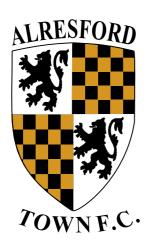


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MANAGERS MESSAGE

Today we welcome Cove FC to Arlebury Park in what should be a cracking game of football.

Last week was a rather frustrating game for us in a 1-1 draw vs Follands. We started the game well and went a goal up after 20/25 minutes but then we seemed to take our foot off the gas, and we gave away a penalty just before HT. We started the second half as well as the first half, we hit the bar twice and should have had another penalty for hand ball but unfortunately, we just couldn't put the ball in the back of the net.

Cove are on a good run of form at the moment and are in the playoffs for a reason. From what I saw on Twitter it looked like they were unlucky to be beaten by Downton after going ahead a couple of times.

We know we are in for a real game this afternoon. The last game ended in a 6-3 win for us, but Cove pushed us all the way and really made us work for the 3 points! We will have to be on our game from the first to last whistle and will need to be competing all over the pitch.

As I say most weeks if we do the basic things right we give ourselves a good chance of winning the game, but it certainly isn't going to be easy this week. One last push before a well earned Christmas break.

Up The Magpies

Dos & Morgs



Dan, Connor, Nathan, Jamie, Mike, Ryan



History of Cove FC

Cove Football Club was formed in 1897 by a group of local friends playing on a field behind their favourite Public House.

Later moving to a more central location, Cove Green became their home until 1973, when they moved to their present ground at the Oak Farm Stadium. Playing their football in The Surrey Leagues, Cove enjoyed success for many years, winning more than their fair share of silverware including the League Championship 3 years in succession and a double in that period.

In 1973, the club decided to upgrade and were accepted into the Hampshire Leagues, but had to leave 'The Green' for safety reasons and play at Oak Farm. The Division 4 Championship was won at the first attempt, and the Division 3 title followed 2 years later. After a couple of seasons, Cove finished Runners-Up in Division 2, but decided to withdraw from this league due to the time incurred travelling to away matches at Portsmouth or Southampton. This was before the M3 motorway was built and all roads were A and B types.

They returned to the more local Combined Counties League in 1980 and won the League Cup beating close neighbours and rivals Ash United. Since moving into their new home, many changes have taken place at Oak Farm with the installation of floodlights a concrete perimeter wall and stand in their quest to host senior non-league football. These achievements are the more remarkable with Farnborough Town (then Conference League) and Aldershot Town (then Football League) just a couple of miles down the road.

In 1990, Cove was given the opportunity to join the Vauxhall League (now Ryman League) after finishing third. New manager 'Chick' Botley assembled a squad strong enough to finish a respectable fourth in their first season. Two more successful seasons followed narrowly missing out on promotion, one being a final day defeat by the new Aldershot Town.

Due to the ever spiralling cost of football at this level, Cove were forced to withdraw from their league and after 3 unsuccessful attempts to join the Wessex League, had to revert back into The Combined Counties League, where they remained with little success. In 2009, the club appointed Koo Dumbuya as manager and a member of the Steve Beeks double winning team and well known around the area. Having played professional football for Aldershot and Brentford, the club decided his playing experience and knowledge could be invaluable and in his first season, Cove won the Southern Combination Cup with a 4-0 victory over Chessington and Hook.

In Season 2010-11, Cove won the Combined Counties League Cup with a 2-0 win over Bedfont, followed by a victory over Farnborough Town in the semi-final of the Aldershot Senior Cup before losing to Fleet Town in the final.

In 2011 manager Koo Dumbuya left the club after 4 years as player/manager to take up a post aT Chertsey Town, leaving a big hole to fill as his knowledge of local football was immense.

During season 2012-13 following some poor performances, the club employed an ex-player Anthony Millerick who brought instant success with the winning of the Aldershot Senior Cup and a 3-0 victory over Fleet Spurs, also finishing 3rd in the League, our highest position for many a year.

2013-2014 was another successful season finishing 5th after a run of 22 games, 19 wins and 1 defeat and 2 draws. Cove thrived in 2014-2015 as well sitting on top of the league for half the season, but unable to go for promotion due to the cost of ground improvements and travel, saw a considerable dip in form, leaving Cove with a fifth place finish and a mass exodus of management and players. With hindsight a poor decision by the committee at the time.

