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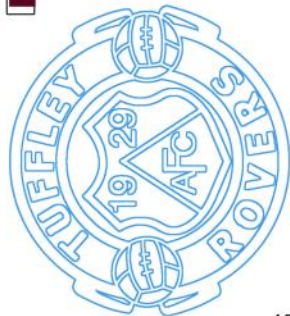
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# FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to Glevum Park this afternoon everyone and welcome to all our visitors, notably the players, management team, committee and supporters of Highworth Town.

I had intended to make some observations about pitch snobbery, huge storms and bad luck today, given that we've had to play two home games in the treacherous conditions of this year's most significant storms (Bert and Darragh), then found ourselves without a game last week when Malmesbury's pitch was unfortunately just about the only one declared unplayable. What very often happens (the pitch snobbery!) is that people visit our home and complain about the pitch without any recognition that we are getting games on regularly and having to deal with the consequences. I would have gone into more detail.

However, shortly before writing this article on Thursday evening I received the sobering news that a long-time supporter and friend of the club, Christopher Wood (pictured), had passed away following illness. He had not been in perfect health for many years but suffered a massive stroke in September of this year and despite fighting hard to recover, the odds were against him and after a short spell in a care home his life came to an end. We posted a notice on our social media channels and some of the responses to the news illustrate what a good man Christopher was.



Christopher was a passionate football supporter. He had followed Liverpool around the world, watching several of their European Cup/Champions League wins in the grounds that were home to their victories, but had also found a passion for local football, notably Gloucester City and Tuffley Rovers. He held a season ticket for both clubs and was proud to do so.

I can't recall precisely when Christopher first came to Glevum Park (he would, such was his attention to every game he ever attended) but he became a good friend to many. I got to know him and he offered to write match reports for our programme. He was committed to that and produced reports for several years, before announcing (with advance notice) that he would 'retire' when he reached his 70th birthday. He was an honourable man he said nothing that he didn't mean; and would do what he had said he would.

Christopher was a kind, decent, generous and honest man. He loved football and he was passionate about Tuffley Rovers. He was passionate about all football. He will be missed; by many. RIP, Christopher Wood.

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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**TODAY'S FIXTURES**

Saturday, 21 December 2024

**Uhsport Hellenic League, Premier Division**

- Hereford Pegasus v Roman Glass St George
- Longlevens v Royal Wootton Bassett Town
- Lydney Town v Malmesbury Victoria
- Mangotsfield United v Sporting Club Inkberrow
- Pershore Town v Thornbury Town
- Slimbridge v Fairford Town
- Westfields v Corsham Town
- Worcester Raiders v Brimscombe & Thrupp

# FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Glevum Park. Welcome to all the players, coaches, committee and supporters of our opponents today, Highworth Town. I'd also like to extend that welcome to this afternoon's match officials.

Today's fixture will no doubt be a tough ask, against a very good team. We are unfortunately likely to be missing a few players today, through suspension, but one thing we have certainly learnt this season is that we have a good, maturing squad where younger players have stood up and produced strong performances in the absence of more senior players.

It was disappointing for our game to be postponed last Saturday due to issues with Malmesbury Victoria's pitch. I hope they manage to remedy these issues soon, given the amount of home fixtures they still have to fit in before the end of the season. It is not a great position for any club to find themselves in.

To add to the occasion today, we welcome our Tuffley Rovers U7s squad to Glevum Park today as mascots. This is great to see and hopefully some of them will be playing first team football here in future years!

We have Boxing Day football here at Glevum Park against local rivals Longlevens, which will be a 3pm kick-off. I hope that as many of you as possible can attend to support Muzzy and the squad on what is always a good day here.

The 1929 Suite at our Tuffley Lane site is now available for hire both weekdays and weekends. If anyone has any questions or would like to discuss bookings further, please email [gm@tuffleyroversfc.co.uk](mailto:gm@tuffleyroversfc.co.uk).

I hope you enjoy the game and have a wonderful Christmas however you celebrate the next few days.

