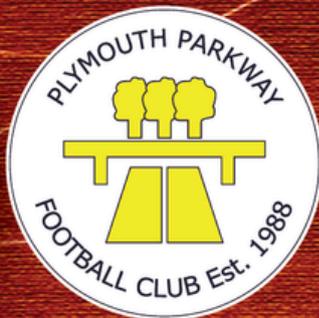




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FORD'S FOCUS



The run-in has well and truly begun. At this stage of the season, form is important, but belief is even more so. Every minute we step onto the pitch representing this club demands full commitment, togetherness, and a refusal to give in.

In recent weeks, we've shown glimpses of what we are capable of, but we know we need to turn draws into wins. That responsibility belongs to all of us—players, staff, and supporters. Every player will play their part between now and the final whistle of the final game. Depth matters, attitude matters even more.

Last week we delivered a far better performance, and the lift it gave the lads was clear. That's the standard we expect, and it's the standard we need to carry forward.

Today, we face a side who, like us, are fighting for every point. Teams in that position are dangerous—they scrap, they compete, and they don't roll over for anyone. But neither do we.

Your support remains hugely important. The atmosphere last week, and the chance for the lads to congratulate the fans at full time, meant a great deal. Moments like that remind us what this club is about: unity, pride, and community.

Let's build on the positives, push each other, and make sure that every second counts.

Enjoy the game,

Mike Ford
Manager, Evesham United



THE THOUGHTS OF THE CHAIRMAN...



The business end of the season is upon us. At this defining stage, league tables tell only part of the story; the rest is written by character, belief, and the collective will of everyone associated with this football club. From the boardroom to the terraces, we must be United in our resolve.

We have seen the quality within this squad in recent weeks. However, we are all aware that "close" isn't enough—we must now find that extra gear to turn stalemates into three points. That responsibility doesn't just rest on the eleven players on the pitch; it belongs to the entire staff and every individual who wears our crest. We need every ounce of depth and every drop of professional pride to navigate these final hurdles.

The energy and improved performance we witnessed last week provided a vital spark. It served as a timely reminder of what this club represents when we find our rhythm. That level of intensity is not a goal to reach; it is the minimum standard required for the weeks ahead.

Today, we welcome a side who share our hunger for points. We know they will be resilient and combative, as any team fighting for their future is bound to be. But let there be no doubt: this is our home, and we must defend it with equal, if not greater, ferocity.

I want to personally thank you for your unwavering backing. The connection between the fans and the players at the final whistle last week was a powerful image of what we are building here. This club is defined by its community and its courage—two things that will see us through the challenges ahead.

Let's get behind the lads from the first whistle. Every minute, every tackle, and every voice counts.

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MATCH REPORT



Match Report: Uxbridge 2–2 Evesham United: Southern League Premier Division South By Simon Purfield

Evesham United were twice pegged back by Uxbridge, ultimately sharing the spoils after a 2–2 draw in their first ever visit to the Middlesex club. The Robins were fully deserving of their point against an Uxbridge side that came into the match on a three-game winning streak.

The hosts made a lively start, with George Moore and Jerimiah Okine-Peters posing early threats to the Evesham defence. Evesham soon settled, and Owen Foye's run down the left led to a pass to Kai Churchley, whose cross found Ethan Dunbar. However, Dunbar's header flew over the bar. The breakthrough came in the eighth minute: Andre Wright flicked on a direct ball, setting Churchley up for a half-volley from a tight angle that nestled in the bottom right corner.

Uxbridge responded swiftly, as Liam Prior-Tack sent in a dangerous cross from a corner that nearly resulted in a goal. In the 21st minute, George Moore capitalised on a defensive error. Liam Hutt's under-hit back pass to Alex Harris allowed Moore to charge down the clearance and calmly finish into the empty net, levelling the score.

Evesham regained the initiative just four minutes later. Churchley, lively throughout, delivered a cross from the left wing, finding Dunbar near the penalty spot. Dunbar turned quickly and fed Wright, whose angled shot from the right found the net.

Uxbridge pressed for a response, with Jo Lawal beating three defenders in the corner before crossing to Moore, whose low shot was blocked by Evesham's defence. The hosts found themselves trailing at the break at home for the first time since early November.

The Robins began the second half brightly. Churchley unleashed a powerful curling effort, but Uxbridge goalkeeper Marco Underwood produced a full stretch save to tip the ball around the post. Just before the hour mark, Uxbridge drew level. Moore held off his marker and played a perfect pass to substitute Jack Lee, who drilled a low shot beneath Harris. Moore continued to threaten, forcing Harris into another good save with a strong, low drive.

Uxbridge maintained their momentum. Frank Keita fired over from the edge of the box, while Troy Perez-Duah's pass to Harry Rush resulted in a fierce drive narrowly wide of the upright. Moore then delivered a dangerous low cross with seven minutes remaining, but his teammates were unable to get the vital touch. Evesham nearly snatched victory late on. Substitute Roger James made a fine run down the right and sent in a low, hard cross to Dunbar, who slid in but could not keep his effort down, sending it over the bar.

In the end, the draw was a fair outcome: Evesham had the edge in the first half, while Uxbridge had the better of the second. Evesham dropped to 14th place with 38 points, part of a tightly packed lower half of the Southern League Premier Division South. Hanwell Town sit one place above in 13th with 40 points, while Taunton Town in 21st have 33 points. Evesham United host 18th-placed Plymouth Parkway on Saturday in what promises to be a crucial six-pointer.



