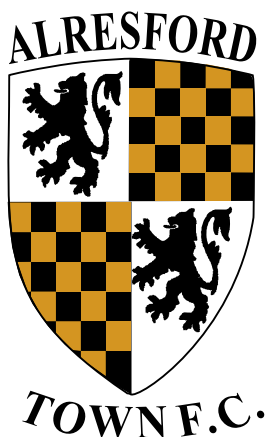


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ALRESFORD TOWN FC OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

ALRESFORD TOWN
V

RINGWOOD TOWN



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MANAGERS MESSAGE

Good evening,

Welcome back to Arlebury Park, it's great to have you down again for this cup game today vs Ringwood.

In my opinion we've started the season well considering everyone is brand new to Alresford Town Football Club. We have a very young team but every player who steps on the pitch doesn't look out of place.

We try to play some attractive football, we've scored in every game apart from 1 so far so we like to think we are doing the right things.

Unfortunately, Saturdays game was a defeat in the last minute but even the opposition were surprised we took nothing home because our performance was brilliant. So, we will look to do the right things and improve and learn to put games away. We are all learning a lot but we have a solid foundation of players who have 7/8 years left at playing good standard of football.

Ringwood have started the season well too and I know they would like to progress and look to build momentum. An exciting one tonight as I know the club would like to progress so we can see Millbrook FC in the next round as they are the old team and management of Alresford last few seasons!

Thank you again for coming to support, enjoy the game and we will see you upstairs in the bar after the game.

Ash.

RINGWOOD TOWN

Few football clubs in Hampshire can boast that they are over 140 years old, but an ancient copy of the old Ringwood Almanac reveal that Ringwood Town Football Club was formed in 1879. The club is first mentioned in county records in 1886 when it used the title of Ringwood Hornets.

The team was disbanded during the 1914-1918 war and was re-established in 1918 as Ringwood Comrades, consisting mainly of servicemen returning from the battlefields

In 1936 the club reverted to the name of Ringwood Town Football Club but was disbanded again during the Second World War. In 1946 the club was listed as Ringwood and Welworthy Football Club but soon reverted to the title of Ringwood Town FC and has played under that name ever since. The club played at Carvers Playing Fields during the 1950s and 1960s but an ambitious club committee, encouraged by Ringwood Town Council, laid the foundations for the club to move to the present Long Lane ground.

Successive committees have continued to improve the facilities at the ground such that the club was able to join the Wessex League in 2004.

Ringwood Town FC have won the Bournemouth Senior Cup on 4 occasions and runner up on a further four. In 1980 the club recorded its most memorable achievement when Southern League opponents were defeated to win the Russell Cotes Cup. Since then the club was promoted to Hampshire League Division One only to be relegated the following season. The club has had notable success in the Bournemouth Leagues and in the Bournemouth F.A. Page Croft Cup.

During 2003-04 season the 1st team reached the final of the Hampshire League Floodlit Cup whilst the reserve team won the Hampshire League Combination 2 Division. In 2005-06 the 1st team finished 9th, with the reserve team 5th in their respective divisions. The re- formed Sunday team won Bournemouth F.A. Division 3 with an unbeaten league record and a new League record, conceding only 9 goals in 22 matches. This improvement was not maintained in 2006-07, with the club finishing next to bottom of the Wessex League Premier Division. Wessex League Division 1 has been our mainstay since.

The Club strives to improve all aspects of its structure as one club with over 26 youth teams from Under 6 through to Under 16 which flows into the Under 18 team in the Dorset League. In 2017 the Under 18s won Division One Dorset and the Hampshire Cup in their 2nd season! Next step-up from the U18s is our Reserves Team, who play in the Hampshire Combination and Development League Division 1. This completes the pathway from youth football through to our 1st Team.

In May 2023 the Club announced the appointment of Fran Mathers as new 1st Team Manager. Fran joins the Club from manager of Hampshire Premier League side Stockbridge FC and from a 6-year spell at Downton FC. There he was Head of Youth and his roles also included spells as U23 manager and Reserve Team manager.

Off the pitch in September 2022, we announced exciting news of a major re-development plan of our Long Lane site. We've partnered with AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust and Ringwood Town Council to provide a new full-size 3G artificial turf pitch, improvements to existing grass pitches, better car parking and a new clubhouse. With significant investment from a number of partners, notably The Football Foundation, the 3G opened in February 2023 and the construction work on the new clubhouse is underway with expected completion in March 2024.

