

CUOSC - AGM 2021
Candidates' statements

FRANK BEATTIE (supported by Norman Steel and Malcolm Nugent)

I am a retired Area Sales Manager, Counsellor and Counselling Tutor. I've been a Carlisle United supporter since my childhood. I've been a member of CUOSC since that great meeting in The Sands Centre. I am currently Chair of CUOSC.

Since my election to that position we have reduced the average age range of the CUOSC board by quite a bit through the introduction of 3 younger members who all have expertise in different areas. They all have fresh and different ideas and as a board we've encouraged those ideas to come forward.

It's been a strange time for all of us living through this Pandemic and it's not been easy for anyone. This has put a brake on many of the new ideas and initiatives that we had planned but we hope to see them come to fruition in the coming season.

Some of the things we were able to do during, that time, was the Monday night online quiz, the videos of past players talking to supporters and some even asking the quiz questions.

Carlisle ReUnited was introduced as a means of drawing supporters together while raising money to purchase items the club needed. Face in the Crowd was part of this and many supported this scheme.

We have been involved recently with the FSA and EFL on the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion scheme and also the Kick it Out campaign. We are currently taking part in the government inquiry into football and how it's governed. We hope to be able to give you good news on that in the next few months.

Thank you for supporting the club and CUOSC, I hope that you can vote for me also.

MARK MIDDLETON (supported by Nigel Davidson and Carol Wilson)

Hi there, I'm Mark, 39, Carlisle United fan, outdoor enthusiast and family man. I'm originally from Stoke and also a Stoke fan but work, life and everything has brought me north and as a result I began following Carlisle a few years ago. So, I'm one of those who has two teams – mind you Carlisle is rapidly becoming my first (don't tell my Stoke mates!).

I work at Northumbria University as a Senior Lecturer in Accounting, and my research is into the annual reporting of football clubs – particularly regarding new and better ways of doing things to help supporters understand what happens behind the scenes at their club. This has led onto a few things for me, including making a submission to the Fan Led Review, working with Fair Game as an adviser and, of course, being co-opted on to CUOSC at the end of last year. I have been able to bring my skills and experience to the table as well as enthusiasm and a fresh perspective to the board, and I hope, with your support, to keep doing this for the foreseeable future.

Thanks for reading and for voting - Up the Blues!

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