MATCH REPORT



Evesham United 0–0 Sholing (Southern League Premier Division South) **Match Report by Simon Purfield**

Evesham United secured a hard-earned point against play-off hopefuls Sholing, extending their impressive run to just one defeat in seven matches.

The visitors began strongly, with Magnus Norman's long clearance releasing Jake McCarthy, whose angled drive was pushed behind by goalkeeper Alex Harris. Evesham responded through Ethan Dunbar, who fashioned space inside the area but saw his effort travel across the face of goal. Despite sustained Sholing pressure, Harris and the Evesham back line remained composed to keep the contest level.

Evesham produced the clearest opportunity of the first half on 33 minutes when Josh McConnell drove into the box and forced a smart save from Norman. The rebound fell invitingly to Dunbar, unmarked ten yards out, but he steered his shot wide. Sholing regained momentum before the interval, with Dan Mason testing Harris once more, only for the keeper to parry confidently to safety.

The second half began quietly, though Sholing continued to probe. McCarthy threatened again from the edge of the area, but Harris gathered comfortably. At the other end in the 63rd minute, substitute Kai Churchley connected well with an Owen Faye cross, only for his driven effort to deflect narrowly wide. McCarthy then fired over from close range as Sholing pressed for an opener.

Evesham responded with a well-constructed move down the left, culminating in a dangerous delivery from Foye that was cleared for a corner. Later a long throw by Will Owens, saw Player of the Match, loan Richards put his shot over the bar.

As the game entered stoppage time, Sholing forward Michael Folivi burst into the box and went to ground after knocking the ball past a defender. The referee judged the fall to be simulation and booked him, a decision that drew strong protests from the visiting side. Ultimately, Evesham's disciplined and resilient performance earned a deserved draw, reflecting the balance of play across the 90 minutes. The result keeps the Robins 13th in the Southern League Premier Division South ahead of next Saturday's trip to Hanwell Town (3pm kick off).



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2	Farnham Town	32	20	7	5	78	41	37	67
3	Gloucester City	34	20	7	7	73	43	30	67
4	Poole Town	34	19	8	7	70	41	29	65
5	Sholing	33	15	12	6	62	43	19	57
6	Chertsey Town	35	16	9	10	55	45	10	57
7	Gosport Borough	34	16	6	12	62	56	6	54
8	Berkhamsted	35	15	9	11	49	45	4	54
9	Havant & Waterlooville	35	14	6	15	62	60	2	48
10	Uxbridge	35	12	11	12	59	58	1	47
11	Bracknell Town	35	12	8	15	51	61	-10	44
12	Wimborne Town	34	10	12	12	47	48	-1	42
13	Hanwell Town	32	11	7	14	45	51	-6	40
14	Basingstoke Town	35	11	7	17	49	60	-11	40
15	Plymouth Parkway	34	11	6	17	44	66	-22	39
16	Evesham United	33	9	11	13	42	44	-2	38
17	Dorchester Town	35	9	11	15	43	60	-17	38
18	Weymouth	35	10	7	18	44	62	-18	37
19	Hungerford Town	35	9	9	17	44	74	-30	36
20	Yate Town	34	9	8	17	41	54	-13	35
21	Taunton Town	34	9	6	19	50	64	-14	33
22	Tiverton Town	31	4	3	24	30	78	-48	15

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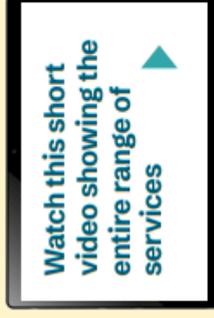
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MEET THE MANAGEMENT



MIKE FORD – MANAGER

Mike, as a player represented Cardiff City and Oxford United, clocking up close to 500 league appearances, gaining two promotions during that time. Following retirement due to injury, Mike has managed Oxford United (twice in caretaker roles) and was also assistant manager there for a period. He then went on to manage Oxford City, (2009-2014) leading them to promotion to the National League Southern Division. He then moved to Banbury United (2015-2020) where he gained promotion from Evesham's level in 2016, before establishing them in the Premier Division from that point. He helped manage St. Ives Town last season. Mike is a UEFA A licensed coach, who has experience working with and developing young players, including being the Oxford United Youth Team Manager.



ALEX SYKES – ASSISTANT MANAGER

May 2011, Alex was appointed as manager of Bishop's Cleeve. In his first season as manager, he led Bishop's Cleeve to the club's then record high league finish of 11th in the Southern League South & West. At the end of his second season as boss, in April 2013, he stepped down from his role as manager at the club. In May 2013 he became joint-manager at fellow Southern League club Shortwood United alongside John Evans. He would eventually take sole charge of the club following the retirement of John Evans at the end of the 2015-16 season. After leading the side for the 2016-17 season, he left Shortwood in April 2017. In January 2018, Alex was appointed as assistant manager Redditch United. In October 2021 he was appointed manager of Cinderford Town and left at the end of the 2022-23 season.

Alex started his playing career in the Football League with Mansfield Town. However he is best known for his time at Forest Green Rovers from 1996 to 2004 where he played 295 times scoring 73 goals in two spells and a loan. He was also a fans favourite at Gloucester City where he scored 60 goals in 160 appearances. Alex played for other teams such as Nuneaton Borough, Bath City and Bishops Cleeve. He is a former England Futsal international.



