

ABIGAIL TICEHURST

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My passion for Reading lies predominantly with the women's team having followed them as a fan for around five years and written regularly about them with Football in Berkshire. I've been fortunate enough to sit in the stand many times as a spectator but also cover them from the press box and from afar, which I believe has given them a platform to be acknowledged on, especially as Reading has always been chronically ignored by the big media outlets!

The women's team deserve to have more of a voice in every avenue of the club and I believe by joining STAR, I would be able to elevate that further by bringing a genuine passion and support for the team. Whilst, the fanbase of the team is relatively small, they are loyal.

Furthermore, a rallying call from General Manager, Brooke Chaplen, in her open letter to the fans means now more than ever, the team need a voice of support from 'within' in order to amplify them beyond the club.

In addition, through the podcast, Berkshire Football Chat, I've been able to regularly discuss the goings on, both positive and negative, to a large audience of keen listeners who are engaged in Berkshire football across the whole local landscape.

Finally, the work I've done with Football in Berkshire means I have a vast grassroots network across the county of Berkshire that could more than likely be used to further develop engagement between STAR and the local football community.

