

**ALRESFORD TOWN FC OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME** 

# ALRESFORD TOWN V YATELEY UNITED





#### WESSEX FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

SATURDAY 20th AUGUST 2025 3.00PM KICK OFF



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#### **MANAGERS MESSAGE**

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Arlebury Park for today's match against Yateley United. It's great to see so many of you here once again backing the team - your support really does give the players a lift.

Reflecting on our recent fixtures, the visit of Lymington still leaves a sense of frustration. To find ourselves 3-0 down was bitterly disappointing, but the lads showed tremendous character to fight back and level the score at 3-3. In truth, with another five minutes, I believe we would have gone on to win that game. Performances like that show our resilience and spirit, but they also highlight the importance of not starting slowly and giving ourselves too much to do.

That's been a theme across the last few weeks - we've been guilty of individual mistakes and allowing opponents the upper hand early on. At this level, those moments are costly. Our focus now is on eradicating those errors, being sharper from the first whistle, and getting on the front foot straight away. When we do that, we've proven we can compete with anyone and cause teams real problems.

Yateley United will come here determined to test us, but the work we've put in on the training ground this week has been all about setting the tone early and playing with real purpose. If we apply ourselves in the right way, I've no doubt we can deliver a performance and result that reflects the quality in this squad.

Thank you, as always, for your loyal support. Let's make Arlebury Park a tough place for any visiting side.

Up the Magpies!

Ashley Clarke Manager, Alresford Town FC

#### **TODAYS MASCOTS**

Alresford Town Football Club are delighted to welcome our U12s as matchday mascots for the Men's First Team in our home fixture today against Yateley United. The youngsters soak up the build up in the pre-kickoff warm-ups and lead the teams out to the usual great reception from the Arlebury Park crowd. Dressed proudly in club colours, they'll wave to proud family and friends, before joining the captains for the coin toss, and bringing a burst of energy to the touchline throughout. It is a brilliant showcase of the pathway from youth to senior football at ATFC and a proud moment for our players, coaches, and community.

#### ALAN BINFIELD



On the 1st September, we said goodbye to Alan Binfield

Alan's story is one of dedication, passion, and unwavering loyalty — especially to the game he loved

For those who followed Slough Town in the 1960s, the name Alan Binfield brings back vivid memories of a fearless goalkeeper, commanding his area with skill, heart, and quiet authority. He made an outstanding contribution to Slough's championship-winning side of 1964–65 — a season still fondly remembered by the club's faithful.

In the early 1980s, he and his beloved wife Di moved to Alresford, raising their three sons — all of whom played for the Magpies.

In Alresford, Alan quickly became a central figure in the local football scene. He managed the youth team to a remarkable league and cup double in the Portsmouth League — a proud moment, not only for the club but for the many young players whose confidence and skills he helped shape. Later, as manager of the Alresford Town first team, he led them to victory in the North Hants Senior Cup during the 1991–92 season — a testament to his leadership, vision, and deep understanding of the game.

Even after his days on the touchline were over, Alan remained a vital part of the club, joining the Alresford Town Football Committee under Chairman Trevor Ingram. But perhaps more than anything, he became a familiar, cherished voice from the balcony — always there, always watching, always offering support. His presence was so constant, his passion so genuine, that he earned a nickname that says it all: **Mr Alresford**.

Rest in peace, Alan —  $\operatorname{Mr}$  Alresford - and thank you for everything.

#### YATELEY UNITED

#### Club History:

Yateley United FC is a large FA Accredited Club consisting of 4 Saturday Men's teams, an Adult Ladies team, a thriving Youth section of 30+ teams from Under 6 'mini-soccer' through to U18's a Sunday Vets team, Sunday Mens team, and a well-established Walking Football Group. The club was formed in 2013 through the uniting of the four existing successful Yateley adult & youth football clubs: Beaulieu FC (founded 1972), Yateley Green AFC (formed 1985), Yateley FC (founded 1902), and Yateley FC Youth.

The parish of Yateley has a long history in local football, with the first recorded game played back in January 1903 following the Yateley club being formed in October 1902. In 1978/79, now renamed Yateley Town FC, they were founder members of the Home Counties League – which later became the Combined Counties Football League in 1979/80. Yateley Town dropped down into the Aldershot Senior League in 1984/85. The Town club split into Yateley Town and Yateley Green before the 1985/86 season and respective success followed for both clubs over the years across the Aldershot & District League, Hampshire League, and Surrey Intermediate Leagues.