DAN HEAD – GK COACH

Dan is an experienced coach and Head of senior goalkeeping at Evesham United. Having played academy football at an early age, Dan played the majority of his senior football at representative level in the Services but stopped playing due to injury at a relatively young age. Turning his attention to coaching, he became an ECB accredited cricket coach and has been involved at minor counties level before turning his focus back to football. Dan is a UEFA B qualified outfield and goalkeeper coach and is also a member of the GK Nexus set up. A small group of goalkeepers, mainly working in the professional game, who are mentored by former Derby and Manchester City goalkeeper Eric Steele who was Sir Alex Ferguson's goalkeeper coach at Manchester United. Dan also previously worked across the junior set up at Evesham United and previously coached at Cheltenham Town Academy.



PLAYER PROFILES



ALEX HARRIS – GOALKEEPER

Alex has played for title-winning teams in this division, firstly with Cinderford Town 2015/16, and then Hereford when they were champions in 2016/17. Since then, Harris has played for Gloucester City, Westfields, and Merthyr Town, as well as a second spell at Cinderford Town, who he also helped reach the play-off final. He signed for Cirencester Town from Merthyr during the Covid-19 season. Up until the end of the 2022-23 season, Alex had chalked up almost 100 appearances for the Centurions, before moving on to play in Europe last season with Penybont of the Welsh national league.



JENSON KILROY – GOALKEEPER

Jenson signed his first professional contract with Walsall. He impressed throughout his scholarship and gained men's football experience during loan stints with Hereford Pegasus, Stratford Town and Farsley Celtic. Jenson has been with Walsall since the age of 10, has also trained with the first team and been involved in matchday squads during his scholarship. His professionalism, character and good performances earned him the Saddlers Apprentice of the Year award for the 2024/25 season. The Saddlers have loaned Jenson to the Robins for the 2025/26 season. Already, the young keeper has made some important saves.



BRENDON BEARD – GOALKEEPER

A promising goalkeeper that has joined us from Stoke Gifford United for the 25-26 season.



RHYS BENNETT – DEFENDER

The left-sided defender rejoined after being on the books of Bishops Cleeve. Rhys had previously made one start and three substitute appearances for the first team. He has dual signed this season with Westfields at step 5.



PLAYER PROFILES



IOAN RICHARDS – DEFENDER

Ioan is a Welsh-born defender who was on a short-term loan from Gloucester City at Swindon Supermarine. He signed at Gloucester City after a trial period in preseason, having previously been with Redditch United and Taunton Town, and had a previous short spell with Gloucester City in 2019. He was initially on a one-month loan until mid-October, which was extended until the end of the season, but Ioan left City in December and joined Swindon Supermarine for the 2024/25 season. He signed for the Robins permanently for the 2025/26 season.



JYREL BOJANG – DEFENDER

Jyrel joined Evesham from Pershore Town; previously, he played at Studley. A solid defender when called from the bench or in the starting XI.



ETHAN PATTERSON – DEFENDER

Ethan is a product of Aston Villa's academy, where he started the 2016/17 season for three years before a stint at Thróttur Vogum (Iceland) from July 2020 until January 2021. Alvechurch was next for Ethan for the 2021/22 season, a short spell at Hednesford during 2023, followed by a return to Alvechurch in June of that year. Ethan then moved on to Bromsgrove Sporting for the 2024/25 season. Signed as a Robin for the 2025/26 season.



CAMERON WALTERS – DEFENDER

Sam was previously at Southampton FC, joining when he was 8 years old and left at the age of 21. He played all the way up to U23 level in which he made his U23 debut at 17. During his time there he earned a 2 year scholarship and following that a 2 year professional contract. After leaving the club, he spent time with Derby County, Bath City and Chippenham, before eventually signing for Kidlington FC for the remainder of the 2023/24 season. Sam later signed for Evesham FC in July 2024 and was part of the 2024/25 promotion winning team. He can play across the back line and as a defensive midfielder.



PLAYER PROFILES



LIAM HUTT – DEFENDER

A product of the Swindon Town youth academy, Hutt made his senior debut for the club during the 2023–24 season in the EFL Trophy group stage.

To gain further first-team experience, he spent time on loan during the 2024–25 season at Weymouth, where he made five appearances in the National League South. He is a young player looking to establish himself in the professional game.



OWEN FOYE – DEFENDER

After a short spell with Swindon Supermarine, he now looks forward to helping Evesham this season.

The young defender, who is in the second year of his scholarship at Swindon Town, has featured in Town's Youth Alliance League and Cup competitions.

He has joined Evesham on a work experience loan to help further develop and give important Men's first-team experience.



JOSHUA BARLOW – MIDFIELDER

Josh started his career at Cheltenham before making the move to the Salop Academy in the 2020/21 season. Whilst impressing in the middle of the park, Steve Cotterill, the Shrewsbury manager, took a shine to Barlow and rewarded him by naming him on the bench towards the end of 21/22 season as a scholar. During the 22/23 season, Josh started three games in the EFL Trophy, making his debut in a 2-1 defeat against Wolverhampton Wanderers. He went on to feature twice more in the same competition, with Shrewsbury eventually bowing out in the group stage. Despite the results in the EFL Trophy. He joined Banbury in June 2023 before leaving them in December. A solid member of the squad with good vision on the ball.



WILL OWENS – MIDFIELDER

Will joined Evesham permanently after signing for Worcester City at the start of the season 23/24.

22-year-old Will originally came on loan from Oxford United in February 2023 and played for us mainly on the left wing.



PLAYER PROFILES



AARON HEAP – MIDFIELDER

Aaron represented Northern Ireland at youth international level. He began his career with Kidlington, signing on a scholarship for Oxford United in April 2016. He made his senior debut on 6 November 2018 in the EFL Trophy. He joined North Leigh and then signed for Banbury United in August 2020. He returned to North Leigh, where he was a regular for two seasons, making 69 appearances before becoming a Robin.



