

MELANIE BISHOP



Proposed by: Colin Bishop

Seconded by: Jenny Louise Stocks

I am seeking re-election to the STAR Board as my current term is due to expire.

I have been a member of STAR since its inception and have served as a Board member since 2014.

I also served as a Committee Member on STAR's predecessor Reading Football Supporters Club (RFSC)

I have been closely associated with many roles as a member of a Supporter body for the last 48 years, this encompasses working in STAR Base, as membership Secretary, Travel Organiser alongside my husband Colin and I have taken responsibility for the Safeguarding role, with particular regard to young and vulnerable people travelling on our coaches.

The Safeguarding role works closely with the travel and it is our aim to provide the means of travel for Reading fans to away games as safely as possible. We offer a way for young fans to follow their team away from home, with parental consent. This is a huge responsibility and is not something widely offered by other Supporters Clubs or football Clubs due to the huge commitment it requires. STAR's approach has been commended by the FSA and our model has been used as an example to other Clubs considering taking young people to games.

I would like to continue to offer my time and support to STAR in furtherance of advancing the involvement and commitment to fans supporting their Club. As we have experienced in the recent past an active and involved supporter body is the essential life blood in protecting and ensuring the very existence of the wonderful game and the Clubs we hold dear.