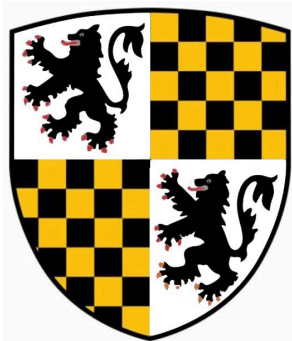


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**ALRESFORD TOWN FC**  
v  
**ASH UNITED**



WESSEX LEAGUE ONE

**SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026**

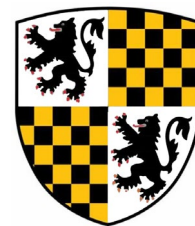
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# COMMITTEE STATEMENT

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Alresford Town Football Club can confirm that it has parted ways with First Team Manager Ash Clarke and Assistant Manager Carter Smith.

The Club would like to place on record its sincere thanks to Ash and Carter for their commitment, professionalism, and hard work during their time in charge. In what has been a particularly challenging and testing period, they undertook the significant task of rebuilding the squad and worked tirelessly to lay important foundations for the future.

Their efforts, dedication, and leadership throughout this transition phase have been greatly appreciated by everyone at the Club. This season has seen the integration of many of the U18's into the squad, helping their development and building a pathway through to the first team.

This decision has not been taken lightly, but the Club believes it is the right time to move in a new direction.

Further updates regarding interim arrangements and the appointment of a new management team will be communicated in due course.

Thank you again for your backing throughout the whole season. The support of the club has been superb. Today we welcome the opportunity to be able to provide some valuable game time to the U18 players who have been integrated with the team this season. We are sure the home atmosphere will live long in their memories.

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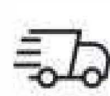
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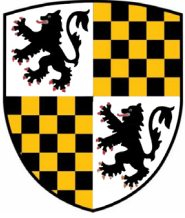
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Ash United Football Club was founded in 1911 and started playing matches at Ash Common. They soon became well established in the Surrey Intermediate League, winning every honour possible. After the Second World War, Ash United restructured and the 1947/48 season was the most successful in their short history, winning the League Championship and four-cup competitions.

They then had to wait until the 1966/67 season for their next successful campaign where they dominated the Surrey Intermediate Premier "A" League. The title was won with only two points dropped out of a possible fifty-two. This included a long unbeaten record with 121 goals for and only 19 against.

The reserve team followed suit winning the Division "A" title scoring 137 goals in only 26 games. With the club having a strong squad of players, promotion to the Surrey Senior League was achieved in 1968. Finishing runners up in both the league and the cup in the first season their first spell in the Surrey Senior League came to an end in 1971 when being forced to change grounds. Ash United were re-admitted to the Surrey Senior League when a new permanent ground was found, which happens to be the current ground at Youngs Drive (Third Generation Services Stadium).

The next successful season was 1977/78. They won the Charity Cup beating Dorking 2-1. The following season they were runners-up in both the newly named Combined Counties League and the Philips Football Floodlighting Cup Competition. Several seasons later, 1981/82, not only did they win the Combined Counties League, but also came runners up in the Concours Trophy and the George Allen. The 1984/85 season they were runners-up in the Concours Trophy again, but also made it through to the quarterfinals of the Surrey Senior Cup. The 1986/87 season saw Ash United win the League for the second time under the management of Chris Penny.



## THE OPPOSITION

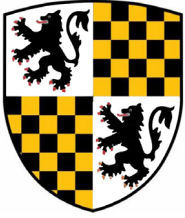


In the 1996/1997 season improvements in the facilities at Shawfield Road were made, most notably the installation of floodlights, improvements to the changing rooms, dugouts, and fencing. Subsequent seasons saw the installation of the stands. The 1997/98 season saw a revival in Ash's fortunes under the new player/ manager Jamie Horton with his new squad of players that won the Challenge Cup and the Fair Play Trophy in his first season. His team also created a new league and club record with 29 games unbeaten in league and cup, which included a run of 21 straight wins.

The following season not only did they win the League title by a massive 13 points but also won the Aldershot Senior Cup beating Fleet Town and reached the last 32 of the FA Vase losing to the Holders & winners Tiverton Town in front of a record crowd at Shawfield Road. Jamie briefly left and then came back for a second stint as manager.

