

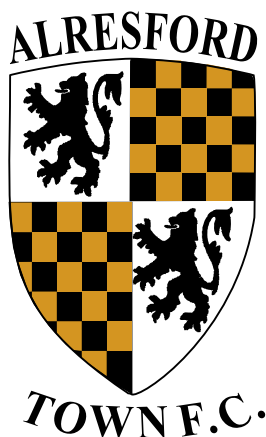
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ALRESFORD TOWN FC OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

ALRESFORD TOWN

V

ROMSEY TOWN



WESSEX FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

SATURDAY 16TH August 2025

3.00PM KICK OFF



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ROMSEY TOWN

The club was formed in 1886 and played in local league football with successful spells before joining the Southampton League as founder members in 1908.

The 1920s were a good decade for Romsey Town and after winning the Hampshire Intermediate Cup and Southampton Senior League, the club joined the Hampshire League. In 1930 Romsey moved to its second ground at Priestlands, before moving again to its current home, The By-Pass Ground, in 1956. In 1964 it was relegated from the league and dropped down to Junior Division 1 of the Southampton League only returning to its senior section in 1968.

In the 1970s success returned and after three successive promotions and a Southampton Senior Cup triumph in 1974, the club regained its Hampshire League status in 1975 and a year later won the Hampshire Senior Cup unexpectedly defeating Farnborough Town 1-0 in a final played at The Dell, then home of Southampton FC.

In 1986 Romsey became a founder member of the Wessex League, clinching the title and reaching the Fourth Qualifying Round of the FA Cup in 1990. Another reversal in fortune saw the club relegated to the Hampshire League in 1998 and hit a low in 2003 when finishing bottom of the league's third division and had to seek re-election.

When the Wessex League absorbed the original Hampshire League in 2004, Romsey Town were placed in Division 1 and won promotion back to the top flight in 2007. The Town enjoyed one of their most successful seasons in 2011/12 finishing eighth, but this signalled a further period of turmoil and relegated again 2014 to their status in Wessex League Division 1.

The club then appointed current manager Andy Samuels and whilst they finished second bottom in 2014/15, there was steady improvement, with mid table finishes in 2015/16 and 2016/17, leading to promotion challenges in 2017/18 and 2018/ 19 which resulted in a sixth and fourth place finishes. During the summer Andy Samuels stepped down and was replaced by Chris McGinn, a former professional footballer and international coach. However, Chris decided to step down in March 2020 to focus on his work with Chelsea FC and two successive appointments to the role failed to yield success.

However, in 2022/23 Andy Samuels returned in mid season to manage the team and after a difficult start Romsey finished the season mid table. In the last two seasons, the club finished tenth and sixteenth in Division One and was also the losing finalist in the North Hants Senior Cup. A refresh of the squad and additions to the management team in 2025 have raised hopes that the club is moving towards realising its full potential.

The club now enjoys strength in depth to the first team squad and is able to field teams in both the U23 Division One West and U18 Central Division of the Hampshire Combination & Development Football League. Last season Romsey Town Ladies finished fifth in Division 4 of the Hampshire County Women's Football League.

CLUB OFFICIALS

Chairman
Craig Scriven

Secretary
Lauren Young

Commercial Director
Lauren Young

Committee members
Lauren Young, Karly Cleeve
& Steve May

Manager
Ashley Clarke

Assistant Manager
Steve Bramwell

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

Whitchurch

Saturday 23rd August 3.00pm Arlebury Park

Ash United - Wessex League Division One

Saturday 30th August 3.00pm Smurfit Westrock Stadium

Ringwood Town - Wessex League Cup

Tuesday 2nd September 7.45pm 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