However the 'glass ceiling' of multiple clubs in a small town always restricted the progress of football in the town and in 2013 Yateley United FC was formed. The 1st team finished 4th in the Surrey Elite League in its first season & the new club's other teams all experienced good success over the club's early years.

Off the field, in 2014 the club made the huge step of buying their own ground at Sean Devereux Park (largely thanks to 'Gig On The Green' music festival run annually in Yateley) and have big plans for the future. Significant efforts and investment have been made in the development and improvement of this home ground, including a new clubhouse facility (opened Oct 2022), along with an enclosed floodlit main pitch with covered seating & standing areas, amongst other facility improvements to the ground to provide a fantastic environment that will enabl the community, the club, and all of its players to continue to progress!

The first 1st team silverware was secured with a thrilling win in the Aldershot DFA Intermediate Cup Final at Aldershot Town FC in May 2022. This was followed by an incredible record-breaking year in 2022/23, sealing the Thames Valley Premier League Premier Division (Step 7) title with a 100% record and securing promotion to Step 6 of the National League System, in the

#### Combined Counties League Division 1.

Following 2 seasons of top half finishes in Combined Counties Division 1 were laterally transferred to the Wessex League Division 1 for season 2025/26. In addition to the 1st team, the club has a player pathway consisting of an U23's team competing in the Suburban League and an U18 Youth team competing in the Allied Counties Youth League — it's definitely exciting times for the club!

# CLUB I-KNOURS & OFFICIALS RECORDS

**Chairman**Craig Scriven

**Secretary** Martin Cooke

Commercial Manager Ross Holt

Committee members Lauren Young, Karly Cleeve & Steve May

Managers Ashley Clarke

**Assistant Manager** Steve Bramwell

Coach

**GK Coach** Dan Kempsonl 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**

Army FC - Hampshire Senior Cup Tuesday 23rd September 7.45pm Arlebury Park

Newport (IOW) - Wessex League Division One Saturday 27th September 3.00pm The Zilch Waste Stadium

Fleetlands - Wessex League Division One Saturday 4th October 3.00pm 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.

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.

Please come and join us one Sunday, we do have access to the two studios so it is easy to accommodate guests in the studio, for more information please email <code>gregdickson94@gmail.com</code> or <code>cliffpledge@hotmail.com</code>

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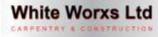


























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#### **Todays Other Fixtures**

| Blackfield & Langley | VS | <b>United Services Portsmouth</b> |
|----------------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| Clanfield            | VS | Colden Common                     |
| Ringwood Town        | VS | Kintbury Rangers                  |
| Romsey Town          | VS | Fleetlands                        |
| <b>Abbey Rangers</b> | VS | Frimley Green                     |
| Cove                 | VS | Alton                             |
| <b>Devizes Town</b>  | VS | AFC Aldermaston                   |
| Fawley AFC           | VS | Portland United                   |
| Hythe & Dibden       | VS | Lymington Town                    |
| Laverstock & Ford    | VS | Totton & Eling                    |
| Millbrook            | VS | Folland Sports                    |
| Selsey               | VS | Amesbury Town                     |
| Sturminster Newton   | VS | Newport (IoW)                     |
| Warminster Town      | VS | Hamworthy United                  |
| Whitchurch United    | VS | Bournemouth                       |

#### Results 13th September 2025

| AFC Aldermaston            | 0 - 1 | Totton & Eling   |
|----------------------------|-------|------------------|
| Alresford Town             | 3 - 3 | Lymington Town   |
| Amesbury Town              | 3 - 4 | Colden Common    |
| Clanfield                  | 0 - 3 | Kintbury Rangers |
| Cove                       | 3 - 1 | Romsey Town      |
| Fleetlands                 | 2 - 1 | Fawley AFC       |
| Hamworthy United           | 3 - 0 | Ash United       |
| Newport (IoW)              | 3 - 3 | Ringwood Town    |
| United Services Portsmouth | 3 - 1 | Yateley United   |
| Whitchurch United          | 4 - 2 | Folland Sports   |
|                            |       |                  |