During the 2001/2002 season Ash United gained their highest points total for a season, 100, but they finished runners-up to AFC Wallingford. They did, however, regain the Aldershot Senior Cup beating 3 RSME Regiment, also reaching the last 32 of the FA Vase before losing to Tow Law Town. League performances between 2002 and 2012 saw the club remain broadly mid table, apart from two good seasons when a 3rd and a 4th place was achieved. During the same period there were some good performances in both the FA Cup and the FA Vase.

In 2012/13 however, the club's fortunes took a turn for the worse and they ended up second-to-bottom but staved off relegation. Regrettably a similar placing the next season saw Ash United drop into Division One. It was the first time the club had been out of the Premier Division for a considerable number of years.



## THE OPPOSITION



The club finally moved from St. George's Park at the end of the 2018-19 season and, for the past five seasons we have ground-shared at East Cowes Vics or at Smallbrook Stadium, home of Isle of Wight Speedway and Ryde Saints FC.

2024-25 promises to be an exciting season. Our new joint managers Joe Butcher and Martin McDonough have assembled an exciting squad of both young and experienced players as the club looks to build for the future on and off the pitch.

Rebuilding the first team began from season 2013/14, however, the club struggled to improve on mid-table finishes. Until last season, 2018/19, when Ash United achieved a 7th place, hitting 82 league goals – a tally not seen for over 12 years. Goals against was narrowed down to 66, a big improvement on the previous season, which had only been bettered once in the previous 12 years.

During 2017/18, Sam Wilson was appointed Head Coach, with Colin McCormack as Coach and Physio, Harry Broad as first team Coach and Ryan Weeks as Goalkeeping Coach. Sam Wilson also saw out the season additionally as U18 manager, assisted by George Kennedy and Rob Collins.

The club also followed up winning the Division One Fair Play Trophy in 2016/17, with Runners-Up in season 2017/18 and winning Best Matchday Programme for Division One. The U18's won the Allied Counties South Division, with leading scorer, Jake Wilson, getting the Division's "Golden Boot". The U17's under the guidance of Manager Stuart Warren, won the Surrey Primary League's U17 Premier Elite Division.

Following two abandoned seasons due to the Covid pandemic, the club was laterally moved across to the Wessex League Division One in 2021/22, where they continue to ply their trade.



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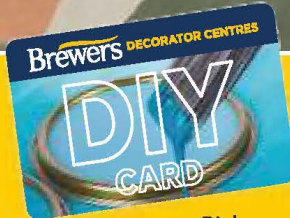
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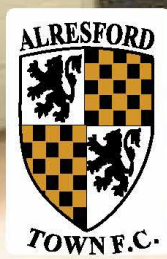
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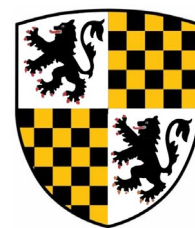


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# ALRESFORD TOWN FC HISTORY

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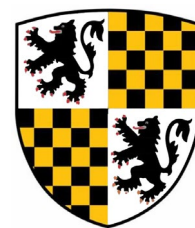
Football in Alresford has been found back to the late nineteenth century, but the formation year of the present ALRESFORD TOWN FC side is shown as 1989. Starting in the now defunct North Hants League, Town moved immediately into the Hampshire League before withdrawing in 1996. They returned, again from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

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, 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.

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 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 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.

## ALRESFORD TOWN FC HISTORY CONT.



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.

The Men's team is led by Manager Ash Clarke, who joined the club in the pre-season of the 2025 season. Ash joined Alresford 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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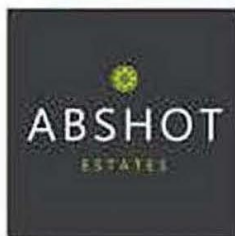
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**Wessex League Cup**

Winners: 2012/13 & 2013/14

**North Hants League**

Champions 1999/2000

**Hampshire Senior Cup**

Winners 2012/2013

**North Hants Senior Cup**

Winners: 1991/1992, 2011/2012, 2012/2013, 2013/2014,  
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**Aldershot Senior Cup**

Winners 2013/2014

**Southampton Senior Cup**

Winners 2018/2019

**Best FA Cup Performance**

2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Round 2016/2017

**Best FA Vase Performance**

Fourth Round 2013/2014

**Record Attendance**

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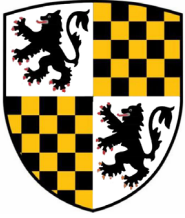
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