



Brian Booth

I am Brian Booth and the current Chair of West Yorkshire Police Federation since 2018 and I am asking you to vote for me.

Whilst being the Chair in West Yorkshire I have always set the tone of putting members first. The evidence was tangible outcomes that members benefitted from. The “Thin Brew Line” welfare van and “Fed & watered” trailer that you may have seen deployed at COP 26. Running two other entities that feed back into welfare, that being the Group Insurance Trust and Bluline Health Care. We provide counselling and physio services from our office. We supported other groups like BAWP and the BPA making a difference with sponsorship for their events. On top of this I have been defending cops in the media, this being visible on National TV, radio and in the press. In essence what I am saying I have the experience of running a large Federation already and track record for delivering for members.

I have thought long and hard about standing for this position, knowing that significant challenges lie ahead. I have often thought this to be a poisoned chalice.

Having spoken to front line colleagues and fellow Chairs it is fair to say that there is a significant disconnect between members and National PFEW. Members do not feel listened to, which begs the question, how can we profess to being the voice of rank and file officers.

This cannot continue.

If I was elected your next National Chair, I would initially concentrate on four areas that are holding PFEW back.

1. Listen to the members. Allow them to speak and more importantly listen. No more kicking issues into the long grass. Any significant decision that affects the membership should be balloted and a mandate taken from that.
2. Have fire in our bellies to put up a good fight and get the best deal for officers. Consign the toothless tiger name to history.
3. Getting on the front foot in the media - both mainstream and social media. Sticking up for hardworking officers - using every tool at my disposal to highlight the challenges and dangers brave colleagues face every day to keep the public safe, even in the face of political and press attacks.
4. There is a fourth more internal federation point that needs attention and that is giving power back to the National Board. The board are elected by their region (members) and as such should be the ultimate decision making body who direct and hold the executive to account. This is not happening, until this changes and there is a strong enough Chair to promote fairness, then we are in danger of making all the same mistakes again.

Vote for me, a Strong Chair who puts Members first.