



## Mariners Trust Programme Notes – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – GTFC V Chesterfield

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Good Afternoon and welcome to today's crucial match against Chesterfield. I know we are all united in hoping the lads can finally get back to winning ways and move us closer to safety in the league.

One of the themes emerging from the survey and that rears its head very frequently is around my role on the board of the club, so I thought I would take this opportunity to try and shed some light on that.

I think firstly it's a good idea to say that I represent the Mariners Trust on the board. I try and take into account the views of wider fans too, but my first loyalty has to be to the organisation I represent. I am given direction from the Trust Board, I read the message boards and am around the ground before pretty much every home game, talking and listening. I am not hard to spot, so please come and tell me what you think. I always try and apply that thinking to every decision and discussion I have in the Boardroom because it's not feasible to defer every decision whilst we have a survey.

I represent those views robustly but appropriately in the Board room, before a democratic decision is made and it is a democratic process. It's not always easy feeding back the outcome and nature of the board meetings and discussions. We are working as a Trust on how we can improve that. Sadly though, there are simply things that I can't share. For example, I don't suppose any of you would have expected me to come out and disclose the names of the candidates and interviews leading up to Michael's appointment.

I have been a fan all my life. I work in the NHS and my family have our season tickets in the Main Stand (which my wife and I buy). I have the same everyday worries as other fans and care passionately about the Town and the Club. Doing this is a privilege that takes up considerable time away from my family but I wouldn't do it if I didn't think it was worthwhile. Your voice is heard in the Boardroom.

As always I will finish by inviting anyone and everyone to get involved. Policy is made by people who commit. So please, if you want to be involved please email [enquiries@marinerstrust.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@marinerstrust.co.uk) and get involved in shaping the Trust.

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