Thanks

- Dan Boon

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# TUFFLEY ROVERS CLUB HISTORY



The late Donald E Hall founded Tuffley Rovers FC in 1929. The Club's Headquarters were in a former railway carriage, which served as Mr Hall's Boot and Shoe repair shop on the Stroud Road at Tuffley in the City Of Gloucester. The Club started its playing life in the North Gloucestershire League. Senior XI Championship honours include that of the North Gloucestershire League and Stroud and District League (4 times) and in 1987/1988 the Club were Champions of the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League and gained promotion to the Gloucestershire County League.

After two seasons of consolidation the Club won the County League Title in 1990/1991, their application to join the Hellenic League was successful and they were accepted into Hellenic Division One. Progress continued as in the 1992/1993 season Rovers were Champions of Division One and also Division One League Cup Winners and after promotion competed in the Premier Division of the Hellenic League from 1993/1994, regularly finishing in the top half of the table. The 1998/1999 season saw Tuffley win the Norman Matthew's Floodlit Cup defeating Carterton Town in the final. Whilst the Club enjoyed this success, the 2nd XI and 3rd XI also gained promotion and championship honours. The 1998/1999 season saw the 2nd XI win the Northern Senior League and reach the finals of both the County Cup and League Cup, unfortunately losing out on both occasions. Promotion, however, was not possible as reserve teams were not allowed at that point to enter the Gloucestershire County League and progress further up the pyramid system.

The Club continued to thrive in the Hellenic League and managed to win the Floodlit Cup again in the 2002/2003 season defeating Brackley Town over two legs in the final. However, the ever-changing ground grading requirements, if the club was to remain in the Hellenic League, and the financial strain these improvements imposed on the Club forced Tuffley Rovers to make the decision to withdraw from the Hellenic League in 2005 and settle for local football in Gloucestershire.

After a difficult start Rovers were crowned champions of Division 2 of the Northern Senior League in the 2005/2006 season and were promoted to Division 1. After a slow start the team put together a consistent run and managed to claim the Division 1 Title as well as win the GFA Senior Amateur Cup and reach the final of the Reg Davis Memorial League Cup.

A return to the Gloucestershire County League followed and the club finished a very creditable 4th place (2007/8) but the summer of 2008 saw a number of senior players retire. Over the next few seasons, an evolving squad finished 11<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the County League, before the 2012/13 Season marked an improvement for the club. After challenging for league championship honours all season, the club couldn't quite maintain the form to secure the title, finishing second. However, this was enough to gain promotion to the Hellenic League Division One (West) for the 2013/14 season.

On their return to the Hellenic League, The Rovers saw a season that witnessed some turmoil – including the departure of manager, Doug Foxwell – to record a decent sixth place finish and some good cup results. This was followed up with the Runners'-up spot in 2014/15 and promotion back to the Hellenic Premier Division, exactly ten years after they had withdrawn from the League.

The first season saw a struggle against relegation, ultimately resulting in the resignation of Warren Evans as manager, before the club retained their status due to a vacancy in the league, after finishing 17<sup>th</sup>. Mark Pritchett was then appointed as Player/Manager and took the side to consecutive 10<sup>th</sup> placed finishes, before a 15<sup>th</sup> place finish in 2018/19. Two pandemic affected seasons then passed, with Pritchett leaving the club part-way through. Rich Cox took over as Manager for a single season, but resigned midway through 2021/22 after a disastrous run of results. Former Manchester United player Neil Mustoe then took over, steering the club away from danger (finishing in 17<sup>th</sup> place).

Mustoe achieved an 18<sup>th</sup> place finish at the end of the 2022/23 season, his first full campaign, before achieving a healthy 14<sup>th</sup> place in 2023/24, with a much improved squad.

# FROM THE MANAGER



Good afternoon and welcome to Glevum Park to all players, management, officials and supporters from Highworth Town.

After last week's disappointing call off we will be without a few players today who have been integral in our progress and success over the last year or so. Suspensions have hit us hard, although had last Saturday's game gone ahead, those players would have been available today.

My personal record against today's opponents is pretty good and if we look at things positively, we have played several games against them over the last few seasons where we have fielded a depleted squad and today this trend continues.

