

Andover Town Football Club est. 2013



Saturday 20th August 2022
Wessex League Division 1
Andover Town v Totton & Eling



Club Management Structure

- **Manager—Ron Bertie**
- **Assistant Manager—Gerwyn Griffiths**
- **Coach—Kieran Stockwell-Smith**
- **Sports Therapy—Caroline & Darren Cross**

Andover Town Football Club was formed in 2013 by Andover and Sparsholt Colleges. Its aim was to return football to the Portway Stadium, by providing:

1. A teaching and coaching venue for the Andover College Football Academy
2. A playing venue for the Southampton (Sparsholt) Second Chance Academy programme
3. A senior Football side which would provide an opportunity for talented academy players to further develop within an adult setting, whilst providing further opportunities for local players to play at the highest possible level
4. A pathway for young people from 6-19 which enables them to identify both playing and studying opportunities within Andover

International Honours

The club finally moved into the stadium in December 2013 and, after an abortive start due to the weather, played its first competitive game in the newly refurbished Portway Stadium beating Team Solent 4-0 in front of a crowd of 161. Success in our first year was beyond that we could have hoped for, including witnessing a crowd of over 300 for our early March fixture with Andover Lions in the Andover Open Cup. In addition, a number of Sparsholt Saints Academy scholars appeared within the Andover Town Senior side over the last few years with Adam Grange following in the footsteps of Charlie Gunson, becoming Andover Town's second player to represent England at an international level.

Andover enjoyed their most successful year since their formation in 2017/18. The new season opened with a 6-1 home league win against Bemerton Heath Harlequins. The club then progressed on an unbeaten run in the league of 16 games, finally losing 3-0 at Alresford Town on 8th November. Whilst their cup encounters didn't fare as well - after two wins in the F.A. Cup, including beating Southern League, Wimborne Town after a replay, before losing at home to Cadbury Heath from Bristol. Then a quick exit from the F.A. Vase losing to Horndean after extra time. Half way through the season after 21 games, the club were riding high at the top of the table. By the end of the season with two matches left, the club clinched promotion to the Southern League West division, for the first time in their short history.

Honours Board

**Club of month—August 2017,
October 2017, October 2021,
December 2021, January 2022**

Russell Cotes Cup—2018

**Wessex Premier Division—
Runners up 2018**

**Wessex League 1—Runners up
2014**

Salisbury Hospital Cup—2014

Player Performance

Most Appearances—Alex

Dockree 166

**Top Goalscorer—Josh Bertie 71
(in 116 appearances)**



The season also saw us achieve the most goals scored (116) since our formation in 2013 and the most points in a season (99) plus of course the highest ever finish as runners up (second place) in the Sydenhams Wessex Premier league. The club won the final of the Russell Cotes Cup beating AFC Stoneham 1-0. The club won "Club of the Month" twice during the season - August & October 2017. Another success for the 2017 / 18 season, for the second year in succession, our Portway groundsman Chris White was been nominated for the National FA Groundsman of the Year awards, representing the entire Wessex League (i.e. best Wessex League groundsman) and, of course Andover Town Football Club.

A New Chapter

The loss of playing staff and the management team meant 2018/19 was built around trying to establish the foundations for future success. A difficult year resulted in Andover finishing second from bottom but progressing to the semi-finals of the Andover Open Cup. Further changes during the summer with the introduction of some new faces on the field provided renewed optimism that the club will be on the rise again very soon. This led to a much improved performance during the curtailed 2019/20 season although when the league was finished due to the pandemic, the club were mid-table. Nevertheless, it was a step in the right direction and this optimism continued in the first part of the 2020-21 season, challenging for top position and progressing to the quarter-finals of the League cup. The season was halted in November for another lockdown and when the league and cup resumed, Andover's form slumped losing three quick games in succession before the season was paused again with the club fighting for a top four position but having been deposed from the league cup convincingly by US Portsmouth. Sadly, the season was again curtailed with Andover in 6th place.