AMER AWADH – MIDFIELDER

28-year-old Amer Awadh is an attacking midfielder who came through the youth system at Oxford City, playing primarily for their Nomads side, though he progressed to make a few first-team appearances. He had been playing for Fanja SC in Oman before joining Banbury United in February 2018, for whom he made 84 appearances. In 2021-22, he started the season at Nuneaton Borough before moving to North Leigh later that term. For the Oxfordshire outfit, he turned out on 70 occasions, scoring 6 goals. Amer captained the Robins promotion side in 2024/25 and continues in the role this season.



BRANDON LIGGETT – MIDFIELDER

Brandon started with Cheltenham Town Under 18s in the 2023/24 season before being loaned early in the year to Gloucester City. Back to Cheltenham the following year, and a month's loan to Salisbury ensued. Brandon moved to the Robins on a free transfer for the 2025/26 season.



LEWIS MIDDLETON – MIDFIELDER

18-year-old Lewis joined Evesham from Kidlington last season. He recently scored his first FA Cup goal for the Robins, hopefully the first of many. This season, 2025/26, Lewis is becoming a super sub, causing our opponents' defence many problems with his speed.



PLAYER PROFILES



ANDRE WRIGHT – FORWARD

Andre joined Evesham from Stratford Town FC. Andre was a product of West Bromwich Albion's academy. He was loaned out to Kidderminster Harriers, Torquay United, and Coventry City in his early career to gain senior football experience. He has also had experience playing in League Two for Yeovil Town in January 2017. He joined National League North side Hereford in January 2022 before moving to Hereford in the same season. Andre signed for Stratford Town in October 2022. Andre has a natural instinct for a chance to score; when in the right place, his shot is deadly.



LEVI STEELE – FORWARD

Levi is a prolific striker who certainly knows where the back of the net is. Levi has previously played for Southam United, with whom he had an impressive scoring record, bagging 57 goals in just 36 competitive games for them. FC Stratford secured the services of the forward at the start of the 2021/22 season. In 19 appearances, he scored 16 goals. He moved to Easington Sports at the end of November 2021. He joined North Leigh in February 2022, scoring 16 goals in 19 games until the end of that season. Levi then moved to Pershore Town, scoring 9 goals in 12 matches, helping them to win the league.



ETHAN DUNBAR – FORWARD

Ethan signed from Bishops Cleeve for this season, 2025/26. Ethan is a hardworking, right-footed forward who started out in 2021-22 with Longlevens AFC before moving to Slimbridge in 2022-23, where he scored 18 goals. Bishops Cleeve signed Ethan for 2023-25, and he scored 39 goals in two seasons with them. Already finding the net this season, Ethan is a handful for the opposition defence.



KAI CHURCHLEY – FORWARD

Kai had an excellent 4-year spell (2 years scholar and 2 years pro) with Bristol City, where he played a key role in the Robins' successful Under-21s team in the Professional Development League Two. Kai also had a loan spell with Gloucester City during their National League North campaign in 2023/24, before having a spell with Tiverton Town in the Southern League Premier South during the 2024/25 season. Kai comes to the Robins as a loan signing from Merthyr Town. The 21-year-old attacker joins the Robins on a deal that will run until at least the New Year.

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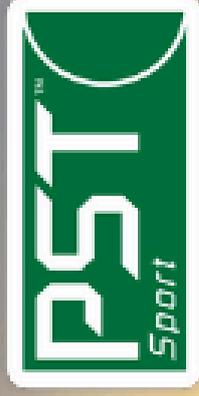
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	LEAGUE Starts	Subs	Goals	CUP Starts	Subs	Goals	TOTAL Starts	Subs	Goals
Aaron Heap	20	6		2	3		22	9	
Alex Harris (GK)	24			3			27		
Amer Awadh	23	7	2	5	1	1	28	8	3
Andre Wright	26	6	8	5	1	2	31	7	10
Brandon Liggett	20	7		4	2		24	9	
Brendan Beard	1	1		1			2	1	
Cameron Walters	30			5			35		
Dani Gonzalez-Birchall	1	5			1		1	6	
Ethan Dunbar	18	14	5	2	4		20	18	5
Ethan Patterson	13	1	1	1			14	1	1
Ioan Richards	26		2	6		1	32		4
Jac Lee Poffley	6						6		
Jamar Smith	4	8		1	1		5	9	
Jenson Kilroy (GK)	7			2			9		
Josh Mcconnell	3	5					3	5	
Joshua Barlow	28	3	2	3	2		31	5	2
Jyrel Bojang	17	7		5			22	7	
Kai Churchley	13	13	4	4	1		17	14	4
Levi Steele	21	7	10	4	2	2	25	9	12
Lewis Middleton	1	22	1	2	3	2	3	25	3
Liam Hutt	15	3	2	1			16	3	2
Owen Foye	14		1	1			15		1
Roger James		4					0	4	
William Owens	12	3	1	5			17	3	1



