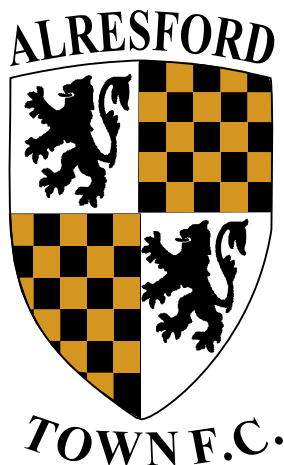


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ALRESFORD TOWN FC OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

## ALRESFORD TOWN V DOWNTON FC



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# MANAGERS MESSAGE

Good evening everyone

Tonight we welcome Downton FC to Arlebury Park in what is our 39th game of the season!

We've played Downton twice already this season, they beat us in the FA Vase early on in the season on penalties but in our last game back in freezing cold January, we came out on top 3-2 winners.

This should be an entertaining end to end match, both teams play good football and compete well all over the pitch. We know what a threat they can be in front of goal so will have to make sure we defend well from start to finish.

We go into the game confident after our 6-1 win over Whitchurch on Saturday, but know that we will have to be at our best if we want anything out of this game.

Come along and support the lads as we give one last push towards the play offs!!

Up The Magpies

Dos & Morgs



**Dan, Connor, Nathan, Jamie, Mike, Ryan**

# DOWNTON FC

Downton Football Club was formed in September 1905, following a meeting which had been arranged by the Rev J.H. Phillips.

Early results were not very encouraging. However, after the First World War in 1919 the Robins fared better after entering the Salisbury & District League.

They gained promotion from Division Two to Division One in 1920, but returned to Division Two in 1924. The 1924/25 season saw Downton become the first winners of the Norman Court Cup, beating Alderbury in the final. They won the competition again in 1932, 1934, 1935, 1936 and 1939 and then on three further occasions after World War II.

Downton won the Wilts Junior Cup for the first time in 1949/50, defeating Atworth 6-2 in the final. The following season, the club entered the Bournemouth League and gained promotion to Division One, winning the championship five times. The 1958/59 season saw them secure promotion to Senior Division One, winning the title seven times between 1959/60 and 1967/68 – an achievement which resulted in Bournemouth FA presenting the club with a special plaque. Downton also won the Bournemouth Senior Cup in 1962/63 and 1979/80 and the Senior League Cup in 1961/62, 1963/64 and 1966/67.

In order to progress further, Downton joined the Hampshire League in 1968/69, winning promotion in 1971/72. More promotions followed in 1978/79 and 1979/80.

In 1992/93, The Robins were elected to the Wessex League – the club's reserves joining its Combination League. The 1995/96 campaign proved one of the club's best ever – winning both the Wessex League Cup and the Russell Cotes Cup, while its reserves finished runners-up in the Combination Cup. They also entered the FA Vase for the first time.

A highest ever league finish of eighth was achieved in the 1996/97 season. The club entered the FA Cup for the first time in 1997/98. Downton enjoyed county success in the Wilts Senior Cup, winning it in 1979/80 and 1980/81, and finishing runners-up in 1955/56, 1991/92 and 1994/95.

Closer to home, The Robins lifted the Salisbury Hospital Cup in 2008/09, beating Shrewton United in the final having defeated Laverstock & Ford and Amesbury Town en-route. They retained the cup the following season when they beat Chalke Valley in the final, staged at Salisbury City's Raymond McEnhill Stadium.

The 2010/11 campaign proved a highly memorable one. As well as securing promotion to the Premier Division after being crowned Division One champions in what was the league's 25th anniversary season, Downton also enjoyed their best ever run in the FA Vase, reaching the second round for the first time.

A number of other accolades followed - Jeff Softley picked up the Manager of the Year honour at the league's 25th anniversary celebrations with four players – Charles Aldridge, Calum Robertson, Nick Turpin and Declan McGregor – all named in the Division One Team of the Year.

Downton finished 6th in their first year back in the Sydenhams Premier League, their highest finish ever. They also won the Hospital Cup again, winning 4-0 against Laverstock and Ford.

The Club were relegated back into Division One in 2013-14, having remained there since with a number of mid-table finishes. In 2017-18, the Youth section was added to the club, with four teams now playing under the Downton badge, ranging from Under 12's to Under 18's. The club remains committed to building out a Senior and Youth squad for the area to be proud of, with the aim of having a full range of 10 youth clubs over the next few years.