A complete change of personnel followed with the appointment of Dave Matthews as manager, following his success as a Youth Team coach. However, our young team of hopefuls were unable to compete at this level and after some poor results found ourselves at the foot of the table many points adrift of safety. Following Dave's resignation at Christmas, new manager Paul Duncan and assistant Salvatore Diprima set about trying to save our Premier status, but despite some improved performances the points difference right at the bottom was too much and hence we found ourselves relegated to the CCFL Division One. This is the first time in the clubs 120 year history that Cove had to face up to relegation.

Paul Duncan left so a decision to appoint Salvatore Diprima as manager soon followed. The 2017-18 season started well enough but by Christmas Salvatore has been unsuccessful trying to build a new team and improve our football standard. Cove FC had been in the bottom three for most of the season, therefore he was sacked as first team manager in February 2018. Temporary management was passed to his assistant Josh Taylor for the remainder of the season. Josh was appointed First Team Manager for 2018 -19 after his successful spell in charge for the last 12 games of 2017-18 and lifting Cove off the bottom of the league and ensuring we stayed in CCL div 1. The 2018-19 season was a huge challenge. Unfortunately, Cove were never far from the bottom three; the squad of players was not constant enough and too many changes brought bad results. Cove finished last in CCFL Division 1 and faced relegation to step 7.

Josh resigned in May 2019. At the same time, we received the bad news we had been relegated to step 7 and the Hampshire Premier league. An all-time low for those involved at the club. The job of finding a new manager began and Joe Lawler who was managing Overton FC very successfully was appointed. We also received the great news that we had been granted a reprieve by the FA for relegation. Successful appeals by a local club had left a space for CCL div 1 so Cove remained.

Joe's first season was interrupted by the Covid 19 pandemic, but he had successfully managed the club to a mid-table position with several games left which could have improved based on the teams we had left to play, some of whom were struggling at the time. With the null and voided season of 2020—21 we continued to build while football was suspended. In October 2021 Joe unexpectedly resigned for an opportunity to manage Tadley Calleva FC who are presently step 5 and have ambitions to expand a few years ahead of ours. Joe struggled with the decision and was very remorseful, but we wished him all the best and I am pleased to say we remain in contact.

After a recruitment campaign which saw many candidates apply, Chris Powell accepted the position of First Team Manager. Chris had been at the club for 2 years coaching the ACYL U18 and SYL U16's and when asked to help out in the interim he did not hesitate. He already has CCL experience at Sandhurst and additional experience in other leagues.

Chris had a huge task for the remainder of the 2021-22 season; firstly, fulfilling fixtures and secondly building a squad which might challenge for a mid-table position and safety. With the ever-changing squad, injuries and lack of quality players available locally, Chris and his management team struggled for results but we survived the season and fulfilled every fixture. Although finishing 2nd from bottom our PPG statistics saved us from relegation and we remain in CCL1 for 2022-23.

Chris set about building a squad to deliver better results in 2022-23 and keep us away from relegation. Target was mid table. By Christmas and shortly afterwards our results were very good, beating teams in the top 5 and maintaining a top half position. As the rest of the season unfolded, the squad were hit with an unnecessarily high number of injuries or retirements and results were not as good. But the hard work done in the earlier part of the season secured our safety with a 16th place finish and a credible 40 points.

For the 2023-24 season we have been laterally moved by the FA to the Wessex league. We did not request the move and we face much upheaval with the players and the travel but Chris and his team have vowed to do their level best to be competitive.

A special mention to Ron Brown, who in 1990 received an FA Award for 50 years' service to Cove FC, including 35 years as secretary. Ron retired in 1982 passing the reins to his son Graham who has himself reached the milestone of 35 years' service to the club. Sadly Ron passed away in 2009 after 70 years' service including 20 years as Club President.

Awards by Hampshire FA: Frank Kenton 25 years' service and Graham Brown - 35 years' service.

CLUB I-KNOURS & OFFICIALS RECORDS

ChairmanCraig Scriven

Secretary Lauren Young

Commercial Director Lauren Young

Committee Lead Karly Cleeve

Managers Nathan Morgan & Connor Doswell

Assistant Manager
Jamie Nash

Coach Ryan Lambert

GK CoachesMike Weatherall & Dan Kempson

Match day Assistant Darren Heskins Wessex League Cup Winners: 2012/13 & 2013/14

> North Hants League Champions: 1999/00

Hampshire Senior Cup Winners: 2012/13

North Hants Senior Cup Winners: 1991/92, 2011/12, 2012/13 & 2013/14, 2021/2022

> Aldershot Senior Cup Winners: 2013/14

Southampton Senior Cup Winners: 2018/19

Best FA Cup Performance Second Qualifying Round: 2016/17

> Best FA Vase Performance Fourth Round: 2013/14

Record Attendance 202 vs Basingstoke Town Sep 2023 Servio Men's Senior Cup & 211 vs Salisbury March 2016

NEXT FIXTURES

Frimley Green - Wessex League Division One Saturday 30th December 3.00pm KBO Stadium

Whitchurch United - Wessex League Division One
3rd January 7.45pm Longmeadow Sports Centre

Fleetlands - Wessex League Division One Saturday 6th January 3.00pm Arlebury Park

ALRESFORD TOWN CLUB 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 and have been a top tier side since 2007.