For season 24-25 the Club will have 30 teams. We welcome Oscar Easton as the new manager of our Development team who'll compete in the Hampshire Combination and Development league. Oscar's background is with Chelsea FC where he assists with running their talent ID football centers. For our Wessex team Fran has appointed Luis Cleary as his assistant manager and added further strength to his management team with Tom Jennings joining as coach from Wimborne Town FC. Stuart Ross will continue as goal-keeper coach.

Up to 2016, the club had minimal representation from females in its youth teams. In June 2016 a small group of girls took part in pilot sessions in Testbourne Sports Hall led by Leigh Smith and Roger Walters. This marked the start of a huge growth in female football for the club under the direction of Alison Cooper. Starting with training only in the 2016-17 season, this was followed by entering two teams into the Winchester & District Girls League, now the Hampshire Girls Youth League (HGYFL) for the first time in the 2017-18 season. Over the years, this has grown to six teams in the HGYFL and a U6/U7 training group during the 2022-23 season. The club also now runs recreational football for women aged 16+. The growth in female football in Whitchurch is illustrative when you consider in 2016-7 there were two girls playing mixed teams in 2016 and by the end of the 2021-22 season 128 girls and women had trained/played with the club. By the end of the 2022-23 season this was 140 females (120 girls and 20 women).

Recognising the size, operation and administration of the club, from the 2020-2021 season a 'Three Sections, One Club' model was adopted under the Chairmanship of Leigh Smith. This saw the development of three sections Adult Mens, Youth (mixed) and Women & Girls, These were initially led by Mark Freeborough, Julie Myall/Ben Rose and Alison Cooper, respectively.

CLUB OFFICIALS

Chairman
Craig Scriven

Secretary
Lauren Young

Commercial Director
Lauren Young

Committee members
Lauren Young, Karly Cleeve
& Steve May

Managers
Ashley Clarke

Assistant Manager
Steve Bramwell

Coach
Elliot Hunt

GK Coach
Dan Kempson

HONOURS & RECORDS

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

Amesbury Town - Wessex League Division One
Saturday 6th September 3.00pm RCH Building Solutions Stadium

Lymington Town - Wessex League Division One
Saturday 13th September 3.00pm Arlebury Park

Yateley United - Wessex League Division One
Saturday 20th September 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

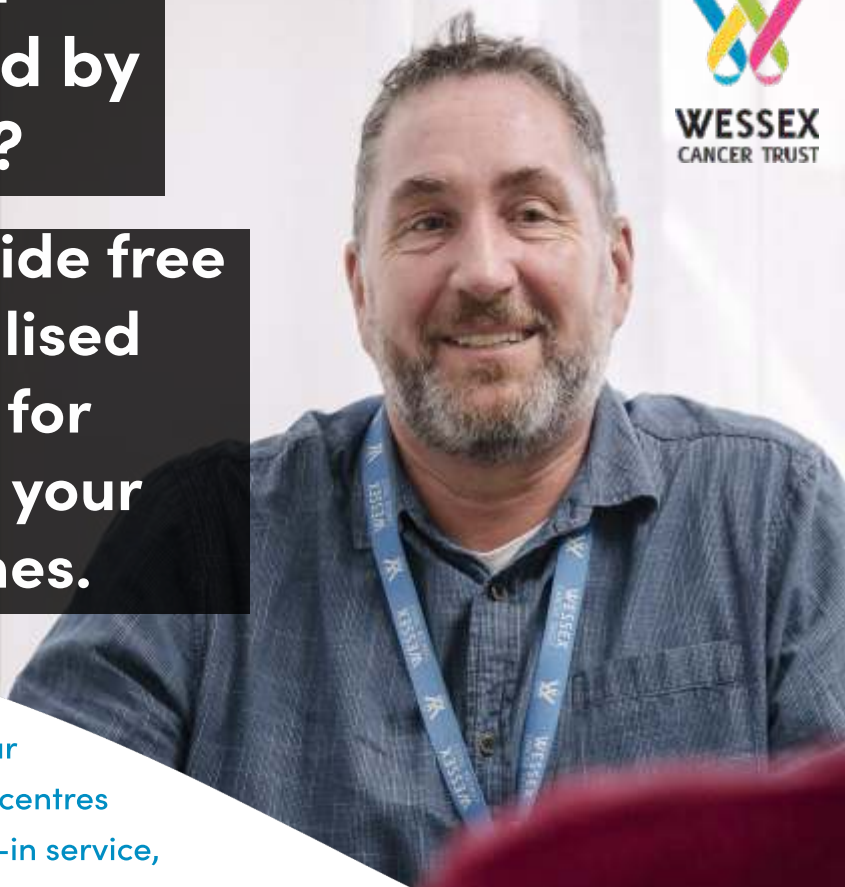
The FA Cup and FA Vase records are the best achieved whilst in Wessex League membership.