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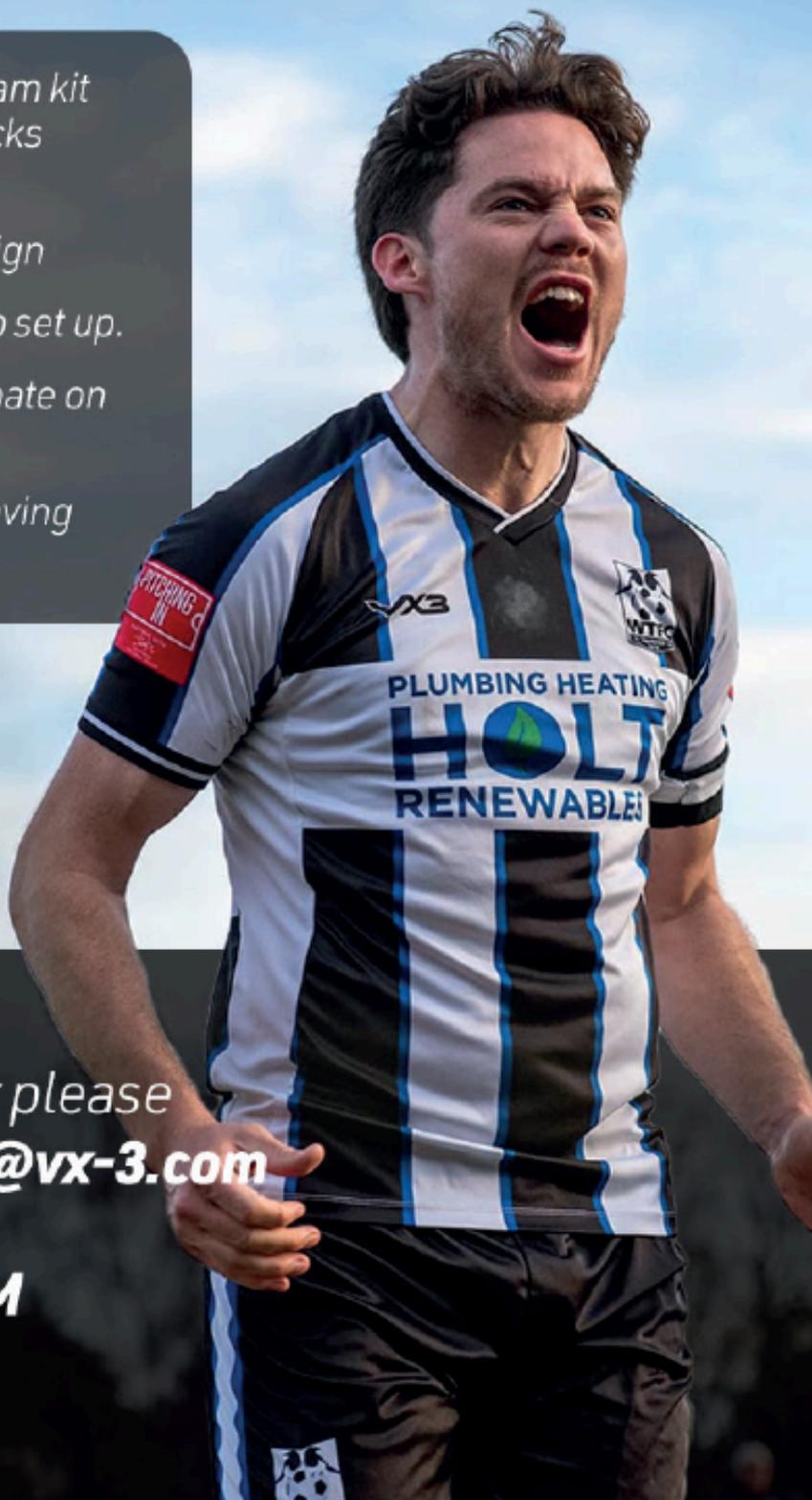
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CLUB HISTORY



Club honours

- Pitching In Southern League Division One South: Winners (1): 2021-22
 - Les Phillips Cup: Winners (1): 2018-19
 - South West Peninsula League Premier Division: Winners (1): 2013-14, 2017-18 & Runners-up (2): 2008-09, 2012-13
 - Plymouth & District League Division 2: Winners (1): 1990-91
 - Throgmorton cup: Winners (1): 2010-11, 2013-14
 - Devon Premier Cup: Runners-up (3): 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06
 - Plymouth & District League Division 3 Cup: Runners-up (1): 1989-90
 - Plymouth & District League Division 4 Cup: Winners (1): 1988-89
 - George Gillin Trophy: Winners (1) 2001-02 & Runners-up (2): 1997-98, 2002-03
 - Stafford Williams Trophy: Runners-up (2): 2000-01, 2001-02
 - Charity Bowl: Winners (1): 2014-15
 - Edenvale Turf St Luke's Bowl: Winners (1): 2013-14, 2017-2018
- The Timeline

1980 – 1990

The club was originally formed in 1988 by Stuart Cadmore when a group of players left the youth team Plymouth Kolts and joined the Plymouth & District League in Division 4. In that same year the club secured sponsorship from Exeter Airport, and as part of that deal they changed their name to Ex-Air Flyers. They were the first club in Plymouth to be sponsored from outside the city limits. The club colours of yellow and blue are from the colours of the airport logo and remain the same today.

In their first season the club gained promotion and then moved to the Parkway Sports Club.

1990 – 2000

The club carried on being promoted in successive seasons until it reached Division one and was waiting to join the Premier Division when the Devon League was formed in 1992. The club decided to apply to become members of the Devon League instead as the Parkway Sports Club had sufficient facilities to join the league.

Unfortunately, 1992/93 was their last to be known as EAF Plymouth FC as they finished bottom of the table, but a new era was just around the corner.

During the 1993/94 season, Plymouth Parkway FC underwent a pivotal moment in its history.

