



## **LFL TRUST REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF LIVINGSTON FC**

### **CANDIDATE MANIFESTOS**

#### **DAVID STOKER**

As a supporter of Meadowbank Thistle and Livingston since childhood, it is with immense pride that I offer my candidature to become the first ever Livi For Life Supporters Trust representative on the club board.

When I first clicked through the turnstiles as a ten year old at Meadowbank in 1988 I could not have imagined the roller-coaster journey the club has taken over the last two decades. To be around to see our championship wins, European campaign and cup victory has been a real privilege. I have been equally fortunate in recent years to be closely involved with Livingston FC and Livingston supporter organisations as well as attending matches home and away with my young son.

In addition to my current role within the Trust Board, I have edited the club's match day magazine 'ROAR' since 2002 and have also worked as part of the club's 'web team', delivering improvements to the website such as Livi TV. I have been a member of the committee of the Livi Lions Supporters Club since it began in the same year and currently hold the post of Chairman. Prior to this I contributed to the club programme over more than a decade and co-created the popular supporters website [LiviLions.co.uk](http://LiviLions.co.uk) alongside Andrew Miller.

Out with football I have been employed by HM Revenue and Customs in Livingston for the last six years, currently as a Communications Officer. In the past I have also worked for the Royal Bank of Scotland and HSBC Bank and fulfilled managerial roles with Burton Menswear and easyInternetCafe. I believe that the various experiences I have acquired in employment and as a football supporter will stand me in good stead if I am successfully elected as a director of Livingston FC.

With a number of difficult challenges to tackle, I believe that the club board will be best served by a flexible Trust representative with a broad range of experiences and skills including strong communication skills and a commercial mind. If elected I will input an ordinary supporters' view at board level, while focusing at all times on what is best for the club. My over-riding ambition and reason for standing in this election is to help bring much needed stability to the club so that it can survive and prosper, on and off the field, for generations to come.

#### **DAVID WILSON**

My family and I have followed Livingston FC since 2000, the season we won SPL promotion. In that time our two sons have become Livi supporters through and through. From those early exciting days we have involved ourselves with supporters clubs and helped add colour to match days by making some of the banners seen at games, including the 'Bumble Bee' and 'Forza Livi'. We also assisted the Club directly in a number of ways.

In 2004 I joined the original working committee which came together to establish the Livi for Life Supporters Trust, and I became a firm advocate of supporters trust principles and ideals. I believe it to be a movement that will play a major role in improving the game as a whole, and in helping achieve long-term financial security for teams in Scotland and beyond. For the last four years I have fulfilled the role of Secretary of the Trust, and feel I have played my part in furthering the work of Livi for Life.

Recently the Trust board played an important role in ensuring the survival of the Club, following the dark days of our second bout of administration, and I helped to produce the Community Club Business Plan. I have contributed to a wide range of projects and initiatives undertaken by Trust and Club, as we seek to re-establish Livingston FC as an honest, credible and sustainable business within West Lothian, and make regular appearances on turnstile duty on match days.

Livingston FC is about football, but it is also a business that needs to find a strong role within the local community, and we have a great deal of work ahead to win the hearts and minds of more West Lothian people. I firmly believe that the supporters have a major part to play in ensuring that happens.

The position of Trust Representative on the Board of Livingston FC is not one to be taken lightly, and will require commitment and hard work on the part of the elected supporter to ensure the role meets the standards required of it by both Club and the supporters themselves.

I have always conducted my Trust work and my life in general with integrity and honesty, and see hard work as a challenge to be met. I believe I have the attributes required to fulfill the representative role on your behalf, and wish to be considered for election.