Looking at the month ahead we have today, followed by Longlevens and Corsham at home, which should have been preceded by that trip to Malmesbury, and with a trip to Cirencester Town on 28 December in-between. We then host Brimscombe & Thrupp, so on paper this looked a good run of fixtures, where we should be looking to pick up points. However, we all know this season has thrown up many surprise results, on a weekly basis, so we have no doubt that things will be tough and with the hectic schedule we will need to manage game time on pitches of various standards. There are also the other distractions, such as Christmas parties and everything else that comes along with this time of year.

Our record at home during this calendar year is still pretty impressive and I am hoping the squad we have assembled today will give it a right go and put on a performance they, and you, can be proud of. We can then go into our next fixtures in a positive mood.

It will Boxing Day when you next read my notes, so on that note, Merry Christmas to one and all. I hope you have a good one and look forward to the rest of the season.

Thank you all for your support. Enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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# HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 17 December 2024

Pos	Team	Home											Away											Overall				
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts			
1	Hartpury University	23	8	4	1	26	7	9	0	1	28	5	17	4	2	54	12	42	55									
2	Roman Glass St George	21	10	3	1	46	18	4	1	2	14	10	14	4	3	60	28	32	46									
3	Mangotsfield United	23	4	0	1	10	2	9	7	2	31	12	13	7	3	41	14	27	46									
4	Sporting Club Inkerrow	23	6	3	3	19	11	7	3	1	22	10	13	6	4	41	21	20	45									
5	Highworth Town	24	7	3	3	23	16	6	1	4	20	16	13	4	7	43	32	11	43									
6	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	23	9	1	4	37	17	4	1	4	17	18	13	2	8	54	35	19	41									
7	Fairford Town	22	6	3	4	23	18	5	3	1	19	11	11	6	5	42	29	13	39									
8	Worcester Raiders	24	3	6	1	16	8	5	6	3	21	17	8	12	4	37	25	12	36									
9	Corsham Town	23	8	3	4	28	21	3	0	5	13	21	11	3	9	41	42	-1	36									
10	Tuffley Rovers	25	6	3	2	20	12	4	2	8	15	24	10	5	10	35	36	-1	35									
11	Westfields	23	5	3	2	20	9	4	3	6	26	17	9	6	8	46	26	20	33									
12	Slimbridge	24	5	2	5	37	31	4	3	5	17	28	9	5	10	54	59	-5	32									
13	Pershore Town	22	6	2	3	32	16	3	2	6	18	19	9	4	9	50	35	15	31									
14	Hereford Pegasus	24	6	1	3	24	10	2	2	10	13	29	8	3	13	37	39	-2	27									
15	Cirencester Town	25	3	3	8	14	28	3	1	7	13	24	6	4	15	27	52	-25	22									
16	Longlevens AFC	24	3	1	7	11	22	2	4	7	16	29	5	5	14	27	51	-24	20									
17	Thornbury Town	21	2	1	11	16	29	3	2	2	14	12	5	3	13	30	41	-11	18									
18	Brimscombe & Thrupp	24	2	2	12	18	56	1	2	5	6	29	3	4	17	24	85	-61	13									
19	Lydney Town	20	1	2	5	9	18	1	1	10	11	49	2	3	15	20	67	-47	9									
20	Malmesbury Victoria	16	0	0	1	0	4	2	2	11	19	49	2	2	12	19	53	-34	8									

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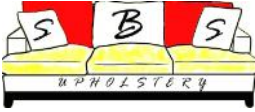


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# Half-time quiz: Break for five



**Grab a cup of tea and something to eat, then spend the five minutes of your half-time break trying to answer these questions. As ever, there is a theme and today the questions and answers are about Christmas football....**

1. Can you name the former player pictured, who is masquerading as Father Christmas?



2. The Christmas Island team only play against one opponent, namely The Cocos (Keeling) Island. In 2017, one team won both games 1-0 in a two-legged tie. Which team ran out the 2-0 aggregate winners?

3. On 25 December 1965 the last ever Christmas Day fixture in the English Football League took place. The venue is pictured and Blackburn Rovers were the visitors. Which teams were their hosts on that occasion?



