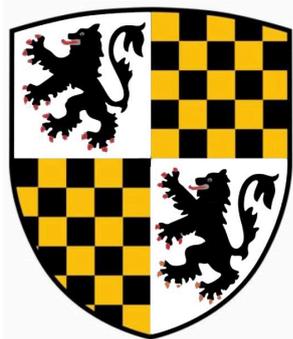


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It’s fair to say the last couple of results against Clanfield and Fawley have been disappointing, particularly after the positive run that saw us pick up five points from three games against strong opposition. Those performances showed the standards we’re capable of — the discipline, organisation, and determination that allowed us to compete and take points. The message to the players this week has been about rediscovering that same focus and making sure we show the same ruthlessness in front of goal that we demonstrated during that spell.

Tonight’s game will be another test. Blackfield & Langley currently sit towards the lower end of the table, but that doesn’t mean they can be taken lightly. As we saw at the weekend, any side in this league is capable of causing problems if you don’t approach the game with the right mindset.

For us, it’s about getting back to the basics that served us well — working hard for each other, staying disciplined in our shape, and being clinical when the chances come. If we do that, we give ourselves every opportunity to get back on track and produce the kind of performance we know this group is capable of.

Thank you again for your continued support — get behind the lads and let’s make it a strong night here at Arlebury Park.

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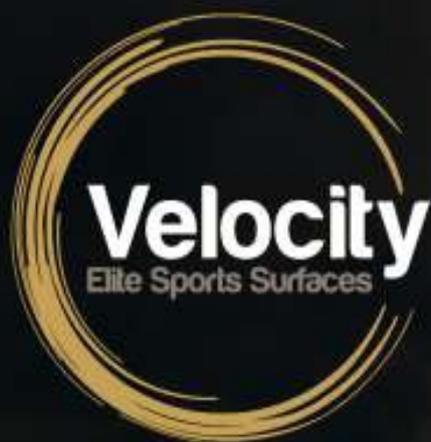
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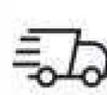
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## THE OPPOSITION



Where a club has 'and' in its title there is a suggestion there was once two separate teams and that is the case with BLACKFIELD & LANGLEY FC but 1935 was the date of the merger between them and has therefore been established as its formation year. As with many teams, records of the early years are not well known and they apparently played in the Hythe & District League.

They immediately joined the Southampton League following the hostilities and had a long association in the Hampshire League, mainly being members of its lower divisions. The club had been competing in the Wessex League since 2000, although they did have two seasons (2018 to 2020) in the Southern League but returned to the fold in 2019/20.

After playing in the war time Hythe & District League the Club joined the Southampton Junior League and in 1946 won the Division One title and appeared in the final of the Senior Cup losing to NDLC. However, the following season the Club won the Cup and were Southampton League West Division champions. After this with progression in mind, the Club applied to join the Hampshire League and made their debut in Division Three West in the 1950/51 season. Although title winners the following season, the Club did not move into Division Two until 1956/57. They remained in this division for the next four seasons but were relegated at the end of 1959/60.

Bad fortune lasted for 15 years as the Club dropped into Division Four, were promoted in 1974/75 after finishing third but dropped back again in 1979/80. Then in 1981/82 the Hampshire League reorganised and Division Four was swallowed up by Division Three and as runners up promotion was secured to Division Two. After three seasons in Division Two, promotion was gained to the top division, overhauling run away leaders, Locksheath, with a last match win at Cowes. In the first season in the top-flight the Club finished a credible tenth. In the following seasons the Club established itself as one of the most consistent teams in the league with eleven top six finishes including, three second places and then won the elusive Championship in 1997/98.



## THE OPPOSITION



With the establishment of the Wessex League in 1986/87, the Club recognised that to compete against the best in local football, the long term aim had to be elevation to the new league. With the emphasis for entry into the league being on facilities as much as ability on the pitch, negotiations were opened with Fawley District Council for a long lease on a ground which gave the Club the necessary security to develop it to the required standard. The pitch at Gang Warily was identified and the Council provided a playing surface that is still to this day, the envy of many teams and the enthusiastic Committee set about bringing the ground up to the required standard. Development continues to this day.

The best opportunity for promotion came in the Championship year 1997/98 but the funds ran out to complete ground improvements, so second place Moneyfields were promoted. The Club's chance for promotion came two years later - a last match win at West Wight Mayflower earned the third place required and the dream had been realised after 50 seasons of Hampshire League Football. After 5 years in Wessex Division 1 the club were relegated to the new Division 2 in 2004.

The Club in 2004/05 became only the second club in Hampshire football to be awarded the FA Adult Standard Charter.

The 2008/09 season saw success return to the Club with promotion back to the top division of the Wessex League under the guidance of Jon Gittens. Jon continued for a second season finishing the season mid-table. Jon left the club in the early part of the 2010/11 season and Assistant Manager Louis Bell was put in charge with the team eventually finishing in 14th position and 16th in the subsequent season.

