

# MAGPIES

ALRESFORD TOWN FC OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

**ALRESFORD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**

**V**

**AFC ALDERMASTON**



**WESSEX LEAGUE ONE**

**SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026**

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## MANAGERS MESSAGE

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome back to Arlebury Park for today's match against AFC Aldermaston. It's fantastic to be back playing at home again after two postponements — and with everything the weather has thrown at us recently, it's great to finally get football back on. With Storm Goretti causing disruption across the area, we're especially grateful to everyone who has made today possible and to all of you for turning out to support the team.

I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to Carter Smith, who joins us as our new Assistant Manager. Carter has already made a positive impression around the squad with his enthusiasm, professionalism, and ideas, and we're delighted to have him on board. I'm sure you'll join me in welcoming him to Alesford Town Football Club.

On the pitch, we've spoken as a group about putting the disappointment of the Whitchurch game behind us. We know we fell short of the standards we expect in that match, but the response in training has been excellent and the focus now is firmly on moving forward. What matters is how we react, and today is a great opportunity to show character, energy, and togetherness in front of our own supporters.

AFC Aldermaston are a position below us in the league, so will provide a tough test as shown by the reverse fixture., as they'll be wanting to climb above us in the league. Like that game, this will be a highly contested, with our boys keen to make amends for that reverse result.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Enjoy the game, stay warm, and let's make it a positive afternoon back at Arlebury Park!

Ash Clarke

Manager, Alesford Town FC



# MEET YOUR MAGPIES!



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WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?	PASTA
WHAT MEAL WOULD YOU COOK YOUR PARTNER ON YOUR FIRST DATE...?	STEAK AND CHIPS
WHO IS THE FUNNIEST IN THE ALRESFORD DRESSING ROOM?	GEORGE
WHO IS THE LOUDEST IN THE ALRESFORD DRESSING ROOM...?	BILLY GRIMES
IF YOU WERE IN CHARGE OF MUSIC IN THE DRESSING ROOM, WHAT ONE SONG WOULD YOU PUT ON PRE-MATCH?	SPACE COWBOY
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## ALRESFORD TOWN FC HISTORY

Football in Aldersford has been found back to the late nineteenth century, but the formation year of the present ALRESFORD TOWN FC side is shown as 1889. 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.

The original Aldersford Town was established in 1888 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, the club were relegated back to Division Two. At the end of the following season the club left to re-join the North Hants League.

Aldersford 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 Town 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 Aldersford 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 Aldersford 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 Aldersford top of the Premier Division.

In 2021/22 Aldersford 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.

The Men's team is led by Manager Ash Clarke, who joined the club in the pre-season of the 2025 season. Ash joined Alesford from Worthing Town F.C. where he was first team manager after having spent time at AFC Porchester, Moneyfields, and in the youth game with Portsmouth and Brighton and Hove Albion. With a young side, playing expansive football, the Club is excited for the future!



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This is your show and is a platform for your club to promote its events and raise its profile. If your club produces post-match interviews, please either email us a copy of the audio or give permission for us to play them on air straight from your website or social media sites, as we will aim to play them on the show.

Please come and join us one Sunday, we do have access to the two studios so it is easy to accommodate guests in the studio, for more information please email [gregdickson94@gmail.com](mailto:gregdickson94@gmail.com) or [cliffpledge@hotmail.com](mailto:cliffpledge@hotmail.com)

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## AFC ALDERMASTON HISTORY

Our club was founded as AWRE Football Club in 1952 by Charles Green, Ted Hall, Gordon Carter, and Don Sharp, and were nicknamed "The Atom Men" after the newly founded Atomic Weapons Research Establishment. As the AWRE complex was still under construction when the club was established, the players used empty contractors' huts as changing rooms – carrying the tin bath into whichever building was designated for that day's football. The players were also responsible for the pitch, and would mow and mark out the pitch before the match started. The club received support from Sir William Penney during his work at AWRE on the Operation Hurricane project.