4. The player pictured has a name (or at least part of his name) that is synonymous with Christmas. Can you name him?



5. Can you name the three former footballers dressed as Father Christmas?



**Quiz Answers:** (1) Gareth Bale; (2) It was the Christmas Island squad that triumphed on both occasions; (3) Blackburn; (4) Roque Santa Cruz; (5) (a) Kevin Keegan / (b) Steve Bull / (c) Tony Adams.



# STATISTICS

## Statistics 2024/25

### Competition

Uhsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated

FAC = FA Cup; FAV = FA Vase; GFA = GFA Challenge Trophy;

MSSC = Marsh Sports Challenge Cup;

WLFC = Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup

Att Scorers

2024									
31/Jul	7:45pm	Sporting Club Inkberrow		A	0-2	190	-		
03/Aug	3pm	Kidlington FC	FAC	H	0-3	141	-		
06/Aug	7:45pm	Slimbridge		H	3-0	210		K Chambers (2), B Bevan	
10/Aug	3pm	Lydney Town		A	2-2	107		B Bevan, K Chambers	
13/Aug	7:45pm	Worcester Raiders		A	0-2	186	-		
17/Aug	3pm	Hereford Pegasus		H	2-1	105		C Walters, T Roberts	
20/Aug	7:45pm	Hartpury University		H	0-2	136	-		
26/Aug	1pm	Longlevens		A	0-1	267	-		
03/Sep	7:45pm	Westfields		A	1-2	138		K Chambers	
07/Sep	3pm	Thornbury Town		A	3-1	91		K Chambers (2), B Bevan	
14/Sep	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H	1-0	104		K Chambers	
16/Sep	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus		A	1-0	135		K Chambers	
21/Sep	3pm	Bittton AFC	FAV	A	1-3	60		C Walters	
24/Sep	7:45pm	Pershore Town		H	2-1	108		B Bevan, K Alder	
28/Sep	3pm	Fairford Town		A	0-3	88	-		
01/Oct	7:45pm	Slimbridge		A	1-2	122		T Roberts	
05/Oct	3pm	Malmesbury Victoria		H	1-1	103		H Mustoe	
12/Oct	3pm	Highworth Town		A	1-1	103		D Turner, K Chambers, B Bevan	
19/Oct	3pm	Cirencester Town		H	0-1	118	-		
26/Oct	3pm	Corsham Town		A	1-0	142		K Chambers	
02/Nov	3pm	Brimcombe & Thrupp		A	2-0	77		K Chambers, C Walters	
05/Nov	7:45pm	Brimcombe & Thrupp	GFA	H	5-1	110		H Mustoe (2), C Walters, K Chambers (2, 1 pen)	
09/Nov	3pm	Mangotsfield United		H	1-0	103		C Walters	
16/Nov	3pm	Roman Glass St George		A	1-2	60		C Walters	
23/Nov	3pm	Thornbury Town		H	2-2	67		K Chambers (2, 1 pen)	
26/Nov	7:45pm	Lydney Town		H	7-3	112		C Walters, K Chambers (4, 1 pen), K Alder, O.G.	
30/Nov	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A	0-4	119	-		
03/Dec	7:45pm	Cheltenham Saracens	GFA	H	2-0	73		G Valenti, H Zatorski	
07/Dec	3pm	Fairford Town		H	1-1	126		K Chambers	
21/Dec	3pm	Highworth Town		H					
26/Dec	3pm	Longlevens		H					
28/Dec	3pm	Cirencester Town		A					
2025									
01/Jan	3pm	Corsham Town		H					
04/Jan	3pm	Brimcombe & Thrupp		H					
11/Jan	3pm	Shortwood United	MSSC	H					
18/Jan	3pm	Worcester Raiders		H					
21/Jan	7:45pm	Stonehouse Town	WLFC	A					
25/Jan	3pm	Hartpury University		A					
01/Feb	3pm	Westfields		H					
08/Feb	3pm	Sporting Club Inkberrow		H					
22/Feb	3pm	Pershore Town		H					
01/Mar	3pm	Roman Glass St George		H					
TBC	TBC	Malmesbury Victoria		A					
TBC	TBC	Mangotsfield United		A					
TBC	TBC	Hallen	GFA	H					

