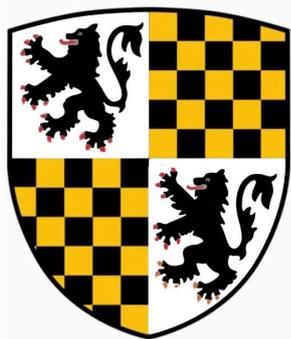


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Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Arlebury Park for today’s match against Hamworthy United.

It’s great to see you all here once again backing the team — your support is always appreciated and makes a huge difference to the lads out on the pitch.

The constant postponements and stop-start nature of the fixtures has made it difficult to build rhythm and momentum, but the squad have continued to work hard and stay focused on improving. There is real positivity around the camp though, especially with the welcome return of Jack Welch following surgery. Jack has worked incredibly hard to get himself back involved and it’s a big boost for everyone to have him back around the squad.

Today also marks the beginning of a very tough run of three matches in the space of a week. We know the challenge ahead is significant — starting with Hamworthy, who currently sit 6th in the league, followed by Folland Sports (4th) and Whitchurch United (3rd). These are exactly the kind of games that test your character, your togetherness, and your mentality, but they’re also the kind of matches we want to be involved in.

The message to the players is simple: compete, be disciplined, and give everything. If we do that, we can take positives from this run and start turning performances into the results we all want to see.

Thank you again for your continued support. Enjoy the game and get right behind the lads this afternoon.

Ash Clarke

Manager, Alresford Town FC



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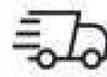
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A team was first formed in the 1890's called Hamworthy St Michael's, winning their first trophy the Whitehead Minor Cup in the 1899-1900 season. Hamworthy Football Club was formed in 1926, and moved to the present ground The County Ground (formally known as The Nursery) in 1950. Hamworthy United Football Club was formed from a merger between Hamworthy F.C. and Trinidad Old Boys F.C. in 1970/71 after missing the 1969/70 season in the Dorset Combination League due to administration problems. The County Ground was renamed the Specsavers County Ground by the Dorset County Football Association the leaseholders in 2018.

Hamworthy United First Team have been members of the Sydenhams Wessex League Premier Division since winning promotion at the start of the 2004/5 season from the Dorset Premier League. The Hammer's Second Team was promoted from the Dorset First Division at the end of the 2004/5 to play in the Dorset Premier League. They dropped out of that League at the end of the 2017-18 season with the intention of entering a Development Team in its place in the Wyvern League. Due to a last minute complication, they were unable to do so until the start of the 2019-2020 when they joined the Wyvern (Western) Division. Hamworthy had an Under Eighteen Team in the Dorset Youth League since its formation until they unfortunately had to withdraw in 2009 due to managerial problems, but they were able to reform in time for the 2010/11 season. With Chairman Steve Harvey and his new Board of Directors keen to see Hamworthy United develop their own talent an Under Sixteen team was started in 2018 followed by an Under15 team in 2019.

Hamworthy United has had great success at all levels over the years in various competitions. After winning the Dorset Combination/Dorset Premier league two years running they were promoted in the 2004-2005 Season to Wessex League Division 1. Hamworthy won the Wessex League Cup in their first season beating Thatcham Town in the final at Christchurch. They reached the final again in the 2008/2009 season, but this time lost to VTFC 2-1 after a very close contest.



THE OPPOSITION



The Hammers won the Dorset Combination Cup in the 1997/1998 season against Wareham Town, and the Dorset Senior Cup in the 2005/2006 season against Poole Town. Hamworthy lost to Eastleigh Town in the 2nd Qualifying Round of the FA Cup in the 2007/08 and went out to Basingstoke Town at the same stage in 2008/9. Hamworthy have had several good runs in the FA Vase one of their best being in the 2008/09 when they got as far as the 3rd Qualifying Round where they lost to Hungerford. The Hammers once again reached the Final of the Dorset Senior Cup in 2013/14 when managed by Graham Kemp, but lost it 2-0 to Poole Town. They again reached the 2nd Qualifying round of the FA Cup in 2015/16 this time going out to two late goals scored by the much higher ranked Bideford. In 2018/19 United got as far as the 4th Qualifying Round (down to the last 32) in the FA Vase, but just lost out to Willand Rovers away at their ground 1-0. The Hammers were top of the table and looking good when the Wessex League was again concluded early due to Covid, but the Wessex Cup was played. Hamworthy beat United Services Portsmouth 3-1 at Portchester to win the Cup for the second time, and give Manager Tim Sills his first trophy since joining the Club the year before. The current 2021/22 season has seen the club Winning the Wessex Premier League and promotion into the South League with a club record equalling FA Cup run and a new club record of reaching the Semi Final Round of the FA Vase.

