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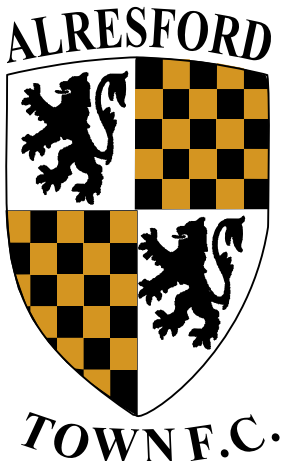
ALRESFORD TOWN FC OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



**WESSEX FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
PLAY OFF SEMI FINAL**

**Tuesday 30th April 2025
7.45PM KICK OFF**

ALRESFORD TOWN V EAST COWES VICTORIA



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MANAGERS MESSAGE

This is the game we have all been waiting for...

Tonight we welcome East Cowes to Arlebury Park for the second time this season, in what will be treated as our first cup final of the season!

Both teams go into the game high in confidence after winning on the weekend. East Cowes scored late on to beat Ash 3-2 and we beat Verwood 4-2 which was by no means a walk over.

East Cowes are a good side, they counter very well and like us don't concede a huge amount of goals. Their manager knows how to get the best out of them so we will need to be sharp all over the pitch if we want to get anything out of the game.

Team wise - Unfortunately, on Saturday we lost Harry Davies during the warmup after pulling his groin, Liam Magee early on in the first half following a clash of knees & Nick O'Carroll to a groin strain at half time... luck hasn't exactly been on our side this season! The good news is we have Tom Baker back involved in the squad as well as Craig Bryant, Sanchez Mclean, Chalky & Cameron Ross.

I'd like to say thank you to all the fans who have supported us not just tonight but throughout the season, it means a huge amount to the management team and the players.

One last push!!

Up The Magpies

Dos & Morgs



EAST COWES VICTORIA

East Cowes Victoria Athletic Football Club (The Vic's) were formed in 1885. The name incidentally is the longest registered with the English F.A. The Victoria part derives from the fact that the ground in "Beatrice Avenue" is part of the crown estate and in the area owned by Osborne House, the home of Queen Victoria. For the first 30 years the club played only in the Island leagues. In 1889 the Isle of Wight F.A. introduced cup competitions including the Isle of Wight Senior Gold Cup, this trophy is reported to be the most valuable football trophy in the world being made of solid gold. The only drawback is that if you win the Gold Cup you can't keep it! Most clubs insure it for the annual presentation night and then return it to the bank. In 1947 Vic's joined Division 3 of the Hampshire League and spent nine seasons in Division 3, eighteen seasons in Division 2 and twelve in Division 1. Without doubt the Vics most successful period was under the guidance of Graham Daish, who built a squad of all Island players good enough to win Hampshire League Division One Championship twice, the first time remaining unbeaten all season. The club also won the Isle of Wight Gold Cup seven times during this period. One of the most important years in the Vics' long history was 1968, when the club amalgamated with an East Cowes Junior side: East Cowes Athletic - thus becoming East Cowes Victoria Athletic. The hard work of the committee enabled the club to progress into the Wessex League for the start of the 1987/88 season. Although the club lost key players before the start of the season they still managed to finish in 8th place and win the Wessex League Cup beating Romsey Town 2-0. Then later, following relegation, the club formed a new committee and finished 4th in the Hampshire Premier Division. In 2001/02 season the Vics had their best season in recent years, when they narrowly missed out on promotion back to the Wessex League, finishing runners-up to Alton Town; but they did win the Hampshire Trophy-man Cup beating Liss Athletic 1-0. In season 2003/04 Vics returned to the Wessex League after the Football Association's restructuring of the leagues and have continued ever since in Wessex Division One. The last few seasons have proved difficult for the club, but under the guidance of Manager Steve Brougham and his committed dugout team this came good for 2018/19 where the squad performed well finishing mid-table. The 2019/20 season brings two adult men's teams: First Team in Wessex Division One, Reserves in IoW Division Two and our Ladies in Hampshire County Women's Football League Division 2, plus of course our Youth set-up. The future looks good for all our teams and as always the club continues at the heart of the local community. The 2023/24 season saw the 1st team finish in 6th place just missing out on goal difference for a play-off spot under manager Alex Smith and the reserves finished runners up in the HCDL under manager Stuart Simmonds, who has now taken up the role as assistant manager with the 1st team.