### Goalscorers

Karnell Chambers	20	Kieran Alder	2
Connor Walters	7	Hubert Zatorski	1
Brad Bevan	5	Dean Turner	1
Harley Mustoe	3	Gino Valenti	1
Tyrel Roberts	2	O.G.	1

### TOTAL APPEARANCES

#### STARTS

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## TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

### **Luke Merchant**

### **Goalkeeper**

Club captain who returned to the club in the 2022/23 season, after a Hellenic League Premier Division title winning season at Bishops Cleeve. A great shot stopper, commanding presence and accomplished keeper. Holds the club record for Hellenic League appearances as a keeper.

### **Robin Hoffland**

### **Goalkeeper**

Now a long-serving player, despite his age, who acts as a capable back-up to Luke Merchant in goal, whenever needed. Has played for the club's 1sts, 2nds, 3rds, 4ths and 5ths, as well as the U18s and always gives his all. Reliable, in a word.

### **Macaulay Herbert**

### **Defence**

Begins this season as our longest-serving member of the squad. 'Macca' came through our U18s and is solid and dependable; an excellent defender who has been getting better with every season that passed. Has made over 290 first team appearances, despite several injuries punctuating each season. On course to reach 300 appearances this season.

### **Josh Stevens**

### **Defence**

Development Squad player of the season in 2023/24; broke into the first team squad during pre-season, putting in some excellent performances in central defence. Tall, strong in the air, solid in the tackle and capable in possession, this could be the season when he steps up into first team football.

### **Tawana Changa**

### **Defence**

Recent addition to the squad, after signing from Hartpury University, and an attacking full-back. Deceptively quick but very comfortable on the ball. Previously had trials for Southampton and played for the English Colleges Association.

### **Elijah Simpson**

### **Defence**

Player under Neil Mustoe at Gloucester City U18s and recently signed from Brimscombe & Thrupp and a great addition to the squad. Comfortable on the ball when in possession, shows a turn of pace, and good defensively. A key signing for this season.

### **Mark Pritchett**

### **Defence**

Tasted Hellenic League title winning success at Bishops Cleeve. Previously at Rovers as Player/Manager before stepping away from the role in 2021/22. Offers a no nonsense, uncompromising, good old-fashioned performance in every game, and a threat in the opposition box.

## 2024/25 PLAYER PROFILES

### **Ellis Clifford**

### **Defence**

Came through the U18s squad, after joining from Gloucester City's youth set-up. Made a breakthrough last season and amassed 14 appearances at left-back. Very promising youngster who will be looking to be a regular in 2024/25.

### **Ollie Hambling**

### **Defence**

Young defender who has progressed well with our U18s and recently made the step-up into the first team squad, albeit as an unused substitute. He is seen as a good prospect. Definitely one for the future!

### **Sammie Hicks**

### **Defence/Midfield**

Now in his fourth season at the club, after spells at Gloucester City and Cinderford Town. Injuries have hampered his progress but he remains a reliable and very versatile member of the squad, capable of filling in at full-back, in midfield or in the No.10 role.

### **Harley Mustoe**

### **Defence/Midfield**

A member of this season's U18s squad after joining the squad late in 2023/24, Harley has gained experience playing County League football for Harwicke. Now holding down a regular first team spot. Most comfortable in midfield but has played at full-back and looked very accomplished.

### **Callum McGuirk**

### **Defence/Midfield**

Signed from Longlevens in 2022, where he'd largely been used at full-back, he is a hard-working midfielder, who looks comfortable on the ball. Played academy football during his earlier years, including a spell at Bristol City. Was originally with the Rovers, where he featured in our U18s squad.

### **Liam Smith**

### **Midfield**

Has Southern League experience. Calm in possession and possesses a good passing range, whilst also physically strong, will be looking to hold down a regular place in the side, after three injury hit campaigns. Offers experience and capable of dropping into the back four when needed.

