

“I grew up playing football on the playing field behind my house both after school and at weekends before joining the local girls’ team. When I wasn't playing football I joined my dad and brother in supporting our local team, Reading, I had a season ticket there for over 10 years and started travelling to away games on the Supporters' Coach from the age of 13.”

“When I moved to London I realised that it would not be practical to return to Reading for matches and so sought a local team to start supporting. On my very first visit to Champion Hill the friendliness of the crowd, the ability to walk around the terraces and to enjoy a beer during the game were all key factors in ensuring that I would keep coming back.”

“I have recently been elected as Vice-Chair, at the moment I am looking to provide support to the Chair in order to ensure the Trust meet their key objectives. I believe my main focus at the moment is still in my role as the lead of the fan ownership project, working towards ensuring we are ready to take on the ownership of the club at the appropriate time in the future. Having been a fan of the club for 6 years, I wanted to give something back, and I want to help the Dulwich Hamlet Supporters' Trust do everything they can to ensure we have a sustainable future in the local area.”

“I think grass roots is benefitting from an unprecedented increase in interest in recent years as people start losing affinity with the professional game or can no longer afford to attend. The exposure this popularity now affords clubs at our level provides a unique opportunity for local clubs to support the community, aspects that Dulwich Hamlet have embraced and excelled at, something we can all be very proud of.”

“As a young, female, football fan and player I was always in a distinct minority at matches, surrounded by older guys. Whilst this was never a concern for me, I know it was less than appealing to the majority of my friends who could not associate with the experience. When I started following Dulwich Hamlet the contrast in the make-up of the crowd was striking. Standing on the terraces home and away I am now surrounded by men, women and children from all walks of life and all are welcomed to the club equally. This diversity is embraced at all levels of the club, from the staff employed to the Dulwich Hamlet Supporters’ Trust Board and volunteers who help out on matchdays. Showing our support for International Women’s Day is just one further way that we as a football club can demonstrate our values of inclusivity and help to champion the positive role models within the game.”

“My most memorable moment Dulwich winning promotion at home to Burgess Hill and the subsequent celebrations on Goose Green roundabout with Phil Wilson pouring a bottle of champagne over my head!”



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