

## **MARTIN BRAILLI**

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I have been involved with Reading FC over many years and in a variety of guises. Mainly (of course) as a fan, but also over 2 previous spells as a RFSC / STAR board member and for 10 years I was a matchday employee at the club.

We currently seem to be at a crucial point in the club's history. We are all aware of the problems over recent times but at last we seem to be addressing and tackling some of the issues. With the publication of the Tracey Crouch report coming at the same time it seems there might be a lot of changes not only at our club but in terms of how fans and clubs work together across the game. I think now more than ever we need a strong and active fans organisation to work with the club and also to hold it accountable.

Many people believe that the club and the fans have become disconnected in recent years and I am very keen to find ways to rebuild that connection. It has been shown that the fans can take a lead in this, we do not have to wait for or ask the club's permission. Many years ago I was heavily involved in the URZ movement which aimed to rebuild fan involvement at the club, the rise of Club1871 was fan driven and the Hall of Fame and 150 Match have all been led by fans and groups outside the official channels at the club. I would like to build on these, expand the numbers of people who feel they can make a contribution to our club and find more ways that we can influence as many aspects of the club as possible.

I think next season will give us a great opportunity on and off the field to rebuild the club and we need to be ready to take full advantage.