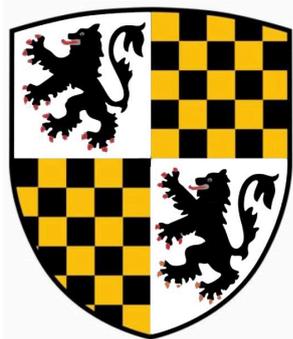


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ALRESFORD TOWN FC
v
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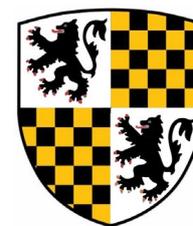
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Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Arlebury Park for the final match of our home fixture trilogy, with today’s match against Whitchurch United.

It’s great to see you all here for what promises to be another big afternoon of football. Your support continues to drive the lads on, and it’s especially important in fixtures like this.

I’ve been really pleased with the effort and application the boys have shown over the last two games. We’ve faced two strong play-off sides and taken two points from those matches, which speaks volumes about the character and discipline within the group. The performances have shown resilience, organisation, and a real togetherness — all qualities we’ll need again today.

The schedule has been demanding, but having depth in the squad has allowed us to rotate sensibly, giving players valuable rest while maintaining competitiveness. That rotation has kept energy levels high and ensured everyone is ready to contribute when called upon. It’s been a real team effort, and that unity is a big positive for us going into this run of fixtures.

Today’s challenge is another significant one. Whitchurch currently sit second in the table, which tells you everything about the quality and consistency they’ve shown this season. We know we’ll need to be at our very best, but the confidence gained from our recent performances gives us belief going into this game.

If we match the intensity, maintain our discipline, and play with courage in possession, we can give a strong account of ourselves.

Thank you once again for your fantastic backing. Get behind the lads and let’s make it a big afternoon at Arlebury Park.

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Ash Clarke

Manager, Alresford Town FC

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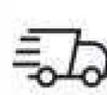
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THE OPPOSITION



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 club became known as the “Jam Boys” because of the Jam Factory in the town, long since closed.

They 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. In the same year, they entered the Hampshire League Division 3 and won promotion to Division 2 in 1990. The Club won the Basingstoke Senior Cup in 1994 and 1997.

After finishing as Hampshire League 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 season 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 Hampshire League football.

A quick return to the Wessex League was planned and it was to prove successful. In 1996/97 Whitchurch 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 OPPOSITION



In 2011 Whitchurch reached the 1st qualifying round of the FA Cup and won the Andover Open Cup. In 2012 Whitchurch reached the 2nd qualifying round of the FA Cup, being knocked out by Gloucester City in front of a crowd of 560. In 2014 Whitchurch were promoted to the Sydenham's Wessex Premier Division.

After finishing in a relegation position in 2017 the club was relegated to Division One, with a joint-high finish of 13th in three of the completed six seasons since.

As a community club, Whitchurch United prides itself in the high level of coaching and football that it offers at all levels.

Whitchurch fields teams across all age groups, for boys and girls, from U7 to U18.



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COLOURED BOOTS OR BLACK BOOTS....

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STEAK

WHAT MEAL WOULD YOU COOK YOUR PARTNER ON YOUR FIRST DATE....?

THINK I'D LEAVE THAT TO THE PROFESSIONALS...

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WHO IS THE LOUDEST IN THE ALRESFORD DRESSING ROOM...?

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IF YOU WERE IN CHARGE OF MUSIC IN THE DRESSING ROOM, WHAT ONE SONG WOULD YOU PUT ON PRE-MATCH?

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ANY PRE-MATCH SUPERSTITIONS?

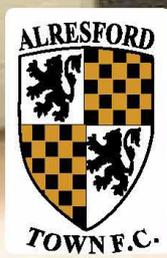
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ALRESFORD TOWN FC HISTORY



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.

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, the club 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 Town 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.

ALRESFORD TOWN FC HISTORY CONT.



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.

The Men's team is led by Manager Ash Clarke, who joined the club in the pre-season of the 2025 season. Ash joined Alresford from Worthing Town F.C. where he was first team manager after having spent time at AFC Porchester, Moneyfields, and in the youth game with Portsmouth and Brighton and Hove Albion. With a young side, playing expansive football, the Club is excited for the future!



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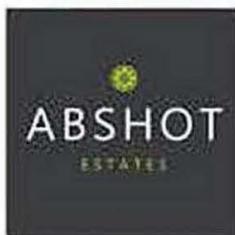
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Manager
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Coaches

Ash Clarke
Carter Smith
Simon Routledge, Dan Kempson

Ben Dillon

Shirts
Shorts
Socks
GK

Black & White stripes
Black
Black
Pink

Red with White stripes
Red
Red

Referee Mark Davis
Assistant Referee Nathan Cook
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CLUB HONOURS

