

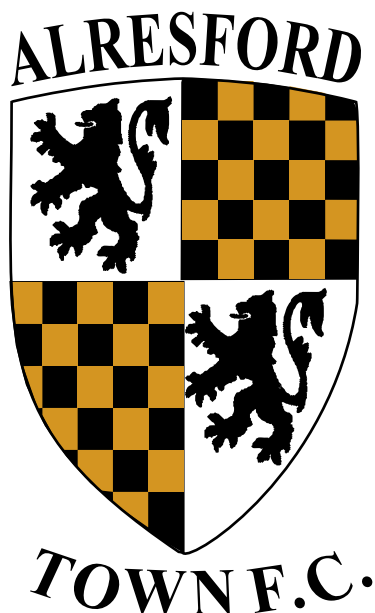
# MAGPIES

ALRESFORD TOWN FC OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

**ALRESFORD TOWN**

**v**

**TOTTON & ELING**



**WESSEX FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE**

Saturday 2nd August 2025

3.00PM KICK OFF



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# MANAGERS MESSAGE

Good afternoon!

Thank you all for coming down to Arlebury Park this afternoon to watch our first game as a new side vs Totton & Eling FC.

Firstly, a huge thank you from me to all of you, the board, committee and the fans. You've made me feel so welcome it's made me want to do much more than normal. I've enjoyed my challenging 4/5 weeks so much with creating a brand new team and also getting to play a certain style of play. The same as every other team, players coming and going with trying to fit a new system.

The team has taken this all in their stride and now here they are! Ready to put a show on every week with high standards, the desire to win everything.

Winning mentality is what we strive for here at Alresford Town. I can tell you the players are absolutely buzzing to have you all support them and to put into practise what we've been working on but with a massive reward... 3 points!

I hope to see you all at as many games as possible this season, home and away. We all can't wait to be apart of this fantastic club and get the points on the board.

We hope to deliver and repay the faith Craig and the board has put into me. I can assure you, passion, desire and commitment is nothing short of what I deliver to my role and I want to succeed.

Enjoy the game.  
Up the Magpies!



# TOTTON & ELING

The Club was formed in 1925 as Bramtoco FC from the workforce of the British American Tobacco Company and changed its name to BAT Sports in 1971, the same year as they entered the Hampshire League. They progressed through the Leagues, winning Division Two in 1975 and being Champions of Division One in both 1988 and 1989.

In 1989 we installed floodlights, constructed a small stand and put a permanent fixed barrier around the pitch which enabled us to join the Wessex League. An additional stand and covered standing area followed in due course. Since joining the League they have twice reached the 3rd Round of the FA Vase, on the second occasion being drawn against AFC Wimbledon. With the weather causing the BAT ground to be unfit the tie was switched to South West London drawing an attendance of nearly 3000.

Due to the imminent loss of their long serving Southern Gardens home we were forced to drop down a division at the end of the 2006-07 season and continued with our reserve side in Wessex League Division 2, at the end of that season and because of a restructuring in the leagues and still having our ground with a new one promised by Linden Homes we were put in Division 1 and changed our name to Totton and Eling Football Club.

We worked hard in getting a side that would compete and were eventually rewarded in 2008/9 season winning the Division 1 title easily with 100 points and a plus 90 goal difference to boot, regaining top flight Wessex Football again!

The following season 2009/10 was the year we moved to our new and present ground Millers Park at Little Testwood Farm which is adjacent to AFC Totton. We had a great season finishing 7th in the Premier Division and beating Gosport at the own ground in the Russell Cotes Cup final 3-1 after extra-time.

We managed to stay in the top division until 2014/15 season when with a lack of funds, having no clubhouse at the new ground to bring in extra revenue and a real lack of people to help out... the club got relegated. We did fight till the bitter end only actually getting relegated on the last day of the season and unfortunately no reprieve that year!

We have been rebuilding the club over the last few seasons with youth being our priority and we go again in Division 1 with our progressive development side in support and the backing of our Youth section that are the driving force at the club. We now have 11 youth sides and growing every year. The club has just recently signed a 25 year lease on their new ground Millers Park which now gives the club security and a stable footing to build for the future.

# CLUB OFFICIALS

# HONOURS & RECORDS

## Chairman

Craig Scriven

## Secretary

Lauren Young

## Commercial Director

Lauren Young

## Committee members

Karly Cleeve & Steve May

## Managers

Ashley Clarke

## 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

**Lymington Town - Wessex League Division One**

**Tuesday 5th August 7.45pm Lymington Sports Ground**

**Blackfield & Langley - Wessex League Division One**

**Saturday 9th April 3.00pm Gang Warily Recreation Centre**

**Cove - Wessex League Division One**

**Tuesday 12th August 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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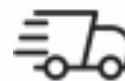
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This is your show and is a platform for your club to promote its events and raise its profile. If your club produces post-match interviews, please either email us a copy of the audio or give permission for us to play them on air straight from your website or social media sites, as we will aim to play them on the show.

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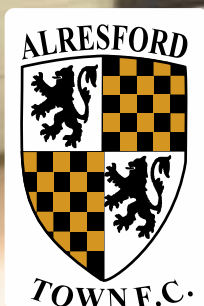
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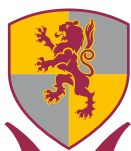


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Romsey Town		VS		Newport (IoW)
Whitchurch United		VS		Yateley United