In the 2020/21 season club legend Dan Newman took up the role as Chairman With Rae Hughes as vice chairman . Since Dan and Rae came in the club has flourished with lots happening at the Nest . We have taken over the running of the clubhouse and it has been totally refurbished . We had the main stand transformed and renamed the Ian Drinkwater stand . There have been numerous other up grades around the ground .

In the 2021-22 season the Robins won the Wiltshire Cup Final with a 2-0 win over local rivals Bemerton Heath Harlequin's . This is the 3 rd time the club has won the prestigious cup . The Robins retained the Wiltshire Senior Cup ( 4th time in the clubs history ) in the 2022-23 season with a 6-2 win over Wroughton . This game was played at Meadow Lane home of Westbury Utd .



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# CLUB OFFICIALS

**Chairman**  
Craig Scriven

**Secretary**  
Lauren Young

**Commercial Director**  
Lauren Young

**Committee Lead**  
Karly Cleeve

**Managers**  
Nathan Morgan & Connor Doswell

**Assistant Manager**  
Jamie Nash

**Coach**  
Ryan Lambert

**GK Coaches**  
Mike Weatherall & Dan Kempson

**Match day Assistant**  
Darren Heskins

# HONOURS & RECORDS

**Wessex League Cup**  
Winners: 2012/13 & 2013/14

**North Hants League**  
Champions: 1999/00

**Hampshire Senior Cup**  
Winners: 2012/13

**North Hants Senior Cup**  
Winners: 1991/92, 2011/12,  
2012/13 & 2013/14, 2021/2022

**Aldershot Senior Cup**  
Winners: 2013/14

**Southampton Senior Cup**  
Winners: 2018/19

**Best FA Cup Performance**  
Second Qualifying Round: 2016/17

**Best FA Vase Performance**  
Fourth Round: 2013/14

**Record Attendance**  
202 vs Basingstoke Town Sep 2023  
Servio Men's Senior Cup &  
211 vs Salisbury March 2016

## NEXT FIXTURES

**Folland Sports - Wessex League Division One**  
Saturday 6th April 3.00pm Arlebury Park

**Totton & Eling - Wessex League Division One**  
Thursday 11th April 7.45pm Miller Park

**Millbrook - Wessex League Division One**  
Saturday 13th April 3.00pm Test Park Sports Ground

# ALRESFORD TOWN CLUB HISTORY

Football in Alresford has been found back to the late nineteenth century, but the formation year of the present ALRESFORD TOWN FC side is shown as 1989. Starting in the now defunct North Hants League, Town moved immediately into the Hampshire League before withdrawing in 1996. They returned, again from the North Hants League, in 2000 and then came the 2004 move; they've remained members of the Wessex League since and have been a top tier side since 2007.

The original Alresford Town was established in 1898 and were members of the Winchester & District League. The modern club was established in 1989 and joined the North Hants League. After finishing as runners-up in their first season, they moved up to Division Two of the Hampshire League. The club were Division Two runners-up in 1990/91, securing a second successive promotion to Division One. However, after finishing second-from-bottom of Division One in 1994/95, they were relegated back to Division Two. At the end of the following season the club left to re-join the North Hants League.

Alresford were North Hants League champions in 1999/00 and returned to Division Two of the Hampshire League. After finishing second in Division Two in 2001/02 they were promoted to Division One. In 2004 the Hampshire League merged into the Wessex League, with the club becoming members of the new Division Two. The division was renamed Division One in 2006 and Alresford were runners-up in 2006/07, earning promotion to the Premier Division. After five seasons in the lower-mid table, the club were Premier Division runners-up in 2012/13, a season that saw them win the Hampshire Senior Cup (beating AFC Bournemouth in the final), the League Cup and the North Hants Senior Cup. They were Premier Division runners-up again the following season, also retaining the League Cup and the North Hants Senior Cup, as well as winning the Aldershot Senior Cup.

In 2018/19 Alresford won the Southampton Senior Cup, beating AFC Stoneham 3–0 in the final. The 2019/20 season was abandoned due to the coronavirus pandemic with Alresford top of the Premier Division.

In 2021/22 Alresford won the North Hants Senior Cup beating Basingstoke Town 1-0.  
League Cup wins - 2013, 2014

Local County FA Senior and other cup competitions winners in the Wessex era.

Aldershot Senior Invitation Challenge Cup 2013/14 Hampshire Senior Cup 2012/13

North Hants Senior Cup 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2021/22 Southampton Senior Cup 2018/19

These are wins only whilst the club were members of the Wessex League.