In the late 1960s/early 1970s, we changed our name, to AFC Aldermaston. In 1979, we were promoted from the Reading & District League into Division One of the Hellenic League, where we spent the next seven seasons. From 1986 until 1991 we played in local football leagues, including the North Hampshire League, before joining Division Three of the Hampshire League in 1991. We finished fifth in the first season, earning promotion to Division Two. However, we were soon relegated back to Division Three the following season, where we remained until 1999. When the Hampshire League was re-organised prior to the 1999-2000 season, we were placed in the Premier Division.

When the Hampshire and Wessex Leagues merged in 2004, we became members of Division Two of the Wessex League. At the end of the 2004-05 season we suffered relegation. The division was renamed Division Two in 2006, and was disbanded at the end of the 2006-07 season, and as a result we moved up back to Division One. 2009-10 season, was our worst season and during a very difficult time we lost 40 consecutive games, which broke the previous record of 39 straight losses held jointly by Stockport United and Poole Town. The 40th defeat came on 8 April 2010, a 2-0 loss to Downton. This was undoubtedly the worst time for the club in living memory, and it took a great effort to keep going at this time. The losing streak thankfully came to an end on 10 April 2010, when we club drew 1-1 against Warminster Town, and then finally winning the next match against Petersfield Town 2-1 win for Aldermaston, to provide a much-needed boost for all of us at that difficult time.

Unsurprisingly, we finished bottom of Division One with just the one win in 40 matches, and were relegated to the Hampshire Premier League, where played for four seasons before moving to the Thames Valley Premier League for season 2014-15, when we reached the final of the Berks & Bucks Intermediate Cup, which we narrowly lost 2-1 to Hale Leys Utd, the final of the Reading Senior Cup played at the Madjeski which we lost 1-0 to champions Marlow Utd, and the final of the Basingstoke Senior Cup where we lost to our local rivals Tadley Calleva 2-1 AET. 2015-16 season we finished seventh in the TVPL Premier Division, and again reaching the final of the Reading Senior Cup only to be beaten in a fourth final 1-0 to Cookham Dean.

We made a welcome return to Step 6 football as we were promoted to Division One East of the Hellenic League. 2016-17 saw us finish 7th in the Hellenic League this matched our highest ever finish at Step 6 football. 2017-18 season saw us finish 11th in the Hellenic League. 2018-19 season saw us finish 3rd in the Hellenic League this

beat 2016-17 seasons highest ever finish. This was well deserved by everyone connected to the club. Also getting to the Reading Challenge Cup Final at the Madjeski Stadium which saw us lose 5-0 to Hellenic Premier League Winners Wantage Town and collecting the runners-up medals. We are hoping to improve on last season's 3rd place finish for the 2019-20 season.

Our 2019-20 season was expunged by the FA due to the COVID-19 outbreak at the point in time we were 14th place in the league.

A lateral switch to the Combined Counties Division One brought 14th and 19th placed finishes in the two seasons following the Covid pandemic, before further switch to the Wessex League Division One in 2023/24, with the club now playing its homes games at Thatcham Town FC.

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Martin Cooke	Champions 1999/2000
<b>Commercial Manager</b>	<b>Hampshire Senior Cup</b>
Ross Holt	Winners 2012/2013
<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>North Hants Senior Cup</b>
	Winners: 1991/1992, 2011/2012, 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2021/2022
<b>Manager</b>	<b>Aldershot Senior Cup</b>
Ash Clarke	Winners 2013/2014
<b>Assistant Manager</b>	<b>Southampton Senior Cup</b>
	Winners 2018/2019
<b>Coach</b>	<b>Best FA Cup Performance</b>
Simon Routledge	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Round 2016/2017
<b>GK Coach</b>	<b>Best FA Vase Performance</b>
Dan Kempson	Fourth Round 2013/2014
<b>Record Attendance</b>	339 v Colden Common 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2025

