

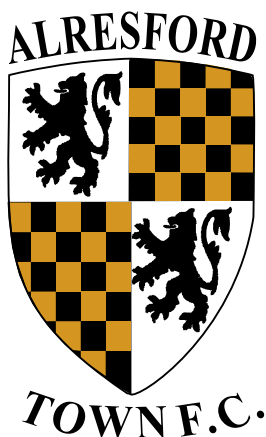
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ALRESFORD TOWN FC OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

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MANAGERS MESSAGE

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome back to Arlebury Park for today's match against Ringwood Town FC.

It's always great to be back home, and I want to start by thanking our brilliant supporters for your continued backing. The noise and encouragement from the stands make a real difference to the lads, especially some of the banter which the lads find entertaining when on the pitch!

We come into this one on the back of a solid unbeaten run, and the confidence in the squad is growing with every game. The 3-0 win away at Totton last weekend was particularly pleasing — not just for the score line, but for the way we adapted and got the job done on what was a very poor pitch. The conditions were far from ideal, but the players showed great professionalism, discipline, and composure to produce a performance full of quality and determination.

What's impressed me most in recent weeks is the collective effort right across the group. Everyone is contributing, whether starting, coming off the bench, or working hard in training — and that unity is at the heart of our progress. The lads are starting to believe in themselves and in the way we want to play, and the results have reflected that.

We know Ringwood will present a tough challenge this afternoon. They're an organised side with good energy, so we'll need to be switched on from the start and look to impose ourselves early. If we maintain our standards and build on the momentum we've created, I'm confident we can keep this unbeaten run going.

Thank you, as always, for your fantastic support. Let's make it another memorable afternoon at Arlebury Park. Enjoy the game.

Up the Magpies!!

Ash Clarke

Manager, Alresford Town FC



ALRESFORD TOWN FC HISTORY

Few football clubs in Hampshire can boast that they are over 140 years old, but an ancient copy of the old Ringwood Almanac reveals that Ringwood Town Football Club was formed in 1879. The club is first mentioned in county records in 1886 when it used the title of Ringwood Hornets.

The team was disbanded during the 1914-1918 war and was re-established in 1918 as Ringwood Comrades, consisting mainly of servicemen returning from the battlefields.

In 1936 the club reverted to the name of Ringwood Town Football Club but was disbanded again during the Second World War. In 1946 the club was listed as Ringwood and Welworthy Football Club but soon reverted to the title of Ringwood Town FC and has played under that name ever since.

The club played at Carvers Playing Fields during the 1950s and 1960s but an ambitious club committee, encouraged by Ringwood Town Council, laid the foundations for the club to move to the present Long Lane ground.

Successive committees have continued to improve the facilities at the ground such that the club was able to join the Wessex League in 2004.

Ringwood Town FC have won the Bournemouth Senior Cup on 4 occasions and runner up on a further four. In 1980 the club recorded its most memorable achievement when Southern League opponents were defeated to win the Russell Cotes Cup. Since then, the club was promoted to Hampshire League Division One only to be relegated the following season. The club has had notable success in the Bournemouth Leagues and in the Bournemouth F.A. Page Croft Cup.

During 2003-04 season the 1st team reached the final of the Hampshire League Floodlit Cup whilst the reserve team won the Hampshire League Combination 2 Division. In 2005-06 the 1st team finished 9th, with the reserve team 5th in their respective divisions. The re-formed Sunday team won Bournemouth F.A. Division 3 with an unbeaten league record and a new League record, conceding only 9 goals in 22 matches. This improvement was not maintained in 2006-07, with the club finishing next to bottom of the Wessex League Premier Division. Wessex League Division 1 has been our mainstay since.

The Club always strives to improve all aspects of its structure as one club with 30 youth teams from Under 6 through to Under 16 which flows into the two Under 18 teams. Next step-up from the U18s is our Development Team, who play in the Hampshire Combination and Development Premier League. This completes the proven pathway from youth football through to our 1st Team.

In May 2023 the Club announced the appointment of Fran Mathers as new 1st Team Manager. Fran joins the Club from manager of Hampshire Premier League side Stockbridge FC and from a 6-year spell at Downton FC. There he was Head of Youth and his roles also included spells as U23 manager and Reserve Team manager.

Off the pitch in September 2022, we announced exciting news of a major re-development plan of our Long Lane site. We've partnered with AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust and Ringwood Town Council to provide a new full-size 3G artificial turf pitch, improvements to existing grass pitches, better car parking and a new clubhouse. With significant investment from several partners, notably The Football Foundation, the 3G opened in Feb 2023 and the new clubhouse opened in Nov 2024.

On the pitch for season 25-26 the Club has 35 teams including a new disability side. Fran's management team is bolstered with the welcome addition of Oscar Easton and the experienced Will Lambert and Wayne Gavin.

CLUB OFFICIALS

Chairman
Craig Scriven

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Committee members
Lauren Young, Karly Cleeve
& Steve May

Managers
Ashley Clarke

Assistant Manager
Steve Bramwell

Coach

GK Coach
Dan Kempsonl

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

Record Attendance
202 vs Basingstoke Town Sep 2023
Servio Men's Senior Cup &
211 vs Salisbury March 2016

NEXT FIXTURES

Totton & Eling - Wessex League Division One

Saturday 1st November 3.00pm Totton & Eling Football Club

Ringwood Town- Wessex League Division One

Saturday 8th November 3.00pm Arlebury Park

AFC Aldermaston - Wessex League Division One

Wednesday 12th November 7.45pm Waterside Park



ALRESFORD TOWN FC HISTORY

Football in Aldersford has been found back to the late nineteenth century, but the formation year of the present ALRESFORD TOWN FC side is shown as 1889. 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 Aldersford Town was established in 1888 and were members of the Winchester & District League. The modern club was established in 1889 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.