In 2021/22, Andover made significant strides, going top of the league in the Autumn after a 16 game winning streak. It looked like Town would be serious title contenders and, at the very least, play off certainties. However, injuries in the final few months crippled the side and a loss of form saw Town end the season one place outside the playoffs and facing another year in Wessex 1.





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ATFC Upcoming Fixtures

- 16/08/22—Home v
Whitchurch Utd (7.45pm KO)
- 20/08/22—Home v Totton &
Eling (3pm KO)
- 23/08/22—Away v Fleet Spurs
(7.45pm KO) - Hampshire
Senior Cup
- 27/08/22—Away v Ringwood
Town (3.00pm KO) - FA Vase

FIXTURE LIST 2022/23

Please do contact the Fixtures Secretary at- fixtures.wessexleague@gmail.com if there is a discrepancy involving your team. Please also note that fixtures are liable to amendment at little or no notice.

Tuesday August 16th

Emirates F.A. Cup Extra Preliminary Round Replay

Camberley Town v Shaftesbury

Hampshire Senior Cup Preliminary Round

Brockenhurst v Alresford Town

Premier Division

Baffins Milton Rovers v AFC Stoneham

Division One

Andover Town v Whitchurch United

Downton v Amesbury Town

Fleet Spurs v Petersfield Town

Verwood Town v New Milton Town

Thursday August 18th

Division One

Fawley AFC v Romsey Town

Saturday August 20th

Emirates F.A. Cup Preliminary Round

AFC Stoneham v Newport IOW

Laverstock & Ford v U.S. Portsmouth

Baffins Milton Rovers v Horndean

Blackfield & Langley v Fareham Town

Cowes Sports v Larkhall Athletic

Moneyfields v Wimborne Town [at Wimborne]

Shaftesbury or Camberley Tn. v Wincanton Tn.

Sholing v AFC Portchester

Westbury United v Andover New Street

Premier Division

Bemerton Heath H'quins v Hamble Club

Bournemouth v Brockenhurst

Pagham v Hythe & Dibden

Portland United v Christchurch

Division One

Amesbury Town v Fleet Spurs

Andover Town v Totton & Eling

Ash United v Folland Sports

Millbrook v Petersfield Town

New Milton Town v Downton

Ringwood Town v East Cowes Victoria

Verwood Town v Fleetlands

Whitchurch United v Hamworthy Recreation

Tuesday August 23rd

Hampshire Senior Cup 1st Round

AFC Stoneham v Cowes Sports (20:00)