The Club had in incredible 2012/13 season under the leadership of Ashley Vickers, winning the Wessex League Premier Division by ten points, reaching the Fourth Qualifying round of the FA Cup, losing 3-0 to Hastings United, and reaching the last 32 of the FA Vase.



## THE OPPOSITION



In stark contrast, 2013/14 season was the most tumultuous in recent years with a number of changes in playing, coaching and management throughout the season, leaving the club unsettled for the most part. Taking on the manager's role mid-way through the season, Kevin Gibbens, assisted by Chris Farrell, managed to finish a very credible sixth. 2014/15 season started with John Robson taking control of the First team who started off brightly but with some injuries and a general failure to score goals, the season didn't quite pan out as planned although the team still finished a credible fifth in the league and were Russell-Cotes Cup winners.

Glenn Howes took the reins in his managerial debut in 2015/16, ultimately guiding the team to third place behind Salisbury FC, missing out on the second spot to Sholing with a defeat at Fareham Town on the last game of the season. The Watersiders also finished runners up in the Southampton Senior Cup, losing heavily to defending champions, Team Solent, made it to the Third round qualifying of the FA Cup, (losing to Maidenhead United) and were losing semi-finalists in the Russell-Cotes Cup.

After another season of going close, Glenn was joined by James Wood and the Club surpassed the previous success of 2012/13, enjoying its most successful season in 2017/18, winning the Wessex Premier Division by one point in a very tight race with Andover Town and benefitted from the restructuring of Step 4 Leagues, gaining promotion for the first time to the Southern League.

Season 2017/18 also saw two appearances at St Marys in both the Hampshire Senior and Southampton Senior Cup finals, unfortunately losing on both occasions to Havant & Waterlooville and Southampton respectively. The Club also made a semi-final appearance in the League Cup and equalled the record in the FA Vase by reaching the last 32 but eventually losing to Bracknell Town in a midweek replay.



## THE OPPOSITION



Success continued in 2018/19 with the Club winning Southern League South Division One and narrowly losing in the semi-final of the Southern League Cup. Success on the field of play together with hard work behind the scenes in connection with Ground Grading requirements has enabled another piece of Club history to be created with promotion to the Southern League South Premier Division.

Over the years, the Club has had their fair share of Cup success. In the 1980/90s the Club made six appearances at the Dell in the Southampton Senior Cup to add to the two in the 1940s, ending up as winners in four of them. The last success in 1998, producing a league and cup double. In the 2000 final, the Club suffered the agony of losing 2-1 in a replay to AC Delco after a power failure led to the abandonment of the first game with 15 minutes to go and with a 2-0 lead.



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<b>Reverse Fixture</b>	Blackfield & Langley 0 - 4 Alresford - Sat 9th August 2025
<b>Table</b>	11 points separate Blackfield & Langley in 19th and Alresford in 16th
<b>Winning is tough!</b>	Alresford have won 1 more game (9 wins) than Blackfield & Langley (8 wins)
<b>How many players...</b>	Blackfield & Langley 60 - 58 Alresford Town is the current players used this season score!
<b>Season</b>	
<b>Alresford Home form</b>	Won 5 Drawn 7 Lost 4
<b>Blackfield &amp; Langley Away form</b>	Won 4 Drawn 1 Lost 11
<b>Recent Form</b>	
<b>Alresford</b>	Played 6 - Won 2, Drawn 1, Lost 3 - scored 9 conceded 8
<b>Blackfield &amp; Langley</b>	Played 6 - Won 0, Drawn 1, Lost 5, - Scored 6 conceded 23
<b>Goals Scored Average</b>	
<b>Alresford</b>	1.79 per game
<b>Blackfield &amp; Langley</b>	1.21 per game
<b>Goals Conceded Average</b>	
<b>Alresford</b>	2.09 per game
<b>Blackfield &amp; Langley</b>	2.48 per game
<b>Top Goal Scorers</b>	
<b>Alresford</b>	19 goals - Jack Welch, 8 goals Billy Grimes
<b>Blackfield &amp; Langley</b>	10 goals - Ashton Goodger, 5 goals Nathan Gray
<b>Where the points have come from..</b>	
<b>Points Alresford</b>	22 of Alresford's 37 points have been won at home
<b>Points Blackfield &amp; Langley</b>	13 of Blackfield & Langley's 26 points were won away home



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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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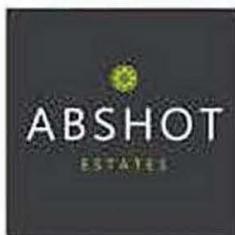
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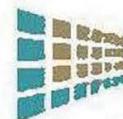
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## CLUB HONOURS