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, they 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 they 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.

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.

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Jon Webb Age: 31 Position: GK

Sponsor: Mattex Electrical **CEI Electric Services Ltd** Medlocks Electrical Acorn DPM Ltd

Footballing Highlight: Winning the treble last season / Winning the Bournemouth Senior Cup with Brockenhurst ing Hero: Peter Schmeichel / Iker Casillas



Aaron Dunne Age: 30 Position: CB

Sponsor: **Baker Building Services** Ross Panton Coach

Sponsor:

ght: Winning the Hampshire Premier League with Colden Common ro: Steve Gerrard



Dan Sayers Age: 24 Position: CB

Sponsor: **Pavilion Panthers**

nt: Winning the Hampshire Cup, League Cup and league treble with Colden Common alling Hero: Petr Cech



Cameron Ross Age: 23

Those White Lines Position: Defender

versatile across the back 4 t: Reaching the second-round proper of the FA Youth Cup with Sholing FC

alling Hero: Rio Ferdinand



Kieran Connell Age: 19 Position: GK

Sponsor: Cleeve Construction

light: Keeping a clean sheet on my senior debut for Alresford ng Hero: Aaron Ramsdale



Harry Davies Age: 31 Position: LB/LWB

Sponsor: Topbox Carpentry & Construction, **Teaching Personnel Ltd**

ighlight: Representing Malta U21's at international level

ling Hero: Ronaldinho



Glen Freeman Age: 23 Position: RB/CB

Sponsor: **L&A Flooring**

ng Highlight: Winning the treble with Colden Common

alling Hero: Paolo Maldini



Laurie Dwyer Age: 31

Sponsor: Holy Moly Dips

Position: Defender - Left Back

t: Winning the Hampshire Premier League on the final game of the 2021/22 season ng Hero: David Beckham



Sponsor: Carl Steadman Central Park Body Shop Age: 30 Dan Martin Position: Right Back

g Highlight: Winning the treble with Colden Common, season

Hero: Xabi Alonso



Sponsor: Aaron Blaxall (Captain) Marquee Hire Guide.com Ask Plastics

ghlight: Winning Southampton Senior Cup at St Mary's with Alresford / Hampshire League treble with Colden Common ling Hero: Paul Gascoigne / Zidane



Michael Douglas Age: Position:

Sponsor:

Ben White Age: 32 Position: CM

Age: 31

Position: CM

Sponsor: **Grant Young**

ghlight: A Treble with this group last season.

ng Hero: Marian Pahars



ATFC SQUAD LIST 2023/24





Steve Hall Teaching Personnel Ltd
Age: 31 Penn Chiropractic
Position: Attacking midfield/attacker

Footballing Highlight: Scoring a header at St Mary's to win the Southampton Senior Cup Footballing Hero: Didier Drogba



Liam Hiscock Age: 23 Position: Winger Attacker **Sponsor:** PM Hiscock Painter & Decorator

Footballing Highlight: Winning the Double with Colden Common reserves to go on and win the treble with the firsts the next year!

Footballing Hero: Marcus Rashford



Liam Hunt Age: 23 Position: CM/CAM Sponsor: SDC Bloomfield

Footballing Highlight: Scoring a free kick with the last kick of the game to win a cup final when I was 14

Footballing Hero: Luka Modric



Krysty Sullivan-Rose Age: 30 Position: LB/LW **Sponsor:** Team Spirit All Stars Kovan & Ramos

Footballing Highlight: Scoring the winning goal against Paulsgrove
Footballing Hero: David Beckham