Not only did the club change its name to Plymouth Parkway FC, but a new management team, led by Keith Pond and Gez Baggott, was persuaded to join. Before this, Pond and Baggott had achieved great success with Falstaff Wanderers in the Plymouth & District league.

Upon their appointment, Pond and Baggott made drastic changes to the squad, bringing their entire successful squad from Falstaff Wanderers with them. The decision proved to be astute, as Plymouth Parkway FC finished joint second in their first season. Although they narrowly missed out on securing second place overall, they managed a commendable third place based on goal difference.

Despite their early success, Keith Pond decided to step down from his position at the end of the season due to family reasons, leaving Gez Baggott as the first-team manager. Baggott proved to be an exceptional leader, holding the position for an astonishing 14 consecutive seasons and two more later in the club's history, cementing his legacy in the club's remarkable journey.

After the successful 1993/94 season, Parkway enjoyed stability within the Devon League and were quickly making a name for themselves, which drew attention from the South Western League teams across the Tamar.

To prevent players leaving for a higher level of football, the committee and management at that time (1998) decided to join and compete at the same level.

The move proved an extremely wise decision as although playing against teams with higher resources, Parkway more than held their own in the South Western League.

Parkway left the 90's behind them with an 11th placed finish, winning 10 of their 36 fixtures.

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2000 – 2010

On the eve of the 2000–01 season the club became homeless with the loss of the Parkway Sports Club due to a disagreement over the terms of the lease and subsequent maintenance costs. As a result, and with special permission from the league, the club spent that season having to play all its games away from home. During their build up to the 2001/02 season the club announced they would be developing an area of Manadon as their new ground, to be known as Bolitho Park. While work was being completed, with assistance from Plymouth City Council, they used The Brickfields athletics ground in Devonport before they moved to their new and current home in August 2003.

Under the leadership of Chairman Jim Parsons and with the support of early sponsors such as Mortimers (Ian Mortimer), Gary Doel, and Gez Baggott Painters and Decorators, Parkway continued to perform well in the South Western League. However, the most significant progress came in terms of infrastructure at Bolitho. In the 2006-07 season, the club made its debut in the FA Vase and achieved an impressive feat by reaching the second qualifying round. The following season saw the merger of the South Western Football League and the Devon County Football League, leading to the establishment of the South West Peninsula League, with Parkway as one of the founding members.

As the decade was nearing its conclusion, another vital addition to the club was Garry Turner, who joined as the groundsman, ensuring the playing field was well-maintained. A year later, Genny Turner also joined as the secretary, handling administrative responsibilities for the club. Both Garry and Genny Turner continue to hold these positions today.

2010 – 2020

The football club's identity is rooted in a determination to advance and excel both on and off the field. After spending nearly two decades in the South Western leagues, the club's leadership decided to formulate a plan to climb higher in the football hierarchy.

To achieve this goal, they recognized certain areas where Plymouth Parkway, as a business, needed improvement. This led to a busy summer before the 2016/17 season, culminating in a merger with another ambitious Plymouth-based football club named Bar Sol Ona.

The leadership structure saw changes as well, with Bar Sol Ona's Chairman, Mark Russell, assuming the role of Plymouth Parkway's Chairman. Lee Hobbs was appointed as the first-team manager, while the former Plymouth Parkway Chairman, Jim Parsons, transitioned into the role of Club President. Gez Baggott, the former General Manager, took on the position of Vice-chairman.

This merger injected renewed energy and ambition into the club, leading to increased financial capabilities. The board, which included long-serving Club Secretary Genny Turner and Treasurer Brian Martin, wasted no time in expressing their intentions by seeking promotion to the Toolstation Western Football League.

In 2015, life vice-president and founder member of Plymouth Parkway Stuart Cadmore, formed the Plymouth Parkway Supporter's Club. The supporter's club has become an essential and vital group within the football club, helping to develop and enhance the reputation, stature, and progress of the yellows on, and off the pitch.

The 2017-18 season was exceptional, with Plymouth Parkway achieving promotion as League Champions of the SWPL, having suffered only one defeat throughout the campaign.

The subsequent season of 2018/2019 proved to be equally impressive for Plymouth Parkway as they embarked on their first Western League campaign. They secured a runner-up position in the league and the Devon St Luke's Bowl. They also clinched victory in the prestigious Les Phillips League Cup.

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2020 – present

The impact of Covid-19 on sports, including non-league football, was indeed significant in 2020. The decision to curtail the 2019-20 season came as a response to the government's lockdown plans to control the spread of the virus.

Parkway, being in second place with a strong position to compete for the top spot, faced disappointment due to the sudden suspension of the season. They were just three points behind the league leaders and had three games in hand, which could have potentially led them to win the league.

However, despite the challenges faced during the season, Parkway experienced a remarkable achievement when they reached the quarter-finals of the FA Vase. Unfortunately, their journey ended with a 2-0 defeat to Hebburn Town in the competition. Despite the loss, this achievement brought national exposure and recognition to the club.

The season's events were captured on film, leading to the production of a documentary titled "Round Our Way." This documentary gained impressive viewership figures, reaching over 50,000 views, and provided a unique insight into Parkway's journey through the challenging 2019-20 season and their historic FA Vase run.

The Yellows had a strong start to the 2020/21 season, leading the league with a 10-point margin after 13 games. However, due to the resurgence of Covid-19, the season was curtailed, and the government had no option but to enforce another lockdown.

The Football Association (FA) had plans to reshape the non-league pyramid before the season began, and following the second curtailment, they implemented the changes. As Parkway had been one of the best-placed points-per-game teams over the previous two curtailed seasons, they were awarded upward movement to the Southern League Division One South Division, which is step four of the non-league pyramid.

