

**ALRESFORD TOWN FC OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME** 

# ALRESFORD TOWN V FOLLAND SPORTS FC





WESSEX LEAGUE DIVISION 1
SATURDAY 22TH
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# **MANAGERS MESSAGE**



Good afternoon and a warm welcome back to Arlebury Park for today's match against Foliand Sports FC. It's great to see everyone here again braving the cold to support the team — your commitment, week in and week out, means a lot to the players and staff, especially at this time of year when conditions are tough and the fixtures come thick and fast.

We've had a run of away games recently, and while the performances have shown plenty of effort and determination, the results haven't quite gone our way. The second half against Fleetlands last weekend was a big improvement — we played with far more purpose, energy, and intent after the break — but we can't afford to keep giving ourselves a mountain to climb. The key now is to start strongly, impose ourselves from the first whistle, and make sure we're on the front foot early.

Everyone in the dressing room is eager to get back to winning ways, and there's been a real focus in training this week on tightening up defensively and being more clinical in the final third. The spirit in the group remains positive — we know the quality is there, and it's just about putting it all together for 90 minutes.

Folland Sports will come here organised and hungry, but with your support behind us and the lads applying themselves as they did in that second half at Fleetlands, I'm confident we can deliver the reaction we've been looking for.

Thank you, as always, for your brilliant backing. Keep warm, get behind the team, and enjoy the game!

Up the Magpies!!

Ash Clarke Manager, Airesford Town FC

### FOLLAND SPORTS FC HISTORY

Nickname: Planemakers

Year formed: 1938

Main club sponsor: Hamble Aerostructures

Manager: Dan Greenwood

The club was established in 1938 by workers of the Hamble-le-Rice aircraft factory under the name Folland Aircraft. The club won the Hampshire Senior Cup in 1940–41. The following season saw the club win the Hampshire League and the Hampshire FA's Russell Cotes Cup. By 1948 the club had left the Hampshire League and were also renamed Folland Sports. In 1968 they re-joined the Hampshire League, becoming members of Division Three East.

When league reorganisation in 1971 saw the regional third divisions replaced with Division Three and Division Four, Folland Sports were placed in Division Three. However, in 1975–76 they finished second-from-bottom of Division Three and were relegated to Division Four. In 1979–80 the club were Division Four champions and moved up to Division Three as Division Four was disbanded; the season also saw them win the Hampshire Intermediate Cup. They won Division Three the following season, earning a second successive promotion, this time to Division Two. In 1985–86 the club were Division Two runners-up and were promoted to Division One. The following season saw the Club win the Southampton Senior Cup with the final being played at The Dell.

In 1990 the club were renamed Aerostructures S&S. In 97-98 the club won the Wessex League Cup. At the end of the season they adopted another new factory linked name, this time becoming Hamble ASSC. When the Wessex League gained a second division in 2004 the club became members of Division One. The division was renamed the Premier Division in 2006, however, after finishing second-from-bottom of the division in 08-09, the club were relegated to Division One. They went on to win Division One the following season, earning an immediate promotion back to the Premier Division.

In 2013/14 Season, back under their original name of Foliand Sports, the Club finished 3rd in the Wessex Premier – their highest position before being relegated to Wessex 1 just two seasons later, where they have remained since.

Following the introduction of Co-Chairmen lan Josephs and James Langdown in 2022/23 Season, after many seasons lacking necessary ground & wider Club investment the priority was to maintain and upgrade to FA Step 5 standards whilst maintaining sustainable Wessex 1 squads and growing our player pathway opportunities, finishing a credible 11th & 8th in the circumstances and growing the wider Club to include the Development side, A team, U18s, U16's, U13s, a Sunday Folland Factory side and Veterans teams, all playing at the Folland Park site, with the main stadium renamed the Arrow Arena in the 2023-24 season.

This season saw turmoil at the start, with the 1st Team Manager leaving for pastures new just 10 days before the season commenced, leading to an entire squad exodus. However, under the leadership of 1st Team Manager, Dan Greenwood & Assistant Manager, Jake Newton, a competitive Wessex 1 side has begun to formulate and results have followed.



# CLUB OFFICIALS

HONOURS & RECORDS

**Chairman**Craig Scriven

**Secretary** Martin Cooke

Commercial Manager Ross Holt

Committee members Lauren Young, Karly Cleeve & Steve May

Managers Ashley Clarke

**Assistant Manager** Steve Bramwell

Coach

**GK Coach** Dan Kempsonl 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**

Clanfield - Wessex League Division One Saturday 29th November 3.00pm Westleigh Park

Colden Common - Wessex League Division One Saturday 6th December 3.00pm Arlebury Park

Kintbury Rangers - Wessex League Division One Tuesday 9th December 7.45pm Gladstone Memorial Rec Ground

### 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 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, 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.

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 Airesford 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 - Cadibury 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 Airesford 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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NICKNAME:	LOUIS
WHICH CLUB DO YOU SUPPORT?	PORTSMOUTH FC
IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY NUMBER ON THE BACK OF YOUR SHIRT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?	7
WHO WAS YOUR FAVOURITE PLAYER WHEN GROWING UP?	MESSI
WHO DO YOU THINK IS THE BEST PLAYER (PROFESSIONALI) IN YOUR POSITION?	JUDE BELLINGHAM
COLOURED BOOTS OR BLACK BOOTS	HAS TO BE BLACK
WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FILM/TV SERIES?	SNOWFALL
WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?	STEAK
WHAT MEAL WOULD YOU COOK YOUR PARTNER ON YOUR FIRST DATE?	PASTA
WHO IS THE FUNNIEST IN THE ALRESFORD DRESSING ROOM?	FENTON
WHO IS THE LOUDEST IN THE ALRESFORD DRESSING ROOM?	HAYDEN
IF YOU WERE IN CHARGE OF MUSIC IN THE DRESSING ROOM, WHAT ONE SONG WOULD YOU PUT ON PRE-MATCH?	HATE IT OR LOVE IT
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# THE TEAMS



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Harvey Tanner
Hayden Murray
Jack Welch
Joel Jackson
Jordan Wynter
Kieran Connell
Leo Chance
Lewis Brown
Louis Hale
Nathan Howton
Nic Infante
Noah Burgess
Oscar McCulluch
Pip Willcox
Sam Vidler
Scott Faulkner
Sean Brennan
Tom Henderson
Nehniah McKenley-Burke
Harvey Welch
Jesse Page
Billy Grimes
Oliver Cooke

### **ALRESFORD**

Shirts - Black & White Shorts - Black Socks - Black Keeper - Pink

Referee: Lee Nowacki Assistant Referee 1: Shaun Hobbs Assistant Referee 2: Richard Lines

## **FOLLAND SPORTS FC**

Theo Widger
Callum Dart
Sam Booth
Alfie Balley
Jimi John
Josh Perry
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Marvin Mclean
Joe Smith
Callum Theobald
Blake Carter
Remi Texeira
Angelo Harris
Woody Marchant
Owen Plunket

### Bench Staff:

Dan Greenwood (Manager) Shawn Kitcher (Ass. Manager) Frankie Way (Coach)

### FOLLAND SPORTS FC

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