

**ALRESFORD TOWN FC OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME** 

# ALRESFORD TOWN v WI-ITCI-IURCI-I UNITED





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### WI-IITCHURCH UNITED

In 1887, two football clubs, the Albion and Rovers were in existence in Whitchurch. At a meeting on July 14th, 1903, they amalgamated to form Whitchurch United.

The 'Jam Boys' as they came to be known, took time to achieve their first success and had to wait 10 years before recording their first successes by winning the Andover Tournaments in 1913 and 1914. and the Basingstoke Cup in 1914.

However, the 1920's brought a decade of successes with wins in the Basingstoke Junior League in 1925, the Basingstoke Cup in 1927, 1928 and 1929, and the North Hants Cup in 1927. In the mid-1950's the club bought its own ground at Longmeadow and added a pavilion and changing rooms in 1959. Also in 1959, they entered the Hampshire League Division 3 and won promotion to Division 2 in 1990.

In 1995 the entered the Wessex League and won the Basingstoke Senior Cup in 1994 and 1997.. The formation of the Wessex League in 1986 created a major shakeup in the Hampshire League and Whitchurch United was placed in division 2 from where they launched their successful climb to Wessex League status.

After finishing as division 2 champions in 1989/90, the club had two good seasons in Division 1, finishing fourth in 1990/91 and third in 1991/92. This allowed Whitchurch Utd to have a successful application to join the Jewson Wessex football League in 1992. After a tough inaugural seaso finishing 15th, the club had an even tougher season in 1993/94 when they finished in the dreaded drop spot and it was all the way back to the Hampshire League football.

A quick return to the Wessex League was planned and it was to prove a great success as United returned to the Wessex League. In 1996.97 United became Basingstoke Senior Cup Winners. The club continued to improve in the Wessex League and win the Hungerford Cup for two years running, 1998/99 and 1999/2000.

The youth section of Whitchurch United was formed in 1994 by Colin Dancer, Paul Driver and Peter Adams with the support of Steve Smith Initially, the youth section began with three teams (U12, U14, and U15) with the U12 and U14 teams playing in the Andover and District League (now Testway Youth League) on Saturdays and the U15 team playing in the Peter Houseman League on Sundays.

Youth football has gone from strength to strength over the years. In the 2022-23 season the club boasted 17 mixed youth teams from U7-U18 involving 265 players. Our teams play in the Testway Youth League, Peter Houseman Youth League and the North East Hampshire Youth Leagues. We expect to enter a team into the Junior Premier League for the 2023-24 season.

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 endof 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

HONOURS & RECORDS

**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 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**

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

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

### 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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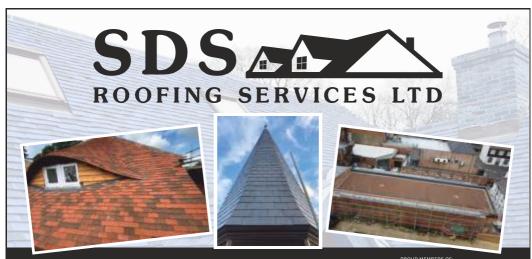
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### **Todays Other Fixtures**

**Hamworthy United** VS **Lymington Town** Alresford Town Whitchurch United VS Amesbury Town **Blackfield & Langley** VS **Corsham Town Kintbury Rangers** VS Clanfield Cove VS **Devizes Town** VS **Yateley United Folland Sports** VS **Bemerton Heath Harlequins** Hamble Club **Fleetlands** VS Pagham Newport (IoW) VS Selsey **Ringwood Town** VS **Sturminster Newton** Ash United VS **Totton & Eling** VS **Romsey Town** 

### Results 19th August 2025

Colden Common	2 - 0	Fawley AFC
AFC Aldermaston	1 - 2	Frimley Green
Amesbury Town	3 - 1	Hamworthy United
Yateley United	2 - 2	Kintbury Rangers
<b>Baffins Milton Rovers</b>	4 - 1	Cove
Bournemouth	4 - 1	Ringwood Town
Fleetlands	1 - 2	Whitchurch United
Romsey Town	1 - 0 (HT 0-0)	East Cowes Victoria
United Services Portsmouth	2 - 4	Millbrook
Hamble Club	5 - 2	Folland Sports

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



### THE TEAMS



### ALRESFORD TOWN

- 10 and 10	
	Kieron Connell
	Zidane Khan
	Ben Barnard
	George Kirby
	Harvey Richards
	Nic Infante
	George Hilton
	Hayden Murrary
	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

### WHITCHURCH UNITED

James Batchelor
Ant Croucher
Nathan Smart
Shaun Dallimore
Ethan Abrehart
Alfie Saunders
Alfie Jones
Alex Fragahta
Shemar Petit
Tyrell Reid
Sam Argent
Benji Colson
Tyler Field
Marcus Whittaker
Kyan Stephen's
<b>Charlie Mumford</b>
Lucas Perryman
Harley Oates
Sonny Haynes
Danilo Pereira
Charlie Prall

Whitchurch United

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Shorts - Black Socks - Black Keeper - Pink

Referee: Anthony Biddulph

Assistant Referee 1: Thomas Turner
Assistant Referee 2: James Thurston