Andover New Street v Hamble Club

Baffins Milton Rovers v Ringwood Town

Brockenhurst or Alresford Town v Horndean

Cove v Whitchurch United

Eversley & California v U.S. Portsmouth

Fleet Spurs v Andover Town

Fleet Town v New Milton Town

Folland Sports v Fawley AFC

Moneyfields or Millbrook v Bournemouth

Petersfield Town v Newport IOW

Romsey Town or Fareham Town v Alton

Tadley Calleva v East Cowes Victoria

Totton & Eling v Hythe & Dibden

Wednesday August 24th

Hampshire Senior Cup 1st Round

Fleetlands v Blackfield & Langley

Friday August 26th

Isuzu UK F.A. Vase 1st Round Qualifying

Christchurch v Bournemouth

Fawley AFC v Wincanton Town

Saturday August 27th

Isuzu UK F.A. Vase 1st Round Qualifying

Ash United v Petersfield Town

Badshot Lea v Baffins Milton Rovers

Downton v Bemerton Heath H'quins

Fareham Town v Romsey Town

Folland Sports v Shaftesbury

Godalming Town v Alresford Town

Horndean v Alton

Hythe & Dibden v Hamble Club

Newport IOW v Warminster Town

Ringwood Town v Andover Town

Sherborne Town v Andover New Street

Staplehurst Monarchs v Pagham

Premier Division

AFC Portchester v Brockenhurst

Blackfield & Langley v AFC Stoneham

Laverstock & Ford v Portland United

Division One

East Cowes Victoria v Millbrook

Fleet Spurs v Verwood Town

Fleetlands v Hamworthy Recreation

New Milton Town v Totton & Eling

Whitchurch United v Amesbury Town

Tuesday August 30th

Wessex League Cup 1st Round

Bemerton Heath H'quins v Hythe & Dibden

Horndean v Laverstock & Ford

Portland United v Fareham Town

Downton v Folland Sports

New Milton Town v Moneyfields

Petersfield Town v Newport IOW

Ringwood Town v Hamworthy Recreation

Verwood Town v Fawley AFC

Wessex League Cup 2nd Round

AFC Stoneham v Cowes Sports (20:00)

Amesbury Town v Hamble Club

Andover Town v Bournemouth

Ash United v Pagham

Fleet Spurs v Andover New Street

THE WESSEX FOOTBALL LEAGUE



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RESPECT

Wessex League Preview

A virtually full League Programme and four Clubs in each Division now with six points to their name. In the Premier Division newly promoted Bemerton Heath took their tally to twelve in two games with a five one defeat of Christchurch with four goals coming in the first half. Reece Rusher with two, Danny Young, Greg Peel and Kane O'Keefe made up the nap hand with Eder Batista claiming a late consolation for the visitors.

New boys Pagham scored four for the second time, this time at Bournemouth, with George Cody, Stan Bridgman, Phil Turner and Ross Edwards on target and Joe Smith and Danny Hansford replying for the Poppies, Rudi Blankson continued his fine start at Horndean with the only goal of the game against Shaftesbury while two goals from Brett Pitman gave Portchester a best of three win at Blackfield, Clayd Roach netting the home goal. Brockenhurst got off the mark with a single goal victory at home to Fareham – Jayden Medcraff the scorer – and two goals from talisman John McKie gave Cowes a 2-1 win over Alresford at Westwood Park, Louis Russell claiming the visiting goal.

The goals and the points were shared at both Hamble Club and Hythe & Dibden with the score two all in both cases, Jake Bartlett and Braydon Douglas scored for Hamble with Harry Thomas and Ryan McKechnie on target for visitors Portland while on the Waterside goals by Billy Bradley and Harrison Fay for the home side were cancelled out by US Portsmouth's Simon Woods and Kelvin Mathe. Finally, second half goals from Steve Hutchings and Callum Laycock ensured Moneyfields the points at Laverstock & Ford.



In Division One, again four Clubs have six points and pride of place on the day goes to Follands for their 3-1 away win over Newport. George Bishop, Luke Hooper and Arshia Sheibatzadeh for the victors and Jake Younie for the Port. A single goal from Lewis Williams gave Andover Town the points at Petersfield and there was a similar outcome at Fleetlands where Totton & Eling's Tokia Russell with the only goal of the game took the gloss off the home side's first home fixture in the League after such a long break.

Ringwood make up the leading quartet after a 3-2 win at Whitchurch thanks to goals from Pat Correia, Ryan Hamm and Ben Hands with the home goals credited to Kyle Williams and Kieran Rodgers. A last minute penalty from goalkeeper Lee Burch gave Fawley a share of the points and a three all draw at Andover New Street, Dylan Knight and Jack Stuttard notched the other Oilers goals with a brace from Ross Cook and a single from Mike Gosney making up the Street three.

Just along the A303 Amesbury got their home programme off to a good start with a 3-0 defeat of Verwood courtesy of goals from Ben Rankin, Elliot Smith and Owen Brown while also in Wiltshire Downton scored four without reply against Ash United with Sam Howe bagging a brace, plus Ollie Davis and Kris Krystofowicz also on target. East Cowes Vics made the long journey to Fleet Spurs and came home with a two goal win courtesy of a double from Sam Cant and new boys Hamworthy Recreation also chalked up an away success winning 4-3 at Millbrook. Frank Rosenwald two, James King and Jake Kelly the Rec scorers with Rich Sesay with two and Mitch Wood the home scorers.