**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**

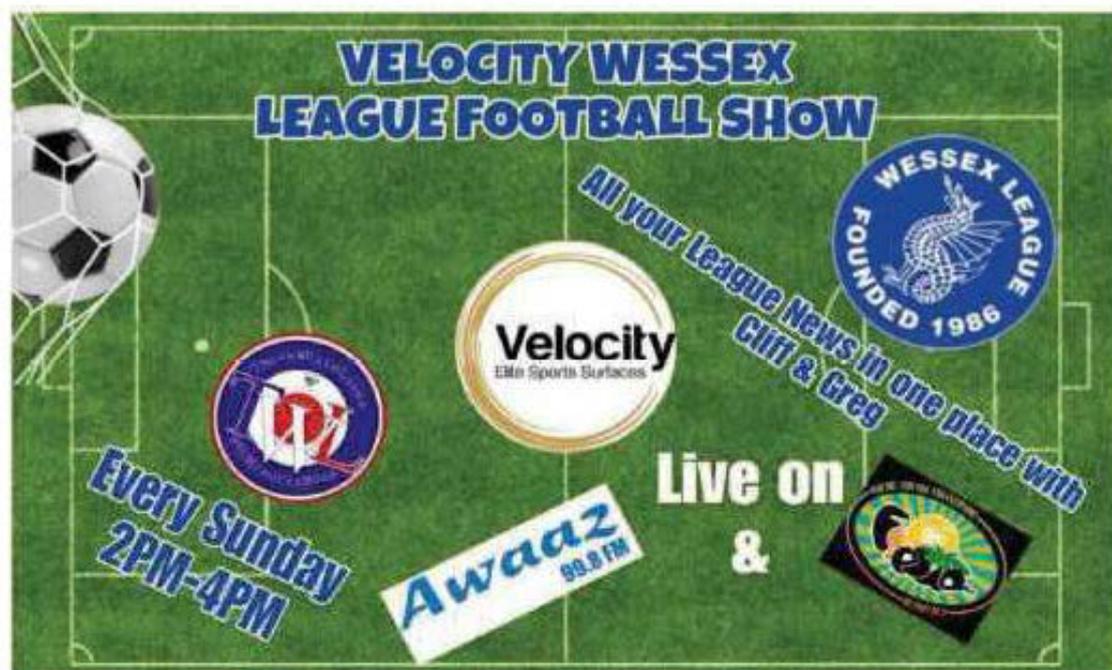
2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Round 2016/2017

**Best FA Vase Performance**

Fourth Round 2013/2014

**Record Attendance**

339 v Colden Common 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025



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POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Whitchurch United	34	22	4	8	87	55	32	70
2	Colden Common	35	21	6	8	94	56	38	69
3	Fleetlands	28	19	4	5	58	36	22	61
4	Cove	30	18	7	5	52	30	22	61
5	Folland Sports	29	19	3	7	75	43	32	60
6	Yateley United	31	17	3	11	74	44	30	54
7	Hamworthy United	35	15	8	12	80	58	22	53
8	Newport (IoW)	29	16	5	8	57	44	13	53
9	Romsey Town	30	14	6	10	59	46	13	48
10	Frimley Green	30	12	9	9	75	59	16	45
11	Clanfield	33	14	2	17	53	56	-3	44
12	Ringwood Town	31	14	1	16	65	66	-1	43
13	Kintbury Rangers	32	11	8	13	61	67	-6	41
14	AFC Aldermaston	35	11	6	18	54	67	-13	39
15	Amesbury Town	31	10	7	14	53	52	1	37
16	Alresford Town	34	9	10	15	61	71	-10	37
17	Ash United	32	10	6	16	36	62	-26	36
18	Lymington Town	33	10	4	19	44	77	-33	34
19	Blackfield & Langley	33	8	5	20	40	82	-42	26*
20	United Services Portsmouth	30	7	4	19	41	78	-37	25
21	Totton & Eling	28	6	3	19	29	59	-30	21
22	Fawley AFC	31	4	9	18	30	70	-40	21

Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue
17/03/26 19:45	Alresford Town 	<b>VS</b>  Blackfield & Langley	ARLEBURY PARK
21/03/26 15:00	Alresford Town 	<b>VS</b>  Amesbury Town	ARLEBURY PARK
24/03/26 19:45	Yateley United 	<b>VS</b>  Alresford Town	SEAN DEVEREUX PARK
28/03/26 15:00	Alresford Town 	<b>VS</b>  Newport (IoW)	ARLEBURY PARK
04/04/26 15:00	Colden Common 	<b>VS</b>  Alresford Town	CHARTERS COMMUNITY STADIUM
11/04/26 15:00	Alresford Town 	<b>VS</b>  Frimley Green	ARLEBURY PARK
18/04/26 15:00	Folland Sports 	<b>VS</b>  Alresford Town	THE ARROW ARENA
25/04/26 15:00	Alresford Town 	<b>VS</b>  Ash United	ARLEBURY PARK

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