Where this has been on more than one occasion, only the last time it was achieved is shown here.

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Today's Other Fixtures

Folland Sports	VS	Ash United
Yateley United	VS	Frimley Green
AFC Stoneham	VS	Clanfield
Amesbury Town	VS	AFC Aldermaston
Cove	VS	Sherborne Town
Lymington Town	VS	Baffins Milton Rovers
Petersfield Town	VS	Kintbury Rangers
United Services Portsmouth	VS	Newport (IoW)

Results 30th August 2025

AFC Aldermaston	0 - 1	Romsey Town
Ash United	2 - 1	Alresford Town
Blackfield & Langley	2 - 1	Clanfield
Cove	3 - 1	United Services Portsmouth
Fleetlands	1 - 0	Yateley United
Hamworthy United	3 - 3	Colden Common
Kintbury Rangers	4 - 2	Folland Sports
Newport (IoW)	2 - 1	Lymington Town
Ringwood Town	0 - 4	Frimley Green
Whitchurch United	4 - 0	Totton & Eling

Division One									
POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Whitchurch United	5	5	0	0	20	3	17	15
2	Romsey Town	5	4	1	0	13	5	8	13
3	Frimley Green	4	4	0	0	14	4	10	12
4	Ash United	4	4	0	0	9	4	5	12
5	Fleetlands	5	3	1	1	9	5	4	10
6	Amesbury Town	6	3	1	2	11	8	3	10
7	Folland Sports	4	3	0	1	11	5	6	9
8	Kintbury Rangers	6	2	3	1	13	10	3	9
9	Ringwood Town	5	3	0	2	11	12	-1	9
10	Hamworthy United	6	2	1	3	11	10	1	7
11	Alresford Town	5	2	1	2	9	8	1	7
12	Blackfield & Langley	5	2	1	2	6	9	-3	7
13	Cove	4	1	2	1	7	7	0	5
14	Clanfield	4	1	1	2	4	5	-1	4
15	Colden Common	4	1	1	2	10	14	-4	4
16	Newport (IoW)	4	1	0	3	4	9	-5	3
17	United Services Portsmouth	4	1	0	3	6	15	-9	3
18	AFC Aldermaston	4	0	2	2	4	6	-2	2
19	Lymington Town	4	0	1	3	4	10	-6	1
20	Yateley United	5	0	1	4	7	14	-7	1
21	Fawley AFC	5	0	1	4	2	12	-10	1
22	Totton & Eling	4	0	0	4	4	14	-10	0



THE TEAMS



ALRESFORD TOWN

	Kieron Connell
	Zidane Khan
	Ben Barnard
	George Kirby
	Harvey Richards
	Nic Infante
	George Hilton
	Hayden Murrury
	Charlie Ivey
	Noah Burgess
	Greg Plowman
	Alfie Budd
	Pip Wilcox
	Joe Monday
	Louis Hale
	Fenton Locke
	Dylan Sadler
	Harry Magro
	Nathan Howton
	Loic Kayo
	Sean Brennan
	Eric Barnes
	Tom Henderson
	Callum Grigg
	Joel Jackson
	Finley Gibbs
	Joe Anertey-Quaye
	Jacob Elliott
	Scott Faulkner
	Alfie Hilton
	Max Allen

Alresford

Shirts - Black & White

Shorts - Black

Socks - Black

Keeper - Pink

RINGWOOD TOWN

	William Griffin
	Ben Bradwell
	Luke Pothas
	Hugh Dathan
	Cass Lister
	Lewis Crumpler
	Matt Steer
	Ben Harris
	Jesse Rabin
	Josh Ridland
	Lee Vint
	Daniel May
	Joshua Stoodley
	Ted Bignell
	Ethan Duell-merritt
	Oliver Brown

BENCH STAFF -

Fran Mathers

Oscar Eaton

Will Lambert

Wayne Gavin

Harry Woodward

CLUB OFFICIALS -

Phil King - Chairman

Ronan Old - Head Of Senior Section

Becky Harris - Club Official

Chris Harris - Club Official

James Brown - Club Official

Damien Dominey - Club Official

Ringwood Town

Shirts - Red & White

Shorts - Red

Socks - Red

Referee: Ryan Thomas

Assistant Referee 1: Richard Lines

Assistant Referee 2: Olu Oyewole

Observer: Ian Hart