John Cole Age: 34 Position: Midfield **Sponsor:** Dan Kempson

ootballing Highlight: Being oldest in the current squad

Footballing Hero: Matt Le Tiss



Harry Higby Sponsor:
Age: 28
Position: Right/Left wing

Footballing Highlight: Playing at St Mary's in the Hampshire cup Final

Footballing Hero: Matt le Tissier



Tom Baker Age: 31 Position: CM **Sponsor:** Express Transport

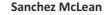
Footballing Highlight: Scoring in a cup final at the Withdean (where Brighton used to play) and winning the cup was one of my favourite memories Footballing Hero: Ronaldinho



Leon Course Age: 30 Position: Striker Sponsor: Frameset John Webb

Footballing Highlight: 22/23 Hampshire Cup Final

Footballing Hero: Sergio Aguero





James Barnes Age: 25 Position: **Sponsor:** Winchester Bar Services

Sponsor:

Footballing Highlight: Winning the treble with Colden Common

Footballing Hero: Rickie Lambert



Sanchez McLean Age: 33 Position: ST **Sponsor:**Winchester Blinds &
Shutters

Sponsor:

Footballing Highlight

Footballing Hero: Thierry Henry



Scott Hills Age: 28

Position: Centre Forward

shlight: Finishing top goal scorer in the league during the

Footballing Highlight: Finishing top goal scorer in the league during the covid hit season in my first season in the Wessex premier league Footballing Hero: Original Ronaldo (R9)



Zach Hine Age: 26

Age: 26 Position: CM

Footballing Highlight: Signing for alresford

Footballing Hero: Steven Gerrard



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Clanfield VS **AFC Aldermaston** Downton VS **Ringwood Town Fawley AFC New Milton Town** VS Fleetlands **Folland Sports** VS **Frimley Green Ash United** VS **Totton & Eling** VS Millbrook

Verwood Town VS Amworthy Recreation

Results 20TH November 2023

AFC Aldermaston



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New Milton Town

Brockenhurst



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Fleetlands

Division One Table

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Downton	16	14	1	1	54	19	35	43
2	Hamworthy Recreation	15	13	2	0	63	15	48	41
3	Alresford Town	18	12	2	4	48	25	23	38
4	Millbrook	17	12	0	5	67	22	45	36
5	Cove	18	11	2	5	54	43	11	35
6	East Cowes Victoria	17	10	2	5	41	22	19	32
7	Totton & Eling	17	10	2	5	34	24	10	32
8	Romsey Town	19	9	4	6	50	29	21	31
9	Fleetlands	16	9	1	6	33	22	11	28
10	Clanfield	21	8	3	10	45	42	3	27
11	Ringwood Town	22	8	3	11	50	56	-6	27
12	Verwood Town	19	8	2	9	40	37	3	26
13	Fawley AFC	16	8	2	6	20	30	-10	26
14	Folland Sports	19	6	5	8	39	47	-8	23
15	Ash United	18	6	2	10	36	44	-8	20
16	Whitchurch United	20	6	2	12	36	71	-35	20
17	Newport (IoW)	13	4	2	7	23	26	-3	14
18	Frimley Green	19	4	2	13	33	57	-24	14
19	AFC Aldermaston	20	4	0	16	25	60	-35	12
20	Andover Town	17	4	0	13	24	68	-44	12
21	New Milton Town	15	0	1	14	12	68	-56	1



THE TEAMS



ALRESFORD TOWN

Jon Webb
Daniel Sayers
Kieran Connell
Glen Freeman
Carl Steadman
Michael Douglas
Aaron Dunne
Cameron Ross
Harry Davies
Laurie Dwyer
Aaron Blaxall
Ben White
John Cole
Tom Baker
James Barnes
Zachary Hine
Steven Hall
Liam Hunt
Krysty Sullivan-Rose
Harry Higby
Leon Course
Sanchez McLean
Samuel Adams
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Daniel Phillips

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Referee – Kevin Robinson Assistant Referee 1 – Cameron Kingston Assistant Referee 2 – John Bungay

COVE

	Aiden Upward
	Harvey Cameron
	Roland Szepreti
	Christian Cox
	Deane Sumbler
	Victor Mudonhi
	Ryan Alexander
	Reece Anderson
	Jack Knight
	Leo Greenwood
	Sam Lynam
	Jayson Dalton
Ш	Ross Stepney
	Tremayne Woolliscroft
	Jamil Olweny
Ш	Ashley Upson
	Kay Hampson
	Armani Riley
	Ryan Alexander
	Ashley Howes
	Michael Bertoux
	Regan Denyer
	Callum Jones
	Josh Stepney
	Nathan Connolly
Щ	Owen Davies
Щ	Ben Clark
	Ryan Lewis
Щ	Luke Edmondson
	Isaac Nash

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