CLUB OFFICIALS

Chairman
Craig Scriven

Secretary
Lauren Young

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Committee members
Karly Cleeve & Steve May

Managers
Nathan Morgan & Connor Doswell

Assistant Manager
Martin Beck

Coach
Elliot Hunt

GK Coach
Mike Weatherall

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

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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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2024/25



Jon Webb
Age: 32

Position: GK

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Footballing Highlight: Winning the treble last season / Winning the Bournemouth Senior Cup with Brockenhurst
Footballing Hero: Peter Schmeichel / Iker Casillas



Aaron Dunne
Age: 31
Position: CB

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Footballing Highlight: Winning the Hampshire Premier League with Colden Common
Footballing Hero: Steve Gerrard



Kieran Connell
Age: 20
Position: GK

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Footballing Highlight: Keeping a clean sheet on my senior debut for Alresford
Footballing Hero: Aaron Ramsdale



Cameron Ross
Age: 24

Position: Defender LC Plastering Services
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Footballing Highlight: Reaching the second-round proper of the FA Youth Cup with Sholing FC
Footballing Hero: Rio Ferdinand



Glen Freeman
Age: 24
Position: RB/CB

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Footballing Highlight: Winning the treble with Colden Common
Footballing Hero: Paolo Maldini



Harry Davies
Age: 32
Position: LB/LWB

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Footballing Highlight: Representing Malta U21's at international level
Footballing Hero: Ronaldinho



Joe Ryan
Age: 19
Position: Winger

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Footballing Highlight: Winning the treble with colden common in the 22/23 season
Footballing Hero: Cristiano Ronaldo



Aaron Blaxall (Captain)
Age: 32
Position: CM

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Footballing Highlight: Winning Southampton Senior Cup at St Mary's with Alresford / Hampshire League treble with Colden Common
Footballing Hero: Paul Gascoigne / Zidane



Michael Douglas
Age: 27
Position: CB

Sponsor: Ben Bendall

Footballing Highlight:

Footballing Hero:



Ben White
Age: 33
Position: CM

Sponsor: Grant Young

Footballing Highlight: A Treble with this group last season.

Footballing Hero: Marian Pahars



Zach Hine
Age: 27
Position: CM

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Footballing Highlight: Signing for alresford

Footballing Hero: Steven Gerrard



James Barnes
Age: 25
Position:

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Footballing Highlight: Winning the treble with Colden Common
Footballing Hero: Rickie Lambert



ATFC SQUAD LIST

2024/25



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Steve Hall
Age: 32
Position: Attacking midfielder/attacker

Footballing Highlight: Scoring a header at St Mary's to win the Southampton Senior Cup
Footballing Hero: Didier Drogba



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Krysty Sullivan-Rose
Age: 31
Position: LB/LW

Footballing Highlight: Scoring the winning goal against Paulsgrove
Footballing Hero: David Beckham



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John Cole
Age: 35
Position: Midfield

Footballing Highlight: Being oldest in the current squad
Footballing Hero: Matt Le Tiss



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Harry Higby
Age: 29
Position: Right/Left wing

Footballing Highlight: Playing at St Mary's in the Hampshire cup Final
Footballing Hero: Matt le Tissier



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Andy Turner
Age: 32
Position: Midfield forward

Footballing Highlight: Coming out of retirement
Footballing Hero: Roy Keane



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Leon Course
Age: 31
Position: Striker

Footballing Highlight: 22/23 Hampshire Cup Final
Footballing Hero: Sergio Aguero



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Sam Mould
Age: 18
Position: LB

Footballing Highlight:
Footballing Hero:



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Sanchez McLean
Age: 34
Position: ST

Footballing Highlight:
Footballing Hero: Thierry Henry



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Tom Henderson
Age: 19
Position: CM

Footballing Highlight:
Footballing Hero:



Sponsor:

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Age: 24
Position: LW / RW

Footballing Highlight:
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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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Division One Table									
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
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2	Frimley Green	38	24	7	7	107	55	52	79
3	Alresford Town	38	22	8	8	74	47	27	74
4	East Cowes Victoria	38	21	9	8	69	42	27	72
5	Fleetlands	38	19	9	10	69	61	8	66
6	Hamworthy United	38	19	5	14	84	62	22	62
7	Ringwood Town	38	16	13	9	73	64	9	61
8	Newport (IoW)	38	15	13	10	74	54	20	58
9	Amesbury Town	38	15	7	16	66	75	-9	52
10	Cove	38	14	9	15	70	66	4	51
11	Whitchurch United	38	12	11	15	52	61	-9	47
12	Clanfield	38	13	7	18	61	68	-7	46
13	AFC Aldermaston	38	14	3	21	65	84	-19	45
14	Ash United	38	12	7	19	62	67	-5	43
15	Lymington Town	38	12	7	19	55	82	-27	43
16	Romsey Town	38	10	10	18	58	75	-17	40
17	Totton & Eling	38	9	10	19	46	69	-23	37
18	Folland Sports	38	9	9	20	43	80	-37	36
19	Fawley AFC	38	9	6	23	45	78	-33	33
20	Verwood Town	38	5	8	25	43	91	-48	23



THE TEAMS



ALRESFORD TOWN

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Jay Morris
<input type="checkbox"/>	Harry Higby
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aaron Dunne
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cameron Ross
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Liam Magee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leon Course

EAST COWES VICTORIA

<input type="checkbox"/>	Alex Ram (gk)
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Zak Sullivan

Alresford

Shirts - Black & White
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East Cowes Victoria

Shirts - Grey
Shorts - White
Socks - Grey

Referee: Omid Farjadpour
Assistant Referee 1: William Wright
Assistant Referee 2: Chris Miles