

NEIL BRIDGLAND



Proposed by: Matthew Batten

Seconded by: Alison Matthews

As a lifelong supporter of grassroots football and a passionate advocate for the women's game, I would be honoured to join the STAR board to help drive greater support and visibility for Reading FC Women. I firmly believe that the women's team is not just an extension of the club but an essential part of its present and future, capable of inspiring fans of all ages and backgrounds and attracting a whole new generation of supporters.

My vision is to strengthen the bond between the women's team, the wider supporter base, and our local community. I hope to work closely with STAR and the Community Trust to launch meaningful initiatives, organise special events, and enhance communication that highlights the talent and dedication of Reading FC Women. By encouraging more fans to attend matches and engage with the team, we can build a broader, more inclusive culture of support that truly reflects the diversity of our club and town.

Beyond my passion for football, I bring practical experience in sports administration and community projects. As the current Club Secretary for Finchampstead Football Club and one of the founding trustees of the Finchampstead FC Foundation charity, I have helped coordinate local events, fundraisers, and community outreach programmes. I understand the value of collaboration, fresh ideas, and active listening—qualities I would bring to the STAR board to keep us moving forward.

By championing Reading FC Women within STAR and the wider fan community, I hope to help create a welcoming, united, and vibrant future for everyone who loves this club.

Thank you very much for your consideration.