### **Corey Warrington**

### **Midfield**

Signed during pre-season after excelling at Northern Senior League side Tredworth Tigers during 2023/24. A highly energetic midfielder who likes to get on the ball; he's ambitious and could be an excellent addition to the squad for 2024/25, although an injury in pre-season could limit his immediate progress.

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### Dean Turner

### Midfield

Another new signing and a great addition to the Rovers fold. Southern League experience with Slimbridge and then spent several seasons at Brimscombe & Thrupp. Combative, communicative, hard-working, great positionally and a leader. Just what we needed to add to our midfield!

### Kieran Alder

### Midfield/Forward

Returned to the club in 2022/23, after spells with Cinderford, Bishops Cleeve and Worcester City; and overcame injuries to return to his best. Gifted No.10, whose work rate is as noticeable as his work on the ball - a creative player. Previously with Neil Mustoe's U18s at Gloucester City reunited at Rovers.

### Tyrel Roberts

### Forward

Another player to come through from the U18s and then through the Development Squad, Ty is an old-fashioned centre-forward who never gives the opposing defence a break and has been a regular scorer in his time in the club's junior sides. Another player for whom this could prove to be their breakthrough season.

### Karnell Chambers

### Forward

Experienced at a higher level, this is a player who Neil Mustoe was delighted to sign in November 2023. Previously at Gloucester City, Hungerford Town, North Leigh, as well as a spell overseas, and is a goalscorer equally at home wide or in the middle. Finished 23/24 as top scorer for the first team; added the threat that Rovers have needed.

### Oliver Barnes

### Forward

Signed from Westfields in December 2024, a prolific goalscorer at Hellenic League level and will offer a different option in attack. Previously with Brimscombe & Thrupp, Oli has had time out due to injury over the past two seasons, but is now working his way back to full fitness. Great signing.

### Connor Walters

### Forward

Wide player who joined from Gala Wilton in 2023/24. Strong and full of trickery, he had a fantastic start to his first season and contributed goals, as well as being a threat to opposition defences. Works hard for the team.

### Riley Bourne

### Forward

Under 18s player who graduated from our U16s last season. Quick, skilful, with an eye for goal, age is no impediment for this confident lad.

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### Brad Bevan

### Forward

Signed from Fairford Town last season. Incredibly hardworking, tenacious, a real team player. Runs all day and although not a prolific goalscorer has been a good signing, who regularly contributes a goal. Can play wide or down the centre.

### Jamie Creed

### Forward

Signed on a dual registration basis from County League side Gala Wilton, a bit of an old fashioned striker – tall, good with his back to goal and already a regular goalscorer. Still only 17 (and only just!) he is attached to Gloucester City, too.

### Hubert Zatorski

### Forward

Recent signing, joining from Newent Town, making a late debut in the entertaining 3-3 draw with Highworth Town. Looking to make a mark at Step 5 after starting at Kidderminster Harriers, before spells at Worcester Raiders and Bewdley Town.

### Neil Mustoe

### Manager

Appointed as Manager in January 2022, took the club away from relegation fears in 2021/22, before successfully battling against relegation in 2022/23. Spent many years as a professional at Manchester United, Wigan Athletic, Cambridge United, Stevenage and Yeovil Town, before over 350 appearances for Gloucester City. Previous coaching experience with City before a spell away from the game until his appointment with The Rovers.

### Liam O'Neill

### Assistant Manager

Appointed as Assistant Manager in 2023, after a spell as Manager at Frampton United. Still in the formative stage of his coaching journey but offers great support to Muzzy and is an important presence in the first team set-up.

### Mike De-Bear

### Physio

New for 2024/25 and a great signing off the pitch. Has experience working at EFL clubs and is already making a great impression.

### Alex Butler

### Coach

Joined in 2023/24 after previous experience in local football. Mr Reliable and a really positive influence in the dressing room on match-days.

### Tim Hall

### Coach

Previously been at Longlevens. Knew Muzzy and Ken Blackburn from his time with Gloucester City and is a great character. A keen cyclist, who also has an interest in classic cars.