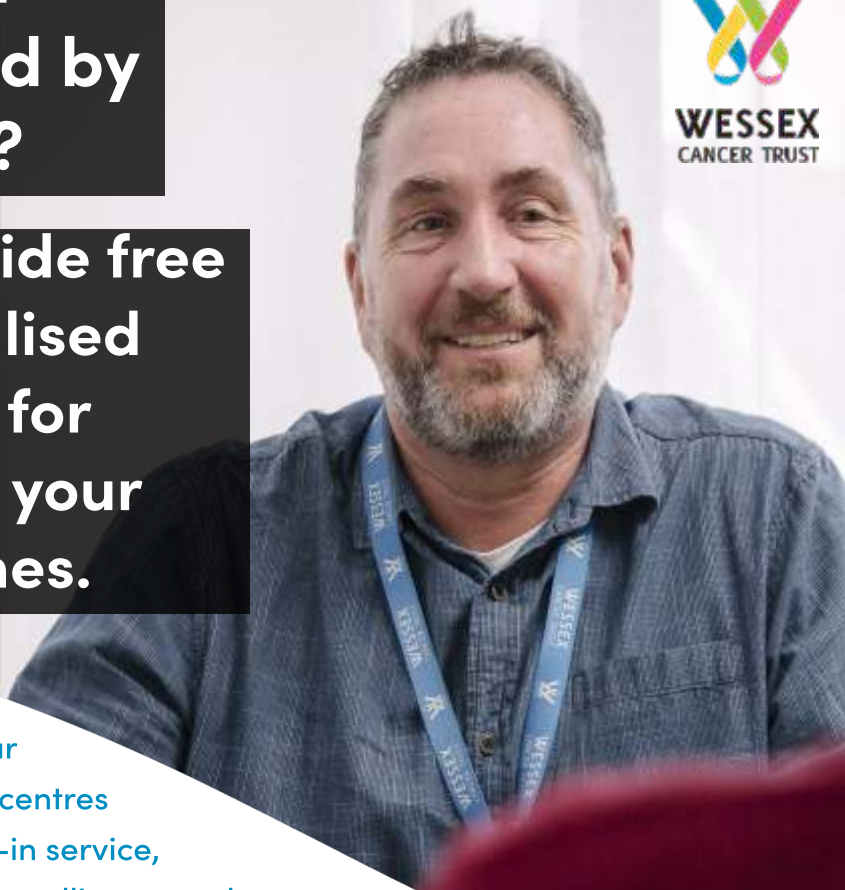
The FA Cup and FA Vase records are the best achieved whilst in Wessex League membership.

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

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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.

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Todays Other Fixtures

Ash United		VS		United Services Portsmouth
Blackfield & Langley		VS		AFC Aldermaston
Clanfield		VS		Fawley AFC
Cove		VS		Colden Common
Fleetlands		VS		Amesbury Town
Frimley Green		VS		Totton & Eling
Hamworthy United		VS		Folland Sports
Kintbury Rangers		VS		Lymington Town
Ringwood Town		VS		Yateley United
Whitchurch United		VS		Newport (IoW)

Results 9th August 2025

Alresford Town		1 - 1		Cove
Folland Sports		3 - 0		Clanfield
Hamworthy United		1 - 2		Blackfield & Langley
Ringwood Town		1 - 0		Fawley AFC
Romsey Town		2 - 2		Kintbury Rangers
Baffins Milton Rovers		5 - 2		Totton & Eling
Eversley & California		4 - 1		Yateley United

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

ROMSEY TOWN

	Owen Holloway
	Harry Prisk
	Ethan Madden
	Maciej Marcinkowski
	Harry Edmondson
	Adam Pattison
	Joe Merrett
	Mendy Masuku
	Miguel Marshall
	Brandon Hill
	James Harwood
	Harley Russell
	John McCormack
	Alex Wilson
	Miles Bartram
	George Ockwell
	Aaron Scott
	George Pomeroy
	Kyson-lee Barry
	Tom Woodward
	Max Biddleston
	Leo Cassar
	Alfie Clark
	Ryan Long
	Elliot Mathema
	Morgan Biddleston
	Konrad Szyszko

Romsey Town

Shirts -Black -Red

Shorts - Black -Red

Socks - Black -Red

Referee: Samuel Wright

Assistant Referee 1: Ethan Grainger

Assistant Referee 2: Lexie Dale