The Reserves over the years had their share of successes, which was not an easy thing playing mainly against other Clubs' First teams. They won the Dorset Division 1 Cup twice in 1992, and 1999. They also won promotion to the Dorset Premier league at the end of the 2004/05 season. In 2008 the Hammers Second Team beat Portland Reserves to win the Dorset Senior Trophy. As previously stated at the end of the 2017-18 season the decision was made to withdraw the Reserve Team from the Dorset Premier League. However, it was decided at the start of the 2021/22 season to re-enter a Reserve Team into the Dorset Premier League, and withdraw the Development Team from their league.



THE OPPOSITION



The Under 18's have also won several honours over the years winning both the League and the Dorset Youth Cup in the 1987/88 season. They were the Dorset Youth Division 2 Champions in the 2003/4, and again won the Cup in season 2004/05, 2006/07, 2012/13, and 2014 /15. They also won the Division 1 Title and the League Cup in 2014/2015 making it their most successful season to date. In the 2020/21 season, The Under 18s league managed to complete and it turned out to be a successful one, winning the League and playing in the FA Youth Cup for the 1st time enjoying wins over Gosport and Havant & Waterlooville Academies before losing to Eastleigh. In 2007/2008 The South West Youth League Team won promotion to the first Division, but declined to go up due to the extra cost of travelling involved. The Sunday side in their first and only season 2008/9 won the Dorset Sunday First Division. They had to pull out at the end of the season due to running costs.

Hamworthy United Football Club, after years of playing on a very difficult pitch, and with very limited facilities and resources, saw things begin to change when the DCFA decided to upgrade the Ground in 2016. This included a new 3-g all weather artificial pitch as well as new floodlights and surrounds. Shortly afterwards the Club received the news that due to the generous legacy of Hamworthy stalwart Stan Wallis and his wife Betty, together with a grant from the Football Stadia Foundation Fund meant that they at long last would be able to double the size of the Clubhouse and Bar to generate more income. Harry Redknapp performed the opening ceremony of the Clubhouse in October 2017 followed by a match between Hamworthy United and a Dorset Representative Team. Other changes at that time saw the Club become a Limited Company headed by Steve Harvey as Chairman and four other Directors including the Club President Bruce Scammell. Unfortunately, due to ill health Steve Harvey had to relinquish his position as Chairman in 2020, and the position was filled by Steve Mitchener, another Hamworthy United stalwart of many years.



THE OPPOSITION



2025 sees Andy James as our new Chairman. Whilst Steve Mitchener takes on the Vice Chairman's role. Hamworthy Utd also sees a new Management Team for 2025/2026 Season with Micky Hubbard as Player/ Manager. Adam Costello Shaun Clarke & Luke Phillips completes his Coaching Staff, Dan Cann is now our Director of Football



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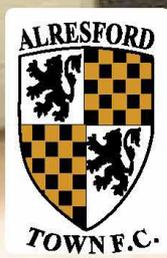
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ALRESFORD TOWN FC HISTORY



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.

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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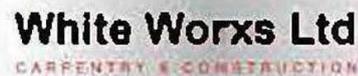
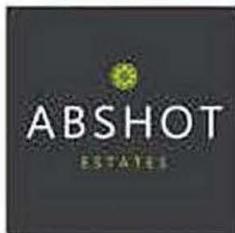
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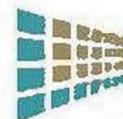
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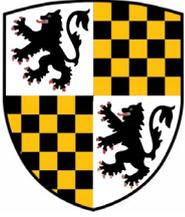


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Winners: 1991/1992, 2011/2012, 2012/2013, 2013/2014,
2021/2022

