

# CTFC Ambassador

Our year 10 pupil, Noah Millington was the Cheltenham Town FC Ambassador for the 22-23 season.

Since then, Noah has taken an active role as part of the Supporters Services Group so others are able to enjoy a day out at the football.

Noah was recently interviewed and a piece put in the Cheltenham Town FC Programme for the game against Bristol Rovers on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Well done Noah on your continued work within the local community!

Image from Cheltenham Town's Match day Programme



GETTING TO KNOW

## NOAH MILLINGTON

Robins supporter Noah Millington started regularly coming to Cheltenham Town matches in the 2021-22 season with his dad John and sister Daisy, and they have now been season ticket holders for two seasons.

Noah was a Club Ambassador last season, helping raise awareness of autism and further celebrating an inclusive atmosphere in our football community.

He experienced being on the radio gantry alongside media professionals from the BBC, writing up match reports and experiences for the club programme and website.

Noah used his experiences at the club to share with his fellow pupils and teachers at Alderman Knight School through assemblies and notice boards.

The Millington family and Supporter Liaison Team worked together alongside the football club and Cheltenham Town Community Trust to explore the matchday experience for children with special needs.

Earlier this season, he also joined the Supporters Services Group for the dedicated Unite for Access match on 2nd March to welcome and chat to supporters.

### What did it mean to you being a Club Ambassador?

It meant a lot to me. I had always wanted to do something regarding my autism. I knew I was capable of spreading awareness. The things I did while I was the ambassador really boosted my confidence, and I've had a lot of brilliant experiences with the club in general.

Talking to Dave Hardy [Support Services Group matchday representative] and working with the SLO Team, it feels like a real community and everyone's friends.

### What's been your favourite thing about attending Robins matches?

It has to be the interaction between the players and fans. Luke Southwood, Sean Long, Will Ferry and [former Cheltenham Town striker] Alfie May all have gone out of their way to improve our experiences.

Sean Long always makes time for the fans. He recognises us straight away, and he's really good with my sister. I've accompanied him out on the pitch before [for the dedicated Autism Awareness match last season].

I also had a training ground visit, which was probably one of my favourite things that I did as the Club Ambassador. I got to play indoor cricket with the team, and I was treated as if I was one of the lads.

### What has it been like meeting more Cheltenham Town supporters?

Getting to know more of the fans has been brilliant. There's a lot more interaction. It brings a sense of family to it. Most people know each other where we sit in the main stand, and we all have a good chat.

What do you think is the best thing about the team right now? Darrell Clarke brought life back to Cheltenham. Before him, we were basically dead and buried. But the morale between the players, and the communication that I can hear going on the pitch is brilliant. They aren't just colleagues - they seem like a family.

### In one or two words, how would you describe this season?

Adrenaline-pumping