

## **Tributes to Ken Malley arrive from all over football**

Following the sad news of Trust Chairman Ken Malley's death, tributes were received by email, through Twitter and other social media from all over football.

Here is a summary of some of the tributes received:

*The Chief Executive of the Football Supporters' Federation Kevin Miles, said:*

"The FSF has lost a much loved, hugely committed and dedicated colleague, and close personal friend to many of us. Our condolences go of course to his family, to his many close friends and not least to the England Fans' Embassy team, who have lost an inspirational colleague."

*Blues chief executive Mark Catlin said:*

"I have known Ken for almost three years and he will be sorely missed by me for both personal and professional reasons.

"He was a genuinely nice guy, but also a passionate advocate of a better deal for fans at football clubs and his constructive and thoughtful approach is a great loss to both the trust and the club."

*The Dons Trust tweeted:*

All at the Dons Trust were saddened to hear news of the passing of Ken Malley, chair of Pompey Supporters Trust. Our condolences and best wishes go to his family and all at Portsmouth FC – he will be greatly missed.

*The Sky Blue Trust tweeted:*

All at the Sky Blue Trust are really sorry to hear of the passing of Portsmouth Trust Chair Ken Malley. A top man who will be sadly missed

*The Recre Trust, Huelva, Spain, tweeted:*

Recre Trust mourn the death of Ken Malley. You're an example to all of us

*John Westwood emailed:*

There are not enough words to describe Ken, he was a great friend, Pompey and England Fan a giant amongst men and football fans while being a true man of the people, he will live in my heart and mind forever, I loved him to bits, now he is at rest God Bless him and his family.

*Bob Beech emailed:*

Ken worked as hard as anyone else to ensure we still have a football club to support and yet most Pompey fans wouldn't know him, and that is exactly how Ken wanted it. He wasn't interested in having his photo taken or being quoted in the paper he worked tirelessly because he cared about the club. He will be missed by all of us who were privileged to know him.

*Clare Martin of Pompey in the Community emailed:*

He cared. Ken just didn't just talk about doing things, he took up the gauntlet and ran with it.. He was a gentle, caring and very special man who I personally will miss greatly. Thank you Ken, for everything.

*Tony Foot emailed:*

Ken was critical to the survival of PFC. Through his contacts got the Trust into the corridors of the Premier League as well as the FA and those meetings ensured the financial deals that ultimately have underpinned the Club's survival.

He always shunned the limelight. I always envisaged him puffing on a pipe; relaxed and taking in everything before making a comment.

Bill Shankly and Jock Stein died for football. I honestly believe that Ken died for Portsmouth Football Club. He took over the chairmanship of the Trust at a time of personal tragedy for himself. A sense of duty insisted he did. I just hope the Trust is worthy of his memory.

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