Aldershot Senior Cup

Winners 2013/2014

Southampton Senior Cup

Winners 2018/2019

Best FA Cup Performance

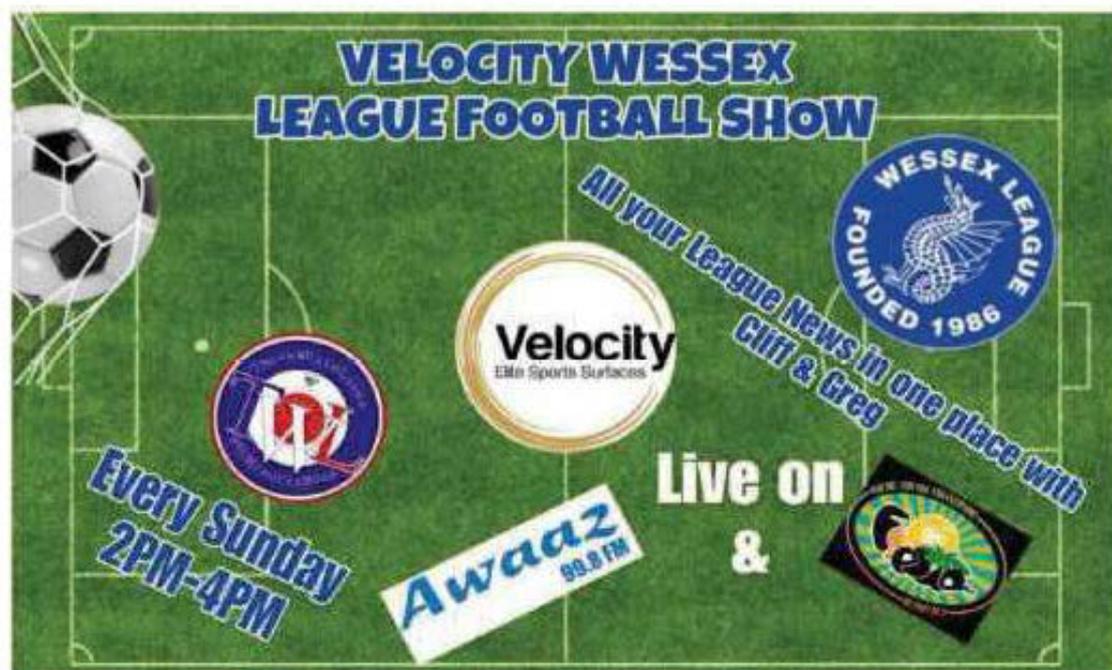
2nd Qualifying Round 2016/2017

Best FA Vase Performance

Fourth Round 2013/2014

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Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Colden Common	31	19	5	7	87	53	34	62
2	Fleetlands	27	19	4	4	58	33	25	61
3	Whitchurch United	27	18	3	6	72	45	27	57
4	Folland Sports	25	16	2	7	64	39	25	50
5	Cove	24	14	6	4	42	24	18	48
6	Hamworthy United	30	14	4	12	72	52	20	46
7	Frimley Green	24	12	8	4	63	37	26	44
8	Yateley United	27	14	2	11	62	39	23	44
9	Newport (IoW)	23	14	2	7	48	39	9	44
10	Romsey Town	24	12	5	7	43	28	15	41
11	Clanfield	27	11	2	14	38	46	-8	35
12	AFC Aldermaston	28	9	5	14	45	51	-6	32
13	Ringwood Town	26	10	1	15	54	62	-8	31
14	Ash United	27	8	6	13	32	53	-21	30
15	Alresford Town	27	7	8	12	51	62	-11	29
16	Kintbury Rangers	25	7	6	12	44	57	-13	27
17	Lymington Town	28	8	3	17	37	69	-32	27
18	Amesbury Town	24	7	5	12	42	44	-2	26
19	United Services Portsmouth	25	7	4	14	36	61	-25	25
20	Blackfield & Langley	26	7	4	15	32	59	-27	22*
21	Fawley AFC	25	3	7	15	23	59	-36	16
22	Totton & Ellng	24	4	2	18	22	55	-33	14

Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue
21/02/26 15:00	Alresford Town  VS  Hamworthy United	ARLEBURY PARK	
24/02/26 19:45	Alresford Town  VS  Folland Sports	ARLEBURY PARK	
28/02/26 15:00	Alresford Town  VS  Whitchurch United	ARLEBURY PARK	
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07/03/26 15:00	Ringwood Town  VS  Alresford Town	RINGWOOD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	
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