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FAWLEY AFC



WESSEX LEAGUE ONE

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MANAGERS MESSAGE

Good afternoon and a big welcome to everyone joining us at Arlebury Park today as we take on Fawley AFC. It's great to see you all here again backing the team — your support means a huge amount to the players and staff, and it makes a real difference on matchday.

We've had plenty to take from our recent games against AFC Aldermaston and Amesbury. There have been positive moments in both fixtures, with the lads showing good effort and character, but we also know we need more consistency in our performances across the full 90 minutes. The focus now is on taking the lessons from those matches, putting them into practice, and turning that into the kind of result we're all looking for.

Today also marks home debuts for four players, which is great to see. They've settled in well, added energy and quality to the squad, and it's another step forward in building competition and depth throughout the group. I'm sure you'll give them a warm Alesford welcome and get right behind them this afternoon.

One of our key priorities right now is to regain some solidity at the back. We've had a few players missing through injury, particularly in defensive areas, so it's a real boost to have players returning and strengthening the options available to us. Defending well as a team is always the platform for success, and we're determined to be more resilient, more organised, and harder to break down.

Don't let their league position fool you! Fawley will be a tough opponent, and we know they'll come here with plenty of aggression. For us, it's about starting strongly, playing our brand of football, and showing the togetherness that this group is capable of.

Thank you again for your support — make plenty of noise, enjoy the game, and let's get behind the lads at Arlebury Park!

Ash Clarke

Manager, Alesford Town FC



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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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ABOUT FAWLEY AFC...

GROUND: THE BRICKABILITY STADIUM
NICKNAME: THE OILERS
YEAR FORMED: 1923

The Club was formed as AGWI United in 1923 and joined the Hampshire League six seasons later. In 1949 we changed our name to Esso Fawley. We won Division Three of the Hampshire League in 1995 and reached the Premier Division in 1999.

In 2002 we changed our name again to Fawley AFC and joined the Wessex League in 2004. In 2010 we finished as runners-up and were promoted to the Premier Division.

Fawley established ourselves in the premier division, each year we were considered to be the underdogs but finally succumbed to relegation in 2017 on goal difference. Later the same year The Waterside Sports and Social Club closed due to financial difficulties.

In Division One Fawley has establish themselves as a solid team with the potential to upset the more glamorous teams. This has been proven by beating Shaftesbury, Stoneham, Hamble Club and Sholing to reach the Wessex League cup final in 2018.

In 2021 and 2024 reach the semifinal of SSC, each time pushing higher league opposition to penalties

Lee and his management team are in the process of rebuilding a team with a blend of experience Wessex League players combine with enthusiastic local young players. Their aim is to have a team that plays attractive and enjoyable football.

Over the couple of seasons Fawley have successfully introduced a U16 and U18 team into the club and these players are now progressing into the senior teams.

Over the last few years our club's small bunch of energetic committee members lead by Chairman Kev Mitchell have been working hard to upgrade the pitch and facilities and now keenly fund raising to build a new club house. This summer and after eight years of negotiation our club has finally received a long ground lease and now Fawley AFC can finally start progressing with a new club house.

The village of Fawley is dominated by the Oil Refinery which has been there since 1921. It was rebuilt and extended in 1951 and is the largest of its kind in the United Kingdom.



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Our aim is to promote all local football but specifically the 40 teams of the Wessex Football League. So far, we have had managers, chairpersons, players, press officers and secretaries joining us as studio guests, and via zoom and phone guests from many Wessex Football League clubs, as well as guests from local teams both higher up and lower down the pyramid.

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 or cliffpledge@hotmail.com

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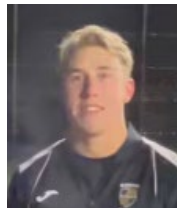
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WHO WAS YOUR FAVOURITE PLAYER WHEN GROWING UP? NEYMAR

WHO DO YOU THINK IS THE BEST PLAYER (PROFESSIONAL) IN YOUR POSITION? ERLING HAARLAND

COLOURED BOOTS OR BLACK BOOTS... HAS TO BE BLACK

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FILM/TV SERIES? JAMES BOND

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD? PIZZA

WHAT MEAL WOULD YOU COOK YOUR PARTNER ON YOUR FIRST DATE...? PRAWN LINGUINE

WHO IS THE FUNNIEST IN THE ALRESFORD DRESSING ROOM? JACK WELCH

WHO IS THE LOUDEST IN THE ALRESFORD DRESSING ROOM...? KIERAN

IF YOU WERE IN CHARGE OF MUSIC IN THE DRESSING ROOM, WHAT ONE SONG WOULD YOU PUT ON PRE-MATCH? R U SLEEPING BUMP 'N' FLEX REMIX

