds). Whilst these are dark days for the club, the Trust has been given the opportunity for the fans to have ownership and an opinion on the running of the club. We live in changing times which may require a broader outlook than in the past for the club to firstly survive and then prosper.</p> <p>I believe it is now time for the supporters to back the club and work with the club to achieve the above. This, however, will require a lot of hard work and organisation. I would hope to be able to be a part of that.</p>
Ian Fitzgerald	I'm a long standing GTFC supporter. I strongly believe in the supporter ownership model of self-sustainable football clubs. I intend to help GTST meet its objectives especially in respect of helping sustain GTFC as a viable football club that becomes part of the North East Lincolnshire community. I believe a successful GTST will help the supporters of GTFC to become the club rather than a customer of it.
Ian Townsend	My name is Ian Townsend and I've been a Grimsby Town fan since 1969. Over that

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	<p>time I've seen plenty of good and bad times. Never however have I ever felt that the very existence of the club I love has been so threatened than it is at the moment. I might not have the money to make a difference but I am prepared to do everything I can to ensure that Grimsby Town F.C. are an entity that future generations can identify with.</p> <p>I believe that the Grimsby Town Supporters Trust needs to be the voice of the thousands of fans of the club all over the country. The first step on the long road to doing this is I believe to demonstrate that the Trust Board are independent of any person or group of people associated with the club. I believe that all decisions made by the Trust Board should be made with the very best interests of the FANS of Grimsby Town at heart. If elected I pledge to put the fans first.</p> <p>Furthermore I believe that long term the Trust should be the means by which new investment can be attracted into the club. I will campaign to ensure that any incoming Trust board seeks out and opens communications with potential investors whether these be local or from further afield.</p> <p>In the long term the Trust should be a fund raising organisation and I will work to the best of my ability to put into operation some of the excellent fund raising ideas currently in the pipeline.</p> <p>I do not see the Trust as an organisation that the club can go to "cap in hand" when they have overspent. Our involvement should be on a more indirect basis-through careful use of funds raised enthusing the community of the Grimsby area to set foot inside Blundell Park once again thereby restoring the club to its historical place in the affections of the public of North East Lincolnshire.</p>
Jonathan David Wood	<p>I went to my first Town match when I was 4. I took my kids to their first Town match when they were 4. I would like them to be able to take their kids, so I want to help work towards a viable, successful future for GTFC.</p> <p>I believe that it is essential that fans have a voice and work with the club. I am also keen to work towards improving facilities for fans on matchday.</p>
Luke George Morris	<p>Mike Parkers gift presents a unique opportunity to influence the direction of the club. However, for this to happen it is critical that we have a voice on the clubs Board. We are entitled to a seat but not yet qualified to take it up. I am committed to the development of an active, up-to-date, well organised and qualified Trust that the existing directors will need to have on the clubs Board.</p> <p>I have over ten years global experience with two of the worlds largest business consultancy firms. I am currently a partner with a national firm of chartered accountants.</p>
Marc Reed	<p>I believe I can make a difference and I would be honoured to be involved in a position of responsibility.</p>
Philip Andrew Codd	<p>I have followed Town as a Lincolnshire 'lad' since the 1966/67 season, but have become one of those severely disillusioned by its continued decline. However, I now believe the Trust has an opportunity to have some real input into the clubs future. I was an accountant and financial controller working in industry both in the UK and USA for 17 years. Since 2000, I have worked for myself as an independent business consultant, providing business process, system application and financial system support for medium sized and large businesses.</p>

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