Aldersford 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 Aldersford 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 Aldersford 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 Aldersford top of the Premier Division.

In 2021/22 Aldersford 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

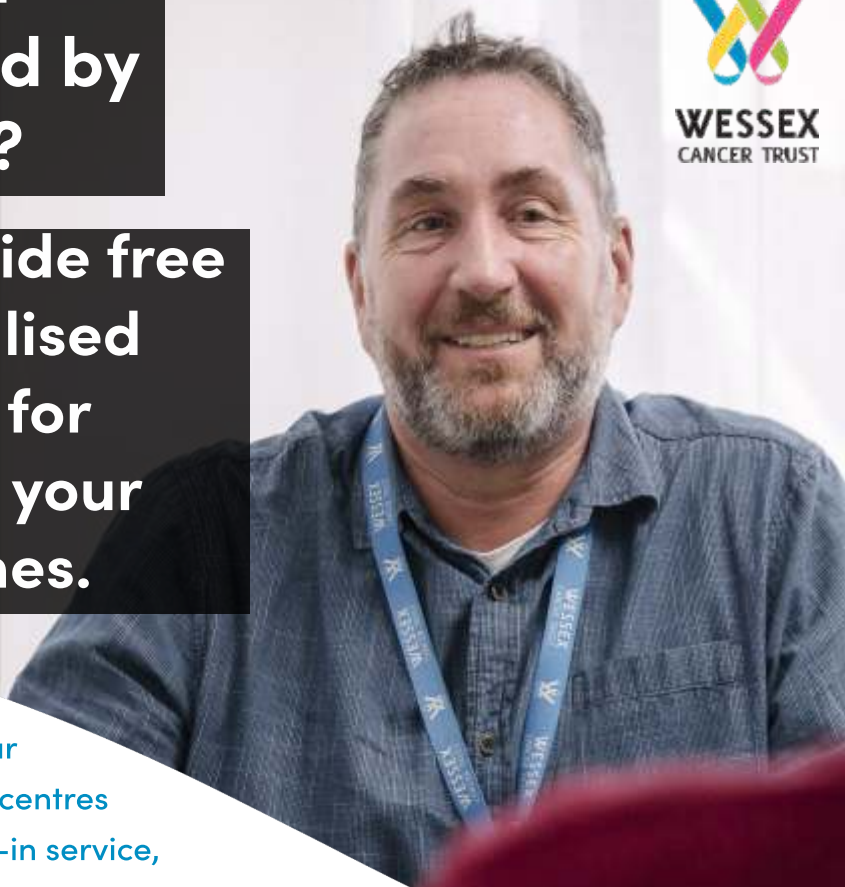
The FA Cup and FA Vase records are the best achieved whilst in Wessex League membership. Where this has been on more than one occasion, only the last time it was achieved is shown here.

The Men's team is led by Manager Ash Clarke, who joined the club in the pre-season of the 2025 season. Ash joined Alesford 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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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 gregdickson94@gmail.com or cliffpledge@hotmail.com

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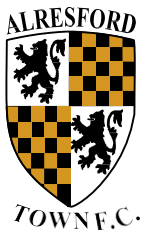


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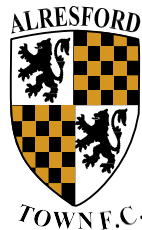


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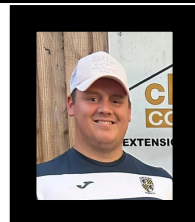


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PLAYER NAME: ASH CLARKE

NICKNAME: GAFFER

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WHO WAS YOUR FAVOURITE PLAYER WHEN GROWING UP? RAUL

WHO DO YOU THINK IS THE BEST PLAYER (PROFESSIONAL) IN YOUR POSITION? PEP GUARDIOLA

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

WHO IS THE FUNNIEST IN THE ALRESFORD DRESSING ROOM? STEVE

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

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

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	Harvey Richards
	Harvey Tanner
	Hayden Murray
	Jack Welch
	Joel Jackson
	Jordan Wynter
	Kieran Connell
	Leo Chance
	Lewis Brown
	Louis Hale
	Nathan Howton
	Nic Infante
	Noah Burgess
	Oscar McCulluch
	Pip Willcox
	Sam Vidler
	Scott Faulkner
	Sean Brennan
	Tom Henderson
	Nehniah McKenley-Burke
	Harvey Welch
	Jesse Page
	Billy Grimes
	Oliver Cooke

ALRESFORD

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Shorts - Black
Socks - Black
Keeper - Pink

Referee:
Assistant Referee 1:
Assistant Referee 2:

RINGWOOD TOWN FC

	Ollie Bull
	William Griffin
	Ben Bradwell
	Luke Pothas
	Hugh Dathan
	Ben Harris
	Jessie Rabin
	Josh Ridland
	Lee Vint
	Daniel May
	Dan Whitelaw
	Ted Bignell
	Ethan Duell-Merritt
	Elliott Cresswell
	Matthew Kerse
	Brandon Chester
	Tom Hooper

Bench Staff:

Fran Mathers
Oscar Eaton
Will Lambert
Wayne Gavin

RINGWOOD TOWN FC

Shirts: Red with white trim
Shorts: Red
Socks: Red

Lee Nowacki
Shaun Hobbs
Richard Lines