ANY PRE-MATCH SUPERSTITIONS? NONE

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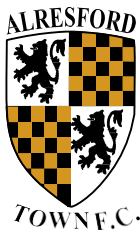
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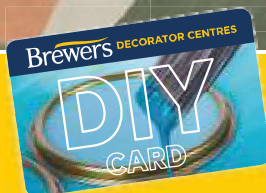


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Assistant Manager

Carter Smith

Coach

Simon Routledge

GK Coach

Dan Kempson

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, 2021/2022

Aldershot Senior Cup

Winners 2013/2014

Southampton Senior Cup

Winners 2018/2019

Best FA Cup Performance

2nd Qualifying Round 2016/2017

Best FA Vase Performance

Fourth Round 2013/2014

Record Attendance

339 v Colden Common 6th December 2025

Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue
24/01/26 15:00	Aldersford Town 	VS  Fawley AFC	ARLEBURY PARK
27/01/26 19:45	Aldersford Town 	VS  Clanfield	ARLEBURY PARK
31/01/26 15:00	Lymington Town 	VS  Aldersford Town	LYMINGTON SPORTS GROUND
03/02/26 19:45	Aldersford Town 	VS  Folland Sports	ARLEBURY PARK
10/02/26 19:45	Yateley United 	VS  Aldersford Town	SEAN DEVEREUX PARK



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Division One

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Colden Common	27	16	5	6	77	48	29	53
2	Fleetlands	24	16	4	4	53	32	21	52
3	Whitchurch United	24	16	3	5	65	39	26	51
4	Vateley United	25	14	2	9	61	36	25	44
5	Folland Sports	22	14	2	6	55	32	23	44
6	Frimley Green	23	11	8	4	61	37	24	41
7	Hamworthy United	26	12	4	10	63	44	19	40
8	Cove	21	11	6	4	35	24	11	39
9	Romsey Town	21	11	5	5	40	24	16	38
10	Newport (IoW)	19	10	2	7	35	35	0	32
11	Ash United	23	8	6	9	29	37	-8	30
12	Alresford Town	24	7	7	10	50	56	-6	28
13	Ringwood Town	22	9	1	12	41	49	-8	28
14	Amesbury Town	23	7	5	11	42	41	1	26
15	AFC Aldermaston	24	7	5	12	40	47	-7	26
16	Clanfield	23	8	2	13	32	41	-9	26
17	United Services Portsmouth	24	7	4	13	35	59	-24	25
18	Blackfield & Langley	24	7	4	13	31	55	-24	25
19	Kintbury Rangers	22	6	6	10	39	51	-12	24
20	Lymington Town	25	5	3	17	29	65	-36	18
21	Fawley AFC	23	3	6	14	22	54	-32	15
22	Totton & Eling	21	4	2	15	21	50	-29	14

Division Last Updated: Friday 23rd January 2026



	Alfie Jones		Jamie Bruce (GK)
	Billy Grimes		James Harewood (GK)
	Ben Barnard		Hamza Abdi
	Oliver Cooke		Liam Biggs
	Harvey Richards		James Elkins
	Hayden Murray		Joel Francis
	Jack Welch		Matt Hawkins
	Joel Jackson		Jake Lynch
	Kieran Connell		Tom Rafferty
	Leo Chance		Jamie Tribe
	Lewis Brown		I Bourne
	Louis Hale		Fraser Craigen
	Nathan Howton		Albie Dewey
	Nic Infante		Curtis Griffin
	Noah Burgess		Will Mackie
	Oscar McCulluch		Abdulbasit Mohammed
	Sam Vidler		Robbie Stapleton
	Scott Faulkner		Declan Hartigan
	Sean Brennan		James Clifton
	Tom Henderson		Indrit Elezi
	Harvey Welch		Junior Kamare
	Jessie Page		Dylan Knight
	Ashton Routledge		Jack Roberts
	Charlie Glew		Alex Sawyer
	Christopher Willcoks		
	Jack Carrick		
	Eric Kerage		
	Jack Darnton		
	Wlff Hawes		

Manager	Ash Clarke	Lee Shepherd & Glyn Tribe
Assistant Manager	Carter Smith	Jack Crane & Connor Worsley
Coaches	Simon Routledge, Dan Kempson	Tom Chambers Katelyn Wort (Physio)
Shirts	Black & White stripes	Dark Blue
Shorts	Black	Dark Blue
Socks	Black	Dark Blue
GK	Pink	Light Green

Referee	William Wright
Assistant Referee	David Simpson
Assistant Referee	Anthony Foster