



Candidate Statement

SAMANTHA JANE PIGGOTT



I became a Pompey fan the moment I attended my first match at Fratton Park! However, it was Alan Knight's Testimonial in '94 that turned my blood blue! Ever since then I been an ardent fan and attending matches regularly. However, it was only four years ago, with the PST taking over the club, that I managed to become a season ticket holder as I'd been on a long waiting list for an accessible seat. I go to away games as and when I can, but am

Pompey fan through and through.

I have four grown up children with my first grand-son on the way (future Pompey striker!!) and have had a varied career which has included teaching assistant, hospitality management and various catering roles. I have also been a school Governor and have always been an active volunteer throughout my children's school days.

My continuing journey with my health and Portsmouth Football Club has given me a real understanding of the challenges many fans face and I genuinely feel that being a PST Board member will allow me to support these fans more easily. I'm really involved with Pompey in the Community and regularly volunteer with children's event, older person's activities and also numerous fund raising events including the high profile Victorious Festival.

In 2013 I was instrumental in setting up the Pompey Disabled Supporter's Association - the DSA- and through successful funding bids and sheer hard work we now have an active and vocal DSA that is a life-line for many fans. The DSA is also a mechanism through which we regularly communicate and hold profile events with PFC and PiTC to ensure that all fans including all minority groups feel that they are welcome and included. The successful relationship we have cultivated with the club has, for the first time, lead to PFC ensuring accessible coaches for wheelchair dependent fans will be available for all away matches for the coming season. We hope to build on this relationship over the coming years and being a PST Board member will only strengthen and broaden the opportunities available to us.

As a Pompey fan I feel there are really exciting times ahead and I hope to be an influential and vocal Board member representing the interests of all fans to ensure that the fans remain the most important element of the club regardless of the future success on the pitch!

A vote for me is a vote for someone who feels passionately about the needs of every Pompey fan and I will work diligently to ensure that every fan has a voice!