FA CUP

Furthest progress - 2016/17 2nd Qualifying - Cadbury Heath

Record victory 2009/10 Extra Preliminary Shaftesbury 8-0

FA VASE

Furthest progress 2013/14 4th Round - Hallen

Record victory 2013/14 3rd Round - Saltash United 7-2

The FA Cup and FA Vase records are the best achieved whilst in Wessex League membership.

Where this has been on more than one occasion, only the last time it was achieved is shown here.



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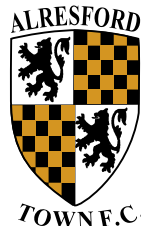
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**Jon Webb**  
Age: 31  
Position: GK

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**Footballing Highlight:** Winning the treble last season / Winning the Bournemouth Senior Cup with Brockenhurst

**Footballing Hero:** Peter Schmeichel / Iker Casillas



**Aaron Dunne**  
Age: 30  
Position: CB

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**Footballing Highlight:** Winning the Hampshire Premier League with Colden Common

**Footballing Hero:** Steve Gerrard



**Kieran Connell**  
Age: 19  
Position: GK

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**Footballing Highlight:** Keeping a clean sheet on my senior debut for Alresford

**Footballing Hero:** Aaron Ramsdale



**Cameron Ross**  
Age: 23  
Position: Defender  
-versatile across the back 4

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**Footballing Highlight:** Reaching the second-round proper of the FA Youth Cup with Sholing FC

**Footballing Hero:** Rio Ferdinand



**Glen Freeman**  
Age: 23  
Position: RB/CB

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**Footballing Highlight:** Winning the treble with Colden Common

**Footballing Hero:** Paolo Maldini



**Harry Davies**  
Age: 31  
Position: LB/LWB

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**Footballing Highlight:** Representing Malta U21's at international level

**Footballing Hero:** Ronaldinho



**Joe Ryan**  
Age: 18  
Position: Winger

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**Footballing Highlight:** Winning the treble with colden common in the 22/23 season

**Footballing Hero:** Cristiano Ronaldo



**Laurie Dwyer**  
Age: 31  
Position: Defender – Left Back

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**Footballing Highlight:** Winning the Hampshire Premier League on the final game of the 2021/22 season

**Footballing Hero:** David Beckham



**Michael Douglas**  
Age:  
Position:

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**Footballing Highlight:**

**Footballing Hero:**



**Aaron Blaxall (Captain)**  
Age: 31  
Position: CM

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**Footballing Highlight:** Winning Southampton Senior Cup at St Mary's with Alresford / Hampshire League treble with Colden Common

**Footballing Hero:** Paul Gascoigne / Zidane



**Zach Hine**  
Age: 26  
Position: CM

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**Footballing Highlight:** Signing for alresford

**Footballing Hero:** Steven Gerrard

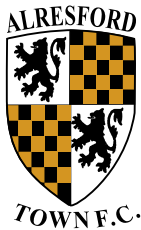


**Ben White**  
Age: 32  
Position: CM

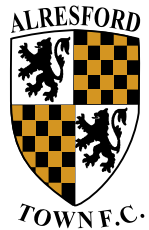
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**Footballing Highlight:** A Treble with this group last season.

**Footballing Hero:** Marian Pahars



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**Steve Hall**  
Age: 31  
Position: Attacking midfield/attacker

**Footballing Highlight:** Scoring a header at St Mary's to win the Southampton Senior Cup

**Footballing Hero:** Didier Drogba



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**Liam Hiscock**  
Age: 23  
Position: Winger Attacker

**Footballing Highlight:** Winning the Double with Colden Common reserves to go on and win the treble with the firsts the next year!

**Footballing Hero:** Marcus Rashford



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**John Cole**  
Age: 34  
Position: Midfield

**Footballing Highlight:** Being oldest in the current squad

**Footballing Hero:** Matt Le Tiss



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**Krysty Sullivan-Rose**  
Age: 30  
Position: LB/LW

**Footballing Highlight:** Scoring the winning goal against Paulsgrove

**Footballing Hero:** David Beckham



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**Tom Baker**  
Age: 31  
Position: CM

**Footballing Highlight:** Scoring in a cup final at the Withdean (where Brighton used to play) and winning the cup was one of my favourite memories

**Footballing Hero:** Ronaldinho



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**Harry Higby**  
Age: 28  
Position: Right/Left wing

**Footballing Highlight:** Playing at St Mary's in the Hampshire cup Final

**Footballing Hero:** Matt le Tissier



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**James Barnes**  
Age: 25  
Position:

**Footballing Highlight:** Winning the treble with Colden Common

**Footballing Hero:** Rickie Lambert



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John Webb

**Leon Course**  
Age: 30  
Position: Striker

**Footballing Highlight:** 22/23 Hampshire Cup Final

**Footballing Hero:** Sergio Aguero



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**Scott Hills**  
Age: 28  
Position: Centre Forward

**Footballing Highlight:** Finishing top goal scorer in the league during the covid hit season in my first season in the Wessex premier league

**Footballing Hero:** Original Ronaldo (R9)



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**Sanchez McLean**  
Age: 33  
Position: ST

**Footballing Highlight:**

**Footballing Hero:** Thierry Henry



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**Andy Turner**  
Age: 31  
Position: Midfield forward

**Footballing Highlight:** Coming out of retirement

**Footballing Hero:** Roy Keane

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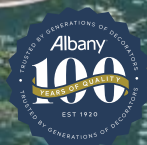
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Ash United		VS		Newport (IoW)
Totton & Eling		VS		Frimley Green
Fleetlands		VS		Portsmouth

## Results 2nd / 3rd / April 2024

Andover Town		1 - 0		Fawley AFC
Fleetlands		P - P		Verwood Town
Folland Sports		P - P		Cove
Millbrook		P - P		AFC Aldermaston
Romsey Town		P - P		Newport (IoW)
Totton & Eling		P - P		East Cowes Victoria
Downton		P - P		Hamble Club
Whitchurch United		0 - 3		Hamworthy Recreation

Division One Table									
POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Hamworthy Recreation	31	28	3	0	126	30	96	87
2	Millbrook	34	26	1	7	131	45	86	79
3	Downton	32	24	5	3	107	39	68	77
4	Alresford Town	32	20	7	5	84	43	41	67
5	East Cowes Victoria	33	19	6	8	70	44	26	63
6	Cove	31	16	5	10	76	74	2	53
7	Fleetlands	30	15	6	9	63	43	20	51
8	Clanfield	35	14	7	14	85	64	21	49
9	Romsey Town	33	13	6	14	82	63	19	45
10	Folland Sports	31	13	6	12	59	65	-6	45
11	Fawley AFC	33	14	3	16	42	60	-18	45
12	Whitchurch United	35	13	6	16	70	102	-32	45
13	Newport (IoW)	31	12	6	13	49	50	-1	42
14	Verwood Town	33	12	5	16	60	71	-11	41
15	Ringwood Town	37	11	8	18	71	86	-15	41
16	Totton & Eling	27	12	4	11	43	63	-20	40
17	Ash United	33	9	5	19	65	78	-13	32
18	Frimley Green	34	8	2	24	52	97	-45	26
19	New Milton Town	31	5	4	22	36	99	-63	19
20	Andover Town	33	5	1	27	38	126	-88	16
21	AFC Aldermaston	33	4	0	29	35	102	-67	12



# THE TEAMS



## ALRESFORD TOWN

	Jon Webb
	Kieran Connell
	Glen Freeman
	Michael Douglas
	Aaron Dunne
	Cameron Ross
	Harry Davies
	Laurie Dwyer
	Aaron Blaxall
	Ben White
	John Cole
	Tom Baker
	James Barnes
	Zachary Hine
	Steven Hall
	Krysty Sullivan-Rose
	Harry Higby
	Leon Course
	Sanchez McLean
	Samuel Adams
	Scott Hills
	Andrew Turner
	Theo Widger
	Joe Ryan

## DOWNTON

	Will Betts
	Ollie Bull
	Jo Manley
	James Clark
	Will Mackie
	Regan Mason
	Tom Rafferty
	Ryan Osman
	Craig Tyson
	Alfie Hawke
	Ellis Gates
	TJ Moseley
	R Griffiths
	Alex Sawyer
	Freddie Ingram
	Cameron Butler
	Harrison Clarke
	Sam Howe
	Shaun Prentice
	Archie Ingram
	Ollie Davies
	Joe Smith
	Heath Thornton
	Ben Gulliver
	Tommy Budworth
	Max Elshaw
	Lewis Elshaw

### Alresford

Shirts - Black & White

Shorts - Black

Socks - Black

Keeper - Pink

### Downton

Shirts - Red

Shorts - Red

Socks - Red

Keeper - Green

Referee: Derek Pratt

Assistant Referee 1: Samuel Downer

Assistant Referee 2: James Thurston