



TALKING CITY MATTERS WITH PATRICIA ROBINSON

For this week's City Matters feature, we sat down with the Over 65s Representative, Patricia Robinson, to discuss her role at our official fan network.

Can you tell us about when you first started supporting Manchester City?

It was almost by default. My father was a huge United supporter (he had played for them in the 1930s) and he used to take me to Old Trafford and Boundary Park. At school, my friends were all City supporters, they persuaded me to go with them to Maine Road, and I was hooked. The rest, as they say, is history.

What is your role at City Matters?

I hope that I represent all City fans but mainly the more mature among us. We can remember the old days, playing York City on a wet Friday night. As well as the main committee, I also sit on two other sub committees. Catering and the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

How does Manchester City support its Over 65s supporters?

There are a larger proportion of fans in this age group who are not interested in iPhones and the Internet so this has problems of its own. The Club, where possible, are identifying this group and is providing hard copy solutions. Reduced mobility can also be a problem and fans have been helped



individually with their particular problems.

How important is it that the Club caters for the needs of supporters of all ages?

Gosh, that's vital, isn't it. All groups of fans have a representative on the City Matters committee and it is a pleasure to help all fans. I would hope that anyone with a problem would reach out to us and we would do our utmost to help. It really is wonderful to have this opportunity to work

on behalf of my beloved club.

I understand you have a hearing disability. How does this affect you on a matchday and does the Club help you at all?

Sadly, I do. I think the most unfortunate aspect on match days is I can't hear the singing and the chants from the fans anymore. The newly installed PA system has helped and I can now hear the announcements most of the time and I continue to talk regularly with the Club's Accessibility department.