Six goals at the Bypass Ground with Romsey coming out on top against New Milton by four goals to two. Jack Odam, Mark Fawley, Kieran Hancock and John Cole with the home goals and Joe Kimber and Luke Stone netting in reply.

Some useful results for some but very early days.



The Club was formed in 1925 as Bramtoco FC from the workforce of the British American Tobacco Company and changed its name to BAT Sports in 1971, the same year as they entered the Hampshire League. They progressed through the Leagues, winning Division Two in 1975 and being Champions of Division One in both 1988 and 1989.

In 1989 we installed floodlights, constructed a small stand and put a permanent fixed barrier around the pitch which enabled us to join the Wessex League. An additional stand and covered standing area followed in due course. Since joining the League they have twice reached the 3rd Round of the FA Vase, on the second occasion being drawn against AFC Wimbledon. With the weather causing the BAT ground to be unfit the tie was switched to South West London drawing an attendance of nearly 3000.

Due to the imminent loss of their long serving Southern Gardens home we were forced to drop down a division at the end of the 2006-07 season and continued with our reserve side in Wessex League Division 2, at the end of that season and because of a restructuring in the leagues and still having our ground with a new one promised by Linden Homes we were put in Division 1 and changed our name to Totton and Eling Football Club.



We worked hard in getting a side that would compete and were eventually rewarded in 2008/9 season winning the Division 1 title easily with 100 points and a plus 90 goal difference to boot, regaining top flight Wessex Football again!

The following season 2009/10 was the year we moved to our new and present ground Millers Park at Little Testwood Farm which is adjacent to AFC Totton. We had a great season finishing 7th in the Premier Division and beating Gosport at the own ground in the Russell Cotes Cup final 3-1 after extra-time.

We managed to stay in the top division until 2014/15 season when with a lack of funds, having no clubhouse at the new ground to bring in extra revenue and a real lack of people to help out... the club got relegated. We did fight till the bitter end only actually getting relegated on the last day of the season and unfortunately no reprieve that year!

We have been rebuilding the club over the last few seasons with youth being our priority and we go again in Division 1 with our progressive development side in support and the backing of our Youth section that are the driving force at the club. We now have 11 youth sides and growing every year. The club has just recently signed a 25 year lease on their new ground Millers Park which now gives the club security and a stable footing to build for the future.

THE WESSEX FOOTBALL LEAGUE



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STAT ATTACK

Fairly meaningless at this stage of the season, considering the low number of League games played.

LEADING GOALSCORERS - LEAGUE GAMES ONLY

PREMIER DIVISION

-	Not done this week	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

DIVISION ONE

-	Not done this week	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

Details are based on clubs being up to date with records on Full Time at time of going to press and may or may not include League goals from this weekend.

PREMIER DIVISION

AFC Portchester	v	Cowes Sports	384	2 August
Horndean	v	Moneyfields	331	2 August
Fareham Town	v	AFC Stoneham	314	2 August

Top three league attendances

DIVISION ONE

Andover New Street	v	Fleetlands	153	2 August
New Milton Town	v	Millbrook	149	6 August
Ash United	v	Newport IOW	138	2 August

Top three league attendances

PREMIER DIVISION

Sharpest Attack	Meanest Defence	League Goals this week
Bemerton Heath Harlequins 12	Horndean 0	30
Pagham 8	[four on] 1	
Hamble Club 5		

DIVISION ONE

Sharpest Attack	Meanest Defence	League Goals this week
Andover New Stret 7	Folland Sports 1	39
Ash United 7	Totton & Eling 1	
Ringwood Town 7	[four on] 2	

POINTS PER GAME - TOP THREE

PREMIER DIVISION

DIVISION ONE

Not done this week

GOALS PER GAME - TOP THREE

PREMIER DIVISION

DIVISION ONE

Not done this week

HAT TRICK HEROES THIS WEEK

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None in midweek and none on Saturday for that matter.