#### **Division One**

| POS | Team                       | P | W | D | L | F  | Α  | GD  | PTS |
|-----|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1   | Whitchurch United          | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 7  | 21  | 21  |
| 2   | Romsey Town                | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 8  | 8   | 16  |
| 3   | Fleetlands                 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 7  | 6   | 16  |
| 4   | Ash United                 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 10 | 4   | 16  |
| 5   | Frimley Green              | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 7  | 9   | 13  |
| 6   | Hamworthy United           | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 18 | 14 | 4   | 13  |
| 7   | Folland Sports             | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 20 | 11 | 9   | 12  |
| 8   | Kintbury Rangers           | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 16 | 1   | 12  |
| 9   | Cove                       | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 9  | 4   | 11  |
| 10  | Colden Common              | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 20 | 18 | 2   | 10  |
| 11  | Amesbury Town              | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 12 | 2   | 10  |
| 12  | Ringwood Town              | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 20 | -5  | 10  |
| 13  | United Services Portsmouth | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 16 | -5  | 9   |
| 14  | Alresford Town             | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 11 | 1   | 8   |
| 15  | Newport (IoW)              | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 14 | -4  | 7   |
| 16  | Blackfield & Langley       | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6  | 16 | -10 | 7   |
| 17  | Clanfield                  | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7  | 11 | -4  | 5   |
| 18  | AFC Aldermaston            | 6 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 5  | 8  | -3  | 3   |
| 19  | Totton & Eling             | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 5  | 16 | -11 | 3   |
| 20  | Lymington Town             | 6 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 9  | 17 | -8  | 2   |
| 21  | Yateley United             | 8 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 21 | -10 | 2   |
| 22  | Fawley AFC                 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 4  | 15 | -11 | 2   |
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### THE TEAMS



#### ALRESFORD TOWN

| LKESTVKU IVWN     | TAIELET UNIEJ  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Kieron Connell    | Roan Strong (GK)                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Zidane Khan       | Alex Bourne  |  |  |  |  |
| Ben Barnard       | Luke Cairns  |  |  |  |  |
| George Kirby      | Tony-Jack Collins                                    |  |  |  |  |
| Harvey Richards   | Harry Hamblin  |  |  |  |  |
| Nic Infante       | Jack Holmwood  |  |  |  |  |
| George Hilton     | Elliot Mitchell                                      |  |  |  |  |
| Hayden Murrary    | Joe Moriarty   |  |  |  |  |
| Charlie Ivey      | Josh Mynard  |  |  |  |  |
| Noah Burgess      | Beau Oliphant  |  |  |  |  |
| Greg Plowman      | Callum Scott   |  |  |  |  |
| Alfie Budd        | Finlay Scott   |  |  |  |  |
| Pip Wilcox        | Harvey Seeman  |  |  |  |  |
| Joe Monday        | Oliver Turner  |  |  |  |  |
| Louis Hale        | Dan Vincent ©  |  |  |  |  |
| Fenton Locke      | Charlie Westell                                      |  |  |  |  |
| Dylan Sadler      | Lewis Wilson   |  |  |  |  |
| Harry Magro       | Joao Jardim  |  |  |  |  |
| Nathan Howton     | Callum Wright  |  |  |  |  |
| Loic Kayo         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sean Brennan      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Eric Barnes       | Managam Adam Hankina                                 |  |  |  |  |
| Tom Henderson     | Manager: Adam Hopkins                                |  |  |  |  |
| Callum Grigg      | Assistant Manager: Jamie Cleary Coach: Oli Pritchard |  |  |  |  |
| Joel Jackson      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Finley Gibbs      | Physio: Ellie Bennett                                |  |  |  |  |
| Joe Anertey-Quaye |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jacob Elliott     | YATELEY UNITED                                       |  |  |  |  |
| Scott Faulkner    | Shirts - Green & White                               |  |  |  |  |
| Alfie Hilton      | Shorts - Green                                       |  |  |  |  |
| Max Allen         | Socks - Green  |  |  |  |  |
|                   |  |  |  |  |  |

#### Airesford

Shirts - Black & White Shorts - Black Socks - Black Keeper - Pink

**Referee: Tom Turner** 

Assistant Referee 1: Tony Foster Assistant Referee 2: Rudi Burton