Wessex League Cup

Winners: 2012/13 & 2013/14

North Hants League

Champions 1999/2000

Hampshire Senior Cup

Winners 2012/2013

North Hants Senior Cup

Winners: 1991/1992, 2011/2012, 2012/2013, 2013/2014,
2021/2022

Aldershot Senior Cup

Winners 2013/2014

Southampton Senior Cup

Winners 2018/2019

Best FA Cup Performance

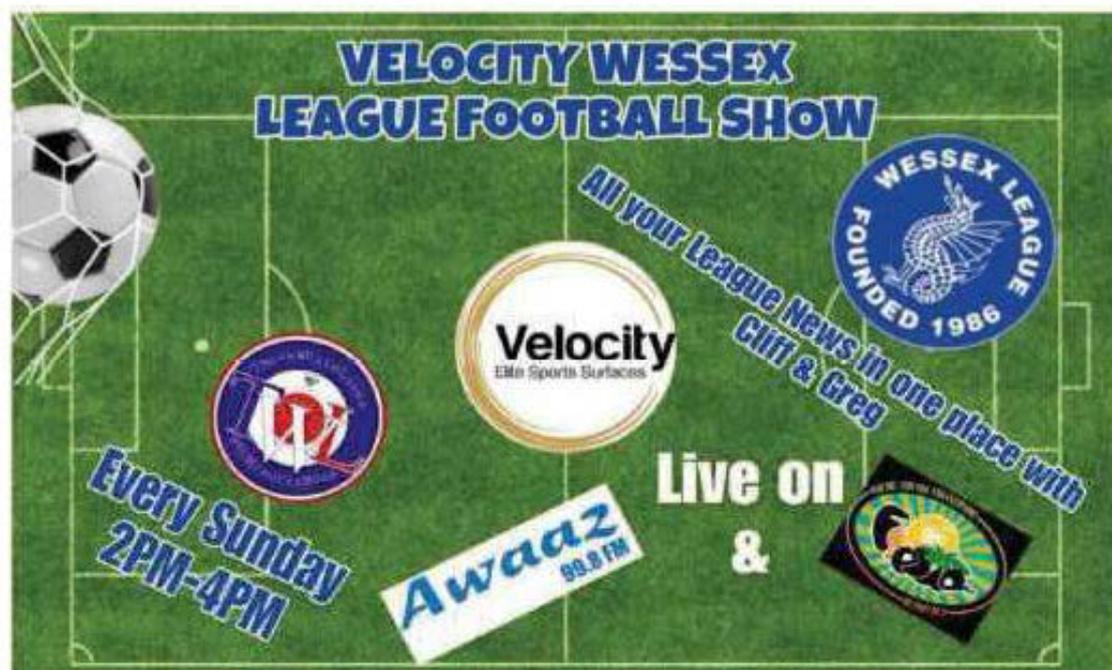
2nd Qualifying Round 2016/2017

Best FA Vase Performance

Fourth Round 2013/2014

Record Attendance

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LEAGUE TABLE & UPCOMING FIXTURES



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|----|----------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|------|
| 1 | Colden Common | 32 | 20 | 5 | 7 | 90 | 53 | 37 | 65 |
| 2 | Whitchurch United | 29 | 20 | 3 | 6 | 79 | 47 | 32 | 63 |
| 3 | Fleetlands | 28 | 19 | 4 | 5 | 58 | 36 | 22 | 61 |
| 4 | Folland Sports | 26 | 16 | 3 | 7 | 66 | 41 | 25 | 51 |
| 5 | Cove | 25 | 15 | 6 | 4 | 43 | 24 | 19 | 51 |
| 6 | Newport (IoW) | 25 | 15 | 3 | 7 | 54 | 41 | 13 | 48 |
| 7 | Yateley United | 28 | 15 | 2 | 11 | 64 | 40 | 24 | 47 |
| 8 | Hamworthy United | 31 | 14 | 5 | 12 | 73 | 53 | 20 | 47 |
| 9 | Frimley Green | 25 | 12 | 8 | 5 | 63 | 40 | 23 | 44 |
| 10 | Romsey Town | 26 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 49 | 34 | 15 | 44 |
| 11 | Clanfield | 28 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 39 | 49 | -10 | 35 |
| 12 | Ringwood Town | 27 | 11 | 1 | 15 | 57 | 62 | -5 | 34 |
| 13 | AFC Aldermaston | 29 | 9 | 5 | 15 | 45 | 52 | -7 | 32 |
| 14 | Alresford Town | 29 | 7 | 10 | 12 | 54 | 65 | -11 | 31 |
| 15 | Kintbury Rangers | 26 | 8 | 6 | 12 | 47 | 57 | -10 | 30 |
| 16 | Ash United | 28 | 8 | 6 | 14 | 32 | 55 | -23 | 30 |
| 17 | Amesbury Town | 26 | 8 | 5 | 13 | 45 | 48 | -3 | 29 |
| 18 | Lymington Town | 29 | 8 | 3 | 18 | 38 | 71 | -33 | 27 |
| 19 | Blackfield & Langley | 28 | 8 | 4 | 16 | 34 | 63 | -29 | 25 * |
| 20 | United Services Portsmouth | 27 | 7 | 4 | 16 | 40 | 70 | -30 | 25 |
| 21 | Fawley AFC | 26 | 3 | 8 | 15 | 25 | 61 | -36 | 17 |
| 22 | Totton & Eling | 24 | 4 | 2 | 18 | 22 | 55 | -33 | 14 |

| Date / Time | Home Team | Away Team | Venue |
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| 21/02/26 15:00 | Alresford Town  | VS  Hamworthy United | ARLEBURY PARK |
| 24/02/26 19:45 | Alresford Town  | VS  Folland Sports | ARLEBURY PARK |
| 28/02/26 15:00 | Alresford Town  | VS  Whitchurch United | ARLEBURY PARK |
| 03/03/26 19:45 | Romsey Town  | VS  Alresford Town | AEC PROTECTION GROUND |
| 07/03/26 15:00 | Ringwood Town  | VS  Alresford Town | RINGWOOD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB |
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