The Southern League adventure began with sad news that Charlie Baggott, a founder member of the football club had sadly passed away. Charlie played a crucial role in shaping the face of Bolitho Park and was a much-loved figure by everybody at the football club.

Further news was to follow ahead of the new season as Truro City would become ground-sharing neighbours following their departure from their home ground, Treyew Road. This new agreement would mark the re-development of Bolitho Park.

Bolitho Park had seen a mini redevelopment in previous years with the construction of a multi-purpose club house which provided modern amenities and facilities to the players and supporters alike. This addition not only elevated the infrastructure of the ground but also created a welcoming atmosphere for all.

The improvements extended to the playing surface, where extensive work was carried out. One of the most significant enhancements was the construction of the "Charlie Baggott stand." This 250-seater stand was aptly named after a cherished figure in the club's history, honouring the legacy of an individual who had contributed significantly to Plymouth Parkway's growth.

Further elevating the fan experience, the ground saw the addition of covers to three sides of the stadium. This provided much-needed shelter to supporters, allowing them to cheer on their team regardless of weather conditions. These additions added a new dimension to the Parkway experience, making it a more comfortable and enjoyable destination for fans.

Parkway's promotion to the higher division was met with scepticism and questioning during the start of the 2021-22 season. As the season progressed, their performance in October was particularly dismal, leading to even more doubts and criticism from pundits.

However, Parkway managed to turn things around in the latter part of the season. After the Christmas period, the team seemed to find their rhythm and began performing at their best. The players came together, and the squad started to gel, resulting in a remarkable resurgence.

This newfound momentum culminated in a historic moment for the club as they secured the league title on their very first attempt in the Southern League. Parkway managed to finish the season three points ahead of their nearest rivals, Frome Town, underlining their dominance in the league.

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The historic moment was again captured on film by Parkway Media, who chronicled every thrilling moment of the remarkable season. "Round Our Way Again," immortalised the emotions and celebrations that swept through the fans and players alike. The show's popularity soared, with viewing figures again exceeding 50,000, spreading the story of Parkway's journey to glory far and wide.

Last season, the football club more than held their own in the Southern Premier South Division and after a difficult start, the club finished in the top 10 and established themselves as a step 3 footballing club. What's next? Join us at Bolitho Park and become part of the history!

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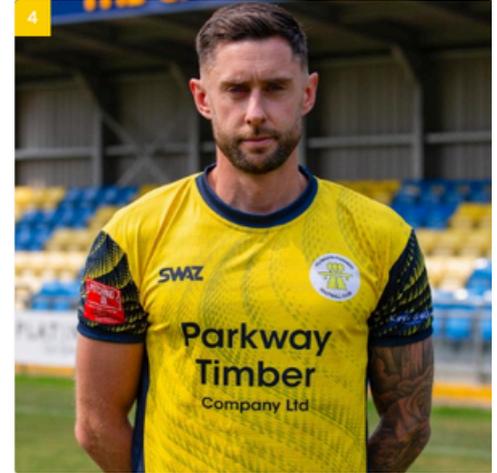
PLAYER PROFILES



Mack Allan



Jack Veale



Ryan Brett



Taylor Scarff



Shane White



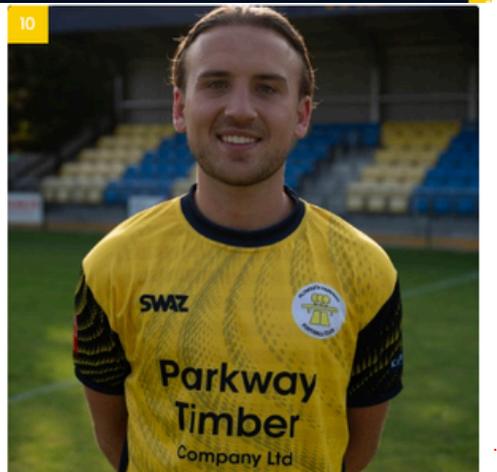
Mikey Williams



Callum Hall



Rocky Neale



Rio Garside

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PLAYER PROFILES



James Watts Barciela



Jacob Smith



Jensen Ireland



Farren Simons



Will Sullivan



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TAKE LAST WEEKEND FOR EXAMPLE WHEN THE NLP BECAME AWARE OF THREE SEPARATE MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, INCLUDING ONE WHERE THE LIFE OF AN ASSISTANT REFEREE WAS SAVED BY A HERO TEAM CAPTAIN

MARTIN WEEDON, 73, - AN OFFICIAL OF MORE THAN 40 YEARS - WAS RUNNING THE LINE FOR DESBOROUGH TOWN'S SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CUP SEMI-FINAL AGAINST BELSTONE WHEN HE TWICE COLLAPSED DURING THE EARLY STAGES OF THE GAME.

THE MATCH WAS IMMEDIATELY ABANDONED WHILE MR WEEDON WAS TREATED ON THE PITCH BY BELSTONE CAPTAIN MITCHELL SWAIN – A FIREFIGHTER BY DAY – AND THE TWO TEAM PHYSIOS, DESBOROUGH'S CARL MALLETT AND ALAN DUNPHY, OF BELSTONE.

THE HEROICS TRIO DEPLOYED THE DEFIBRILLATOR KEPT AT THE GROUND TO RESTART HIS HEART AND BRING HIM BACK TO LIFE BEFORE MR WEEDON WAS RUSHED FROM DESBOROUGH'S VPK STADIUM TO KETTERING GENERAL HOSPITAL, LESS THAN FIVE MILES AWAY, TO UNDERGO TREATMENT.

