



STOCKPORT COUNTY SUPPORTERS' CO-OPERATIVE

BOARD OF SOCIETY ELECTION 2025

20th November 2025

Herewith my report on the 2025 Board Elections to the AGM.

I was pleased to again be asked to act as the Independent Chair and Scrutineer of your election process.

By the closing time and date of the nomination period four nominations had been received for the seven Board vacancies that were subject to election this year and all nominees and their nominators were verified as being current members entitled to take part in the process.

As there were only four nominees for the seven vacancies a contested election will not be necessary but rather the four nominees will be appointed to the Trust Board subject to an affirmative vote by the attendees at the forthcoming Trust AGM.

As there were only four nominees, they will fill four of the six three-year terms of office leaving two three-year term positions and one two-year position vacant and all available for the appointment of additional Trustees. Anyone appointed to these positions would serve until the next Election.

Therefore, the result of the Stockport County Supporters' Co-operative Board of Society Election 2025 is as follows: I declare **TIM AUDAS, ADELE COOKE, PAUL DAWSON, and TIM ROWSON**, as the successful candidates subject to an affirmative vote at your AGM. Their manifesto statements and nominators details are appended at the end of this letter for information including photos where provided.

I am also asked to comment on the election process.

I would like to congratulate and thank the nominees for standing for election and whilst it is obviously regrettable that only four members felt able to stand for election this in no way detracts from the thanks that should be given to the four nominees who have committed to standing.

Hopefully you may be able to find three more members wishing to join your Board.

I can confirm that your election policy and your rules were followed in conducting this election and were fit for purpose.

Good luck, as always, to you all in the coming year – except of course on the 18th of April next year when you'll be visiting St James Park, but I do look forward to welcoming all those travelling to our FECRACE bar where I'll be happy to serve you a pint and a pasty.

Best wishes, Neil Le Milliere

Independent EWG Chair, Nominations & Returning Officer 2025

The following lists the nominees, photos (where provided), their nominators, and their statements presented in alphabetical order.

1 TIM AUDAS nominated by **Terry Arnold** and **Damian Beaumont**.

My name is Tim Audas, and I have been a Stockport County supporter since the 1960s, with the club playing a central role in my life for well over half a century. I have held a season ticket since the 1990s, experiencing the highs, lows, and everything in between that makes following County such a unique and rewarding journey. It is this long-standing connection, and the perspective it has given me, that inspires me to stand for election to the Board of the Stockport County Supporters' Co-operative.

Over the years, I have seen the landscape of football change dramatically—on and off the pitch. While many developments have been positive, I recognise that some supporters are finding it increasingly difficult to navigate new systems and procedures, particularly in areas such as ticketing. Technology undoubtedly has its place, and progress is important, but I believe that no supporter should feel left behind or disconnected from the club they love.

One of my main aims, if elected, would be to ensure that the concerns of those struggling with these changes are heard clearly and constructively. I would be more than willing to raise such issues with the Club and work to find solutions that balance modernisation with inclusivity.

I have always valued the Co-operative's role as a bridge between the supporters and the custodians of the Club. Maintaining this relationship in a spirit of openness, respect, and genuine collaboration is essential to the long-term health of Stockport County. I am committed to helping preserve this cordial and constructive dialogue, ensuring supporters' voices are listened to and represented fairly.

Another important aspect of the Co-operative's work, in my view, is its role as a legally robust body that can protect the long-term interests of the Club should difficult times ever return. Having a stable and reliable supporters' organisation in place is not just reassuring—it is essential.

In terms of volunteering, I have supported the Hatters Half Marathon for many years, serving as a marshal on Northgate Road. The event not only brings the community together but also raises important funds for the Guardian Account, which exists to safeguard the future of Stockport County. I am proud to have played a small part in this effort.

If elected, I will listen carefully, represent supporters fairly, and work tirelessly for the good of our club and its community.

2 ADELE COOKE nominated by **Ian Shanley** and **Keith Mills**.



I'm standing for election to the board of the Co-Op because I believe the group forms a vital channel of communication between the fans, the community in general and the club. The success of the Danny Bergara statue fundraising, the annual Wellspring Rucksack Project and the Hatters Half Marathon, among many other examples, are testament to the power for good that the Co-Op can be, especially in conjunction with the club.

The club is experiencing an unprecedented level of investment under Mark Stott, and it's tempting to imagine that this state of affairs will last forever and the direction of travel will always continue upwards. History tells us, however, that these things are cyclical, and owners' priorities can change. Our greatest ever season was followed by a plunge down the divisions which ended, via a couple of false dawns, in our prolonged struggles to escape regional football. However honourable the current owners' intentions may be, he is only a chapter in our long history, and we need to be prepared for whatever comes after the page turns. The Supporter's Co-Op has provided continuity through previous changes of ownership and it's important that the fans realise that it will carry on doing this whatever the future may bring. The weekly diary-form blog I write for the premier County podcast has considerable reach and if elected I will be able to include regular mentions of the Co-Op in the hope of creating interest and, hopefully, new membership applications.