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue
DIV1	06/01/26 19:45	Alresford Town 	VS  Folland Sports	ARLEBURY PARK
DIV1	10/01/26 15:00	Alresford Town 	VS  AFC Aldermaston	ARLEBURY PARK
DIV1	17/01/26 15:00	Amesbury Town 	VS  Alresford Town	RCH BUILDING SOLUTIONS STADIUM
DIV1	24/01/26 15:00	Alresford Town 	VS  Fawley AFC	ARLEBURY PARK
DIV1	27/01/26 19:45	Alresford Town 	VS  Clanfield	ARLEBURY PARK
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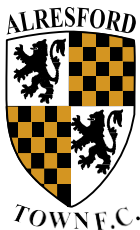
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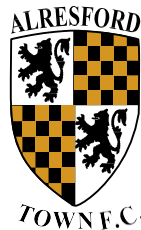
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2	Colden Common	25	15	4	6	73	45	28	49
3	Whitchurch United	22	15	3	4	59	32	27	48
4	Folland Sports	20	13	1	6	48	29	19	40
5	Hamworthy United	24	12	3	9	60	40	20	39
6	Cove	20	11	6	3	35	18	17	39
7	Yateley United	23	12	2	9	52	36	16	38
8	Romsey Town	20	11	4	5	38	22	16	37
9	Frimley Green	21	9	8	4	50	36	14	35
10	Ash United	22	8	6	8	26	33	-7	30
11	Newport (IoW)	16	9	1	6	29	26	3	28
12	Ringwood Town	22	9	1	12	41	49	-8	28
13	Alresford Town	22	7	5	10	44	50	-6	26
14	AFC Aldermaston	22	7	4	11	36	40	-4	25
15	Amesbury Town	21	7	3	11	38	37	1	24
16	Clanfield	21	7	2	12	30	37	-7	23
17	Kintbury Rangers	21	6	5	10	36	48	-12	23
18	United Services Portsmouth	23	6	4	13	34	59	-25	22
19	Blackfield & Langley	21	6	3	12	25	51	-26	21
20	Fawley AFC	21	3	6	12	22	50	-28	15
21	Lymington Town	22	4	3	15	26	56	-30	15
22	Totton & Eling	21	4	2	15	21	50	-29	14

Division Last Updated: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026



	Affie Budd		Sam Baldock (GK)
	Affie Jones		Nathanial Knight (GK)
	Billy Grimes		Lewis Small
	Ben Barnard		Connor Paxford
	Oliver Cooke		Byron Anderson
	Callum Grigg		Padraig Gorman
	Eric Barnes		Josh Lambden
	Harvey Tanner		Jacob Wallace
	Harvey Richards		Simeon Weekes
	Hayden Murray		Nick Parfitt-Bowers
	Jack Welch		Charlie Davies
	Joel Jackson		Vandyic Addai
	Jordan Wynter		Thai Morgan
	Kieran Connell		Kartel Forde
	Leo Chance		Matt Butler (CAPT)
	Lewis Brown		Alan Lucas
	Louis Hale		Aush Gurung
	Nathan Howton		Anthony Bossman
	Nic Infante		Thierry Carrington
	Noah Burgess		Rio Bartley
	Oscar McCulluch		Fnan Haileslassie
	Sam Vidler		Nyero Lule
	Scott Faulkner		Liam Springer
	Sean Brennan		Shettimar Bukar
	Tom Henderson		
	Harvey Welch		
	Jessie Page		
	Ashton Routledge		
	Charlie Glew		
	Christopher Willcocks		
	Maxwell Allen		

Manager	Ash Clarke	Marcus Richardson
Assistant Manager	Carter Smith	Alex Leacock, Fabien Monville
Coaches	Simon Routledge, Dan Kempson	Liam Springer, Matt Smith
Shirts	Black & white stripes	Blue/Black
Shorts	Black	Blue
Socks	Black	Blue
GK	Pink	Black/Yellow

<b>Referee</b>	<b>Ash Douse</b>
<b>Assistant Referee</b>	<b>David Bickers</b>
<b>Assistant Referee</b>	<b>Jacob Angell</b>