"IF DESBOROUGH HADN'T HAD A DEFIBRILLATOR, MARTIN WOULD HAVE DIED 100%," MR WEEDON'S SON-IN-LAW ANDY HOBBS TOLD BBC SPORT AFTER LEARNING OF THE INCIDENT FROM DESBOROUGH MANAGER NEIL HEALEY.

"IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT SPORTS VENUES OF ALL SIZES HAVE THEM BECAUSE THEY SAVE LIVES."

"NEIL CALLED ME TO SAY MARTIN HAD COLLAPSED AND HAD STOPPED BREATHING AND THEY WERE GOING TO USE A DEFIBRILLATOR ON HIM.

"APPARENTLY HE COLLAPSED ONCE BUT TRIED TO CARRY ON. ONE OF THE PLAYERS FROM THE OPPOSING TEAM WAS WORRIED AND TOLD THE REFEREE HE DIDN'T LIKE THE LOOK OF HIM AND WITHIN A FEW SECONDS, HE HAD FALLEN AGAIN.

"I BELIEVE THEIR CAPTAIN IS MEDICALLY TRAINED AND HE AND THE OTHERS DID AN AMAZING JOB, THEY FOLLOWED THE RIGHT PROCEDURES."

SADLY, DESBOROUGH WASN'T THE ONLY PLACE TO BE THROWN INTO AN EMERGENCY SITUATION LAST SATURDAY.

COVENTRY UNITED ALSO REVEALED ON SUNDAY THAT THEIR CHAIRMAN RAYMOND NOWACK COLLAPSED SUDDENLY AFTER THEIR HOME UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE MATCH WITH NORTHAMPTON ON CHENECKS.

A STATEMENT READ: "THANKS TO THE INCREDIBLE WORK OF OUR STAFF, ESPECIALLY OUR PHYSIO LUCY STEAD, AS WELL AS ASSISTANCE FROM MANAGER TERRY ANDERSON, SERENA FROM THE BUTTS PARK ARENA, THE NORTHAMPTON PHYSIO AND ASSISTANT REFEREE KIERON LARGE, PLUS THE SPEEDY RESPONSE OF THE AMBULANCE CREW, RAY RECEIVED IMMEDIATE TREATMENT AND WAS SWIFTLY TAKEN TO HOSPITAL HE HAS SINCE BEEN RELEASED AND IS NOW RESTING AT HOME."

AND THERE WAS A FURTHER INCIDENT NEARBY, AT MIDLAND LEAGUE DIVISION THREE SIDE LEAMINGTON HIBERNIAN, WHERE THE CLUB REVEALED THAT AN UNNAMED PLAYER HAD SUFFERED A "HEART ATTACK" DURING THEIR GAME WITH AFC BALSALL.

THE STEP 8 CLUB SAID ON X: "IT IS IN TIMES LIKE THIS THAT PUT THINGS INTO PERSPECTIVE AND SHOWS THE TOGETHERNESS OF THE FOOTBALL FAMILY IN COMING TOGETHER TO HELP AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER."

WHILE IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT MEDICAL PROCEDURES WERE DEPLOYED ON THE PATIENTS AT COVENTRY AND LEAMINGTON, IT ONLY SERVES AS A FITTING REMINDER, IF ONE WAS EVER NEEDED, OF THE IMPORTANCE OF INSTALLING A DEFIBRILLATOR AT YOUR LOCAL CLUB'S FACILITY AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY AND URGENCY.

IN HIS NLP COLUMN LAST APRIL, FRANCIS DUKU, A FORMER NON-LEAGUE DEFENDER AND FOUNDER OF THE SPORTS CIRCLE - A MOVEMENT THAT AIMS TO MAKE COMMUNITIES HEALTHIER USING THE MEDIUM OF SPORTS & EXERCISE - TOLD HOW THERE ARE MORE THAN 30,000 OUT-OF-HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARRESTS IN THE UK EVERY YEAR – WITH A SURVIVAL RATE OF LESS THAN ONE IN TEN.

THE SPORTS CIRCLE ARE SUCCESSFULLY WORKING ALONGSIDE THE JE3 FOUNDATION, SET UP TO HONOUR THE LEGACY OF FORMER PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLER AND NATIONAL LEAGUE WINNING MANAGER JUSTIN EDINBURGH, WHO WENT INTO CARDIAC ARREST AT HIS LOCAL GYM IN JUNE 2019 AND PASSED AWAY FIVE DAYS LATER.

FOUNDER OF THE JE3 FOUNDATION, EDINBURGH'S SON CHARLIE, IS LEADING CALLS FOR LEGISLATIVE CHANGE ON THE INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS WITHIN HEALTH AND SPORTS FACILITIES, WHILE RAISING AWARENESS OF CARDIAC ARREST, DELIVERING CPR TRAINING AND EMPOWERING EVERY PERSON TO ACT FAST, WITH THE RIGHT SKILLS AND ACCESS TO LIFE-SAVING RESOURCES.

"EARLY CPR AND DEFIBRILLATION CAN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE SURVIVAL CHANCES," DUKU SAID.

"IF SOMETHING HAPPENED NEAR YOU AT A GAME OR JUST IN THE STREET, WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?"

"THROUGH THE JE3 FOUNDATION, JUSTIN'S LEGACY SHINES BRIGHTLY."

THE EVENTS OF DESBOROUGH LAST WEEKEND ARE CERTAINLY TESTAMENT TO THAT.

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