I've been a County fan since I first entered Edgeley Park in December 1966. A win under the lights on a Friday night was a fantastic experience to a nine-year-old who'd never seen anything like it before. Among my memories are travelling back from Bury in a coach missing a few windows and of buying a programme to gain entry to our first ever Sunday game thanks to the 1970s fuel crisis. I confess I lost faith in the early 2000s and the sale of Ian Moore to Burnley, of all clubs, was the final straw that caused me to walk away for a few seasons. It never really leaves you though, and I came back during the dark days when trips to grounds next to travellers' sites and with Allotment Ends were the norm. Retirement and an understanding partner have allowed me to follow the team home and away for some seasons now and if elected to the Board I hope I will be able to give something back fans and the community.

3 **PAUL DAWSON** nominated by **Jason Ward** and **Joe Ward**.



I am applying to join the Board of the Stockport County Supporters' Co-operative because I believe in the importance of a strong, active, and genuinely representative supporters' organisation. I have been following County regularly for over 35 years, and throughout that time I've seen how vital it is for fans to have a collective voice — not only in moments of challenge, but also as the club continues to grow and evolve.

My involvement with the Supporters Co-op has developed naturally over the past couple of years through helping to organise the Edgeley Con Club away supporters' coach. The discounted travel arrangement we run in partnership with the Supporters Co-op has given me a close-up view of how much supporters value initiatives that make following County easier and more affordable. That connection led me to become more involved with the Supporters Co-op's work more broadly, and to appreciate the significant effort that goes into running it.

The current Board has organised some amazing fundraising initiatives — such as providing four free tickets per match for fans who might otherwise miss out — to arranging successful events with former players. These activities help strengthen the bond between fans and club, and they demonstrate the practical impact a well-run Supporters Co-operative can have.

At the same time, the Board acknowledged that it needed to increase its numbers to continue its progress and broaden its capacity. I was approached about joining, and after reflecting on how much the Supporters Co-op contributes, I felt it was important not just to admire the work from the sidelines but to support the team already in place. I believe I can add capacity, bring fresh energy, and help share the workload so that current Board members can keep focusing on the areas where they add the most value.

If elected, my priorities would focus on three areas.

First, helping to grow the Supporters Co-op's membership so that it becomes even more representative of the wider fanbase.

Second, supporting practical initiatives — such as away travel, events, and community projects — that deliver real, tangible benefits to supporters.

Third, helping strengthen meaningful engagement with the football club, ensuring supporters have a clear route to raise concerns and contribute ideas on issues that matter to them.

After more than three decades supporting County, I care deeply about the club and its fan community. I would be proud to play my part by supporting the Supporters Co-operative and helping it continue to grow, engage supporters, and represent the best interests of the fanbase.

4 **TIM ROWSON** nominated by **Ian Brown** and **Ian Shanley**.

I first stepped inside Edgeley Park in 1972 on a school trip. Big game too, England v Wales, albeit a schoolboy international! For those interested (nobody I am guessing!), England beat Wales 6-1, with a young Ray 'Butch' Wilkins running the show. It will not surprise those who know me, that I still treasure the programme from the game.

I have previous history with the Stockport County Supporters' Cooperative, raising funds from selling football memorabilia in the grim days when we felt that every penny raised could be vital. Despite the circumstances, these were great times to be involved with the Cooperative.

Of course, the environment the Cooperative are now working in is so different, with the Club going from strength to strength. Long may that continue. The Cooperative though still has a significant role to play, not necessarily in raising funds, but certainly in ensuring that fans remain relevant, respected, and listened to. And the fan voice will be much louder if we can liaise with fan groups from other clubs as I believe we should.

So, what could I add as board member. Firstly, I am an enthusiastic fan who will always put County and Edgeley Park first. Next, I would represent the Cooperative with absolute professionalism which I believe is crucial if we are to build bridges with the Club and with other fan groups.

My working background is in financial services, now in my 46th year. I would like to think that I have a good grasp of the financial world, as both a Chartered Insurer and a Chartered Financial Planner, but my work is more than that, with the ability to communicate and to get on well with people being key. Being self-employed for the last 15 years means that there is little that I have not had to tackle to ensure that my business has remained successful.

I will not always agree with everyone, and I will certainly express my opinion, but I will listen to others. These are qualities we will all need if we are to be a successful and progressive Board.

I am married to Joanne who offers me incredible support and who is enthusiastic about me following my goal to take a more active role with the Stockport County Supporters' Cooperative. We love to divide our time between our home in Gee Cross and frequent trips to North Wales and Lanzarote - always with an eye on ensuring we get to as many games as we can!

Our son, Josh, 21, is a graphic designer and videographer and he has been following County since the age of three. His support for County has never wavered, even through the dark days.

Our daughter, Rosie, 20, is currently in her third year of her degree in musical theatre. She will be appearing in Aladdin at Stockport Plaza between 5 December and 4 January (Oh yes, she is!). Tickets are still available (Oh yes, they are! But selling out fast!!).