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# Appearance information

Up to and including Saturday, 7 December 2024  
(includes selected list of former players)



No milestones to announce today. 😊

In recent weeks we have seen several players reach landmark appearances (50, 100, 150, 200, etc.) but today there are none to confirm. That having been said, in our last outing we had a debut for Oli Barnes (pictured), who has transferred to us from Westfields, and he became our fourteenth debutant of the 2024/25 season as a consequence.

Welcome Oli!

Dan Lander is likely to feature in today's squad and will move to 49 competitive appearances, if he does play. Something to look forward to in the next edition?



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	152	39	Lee, Matt	11	0
Barnes, Oli	1	0	Mann, Warren	542	85
Bevan, Bradley	50	7	McGuirk, Callum	103	0
Birkett, Henry	127	10	Merchant, Luke	141	0
Bourne, Riley	2	0	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Mustoe, Harley	24	3
Chambers, Karnell	51	34	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Changa, Tawana	10	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Clifford, Ellis	42	0	Pritchett, Mark	205	28
Clinton, Cole	4	0	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Creed, Jamie	1	0	Roberts, Tyrel	31	2
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Simpson, Elijah	23	0
Ford, Mark	164	61	Smith, Liam	94	1
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Stevens, Josh	2	0
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Turner, Dean	24	1
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Valenti, Gino	1	1
Hoffland, Robin	12	0	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Herbert, Macaulay	308	10	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hicks, Sammie	67	2	Walters, Connor	71	16
Hill, Sam	130	9	Warrington, Corey	19	0
James, Brett	186	64	Weaver, George	1	0
James, Richard	125	40	White, Joel	140	4
Kent, Dominik	175	21	Wright, Liam	124	3
Lander, Daniel	48	1	Zatorski, Hubert	5	1

NB: The figures are correct for all league competitions from season 2007/08, when Tuffley Rovers returned to the County League (Step 7) and include all competitive games since the start of the 2013/14 season. There are some gaps in the information relating to cup games prior to the start of the 2013/14 campaign. This period is currently subject to a thorough review and there may be some variation to statistics in due course.

# HIGHWORTH TOWN CLUB HISTORY

Highworth Town Football Club was formed in 1893. We joined the Cirencester & District league and it took us some time to record our first honours, until 1909-10 in fact, when we won both the Swindon Junior cup and the local advertiser cup, a cup we captured again in 1912-13.

After winning the Cirencester & District league division two championship in 1931-32, we moved to the Swindon & District league, where we completed the third division championship and Swindon junior cup double in 1933-34.

The 1950s saw us make a dramatic rise through the local football ranks. We won the Swindon & District league third division title again in 1954-55 and then the division two title the following season. One more season was needed to clinch the division one title and also the Wilts junior cup. We then went on to win the premier division title in 1957-58, along with the Faringdon Thursday memorial cup and the following season we were the premier division champions again, also winning the advertiser cup.

We continued to dominate the Swindon & District premier division in the 1960s, winning four successive titles from 1960-61 and another hat-trick from 1965-66 to 1967-68, making seven titles in eight seasons. We reached the final of the Wilts senior cup for the first time in 1962-63 and won it the following season.

There was a switch to the Wilts combination league, where we finished as runners-up in division two in 1970-71. 1972-73 saw another Wilts senior cup victory and all this success prompted us to join the Hellenic league. We achieved our first honours in 1988-89, winning the first division challenge cup and reached the final of the Wilts senior cup yet again.

We finally achieved premier division status in 1993-94 gaining promotion after finishing third in division one. Since then we have been winners of the Wilts senior cup in 1995-96, 1997-98, 2008-09 and again in 2014-15, winners of the Hellenic challenge cup in 2011-12, winners of the Hellenic supplementary cup in 1998-99 and runners up in 2003-04, runners-up in the premier division in 1999-00 and winners of the Premiership title in 2004-05.



In more recent history, which reached the semi-final of the FA vase in 2014-15 where we were knocked out by eventual winners North Shields in a closely fought two-legged tie. This season also saw us pick up the Wilts Senior Cup.

In the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons we were runners-up in the Wilts Senior Cup to Swindon Supermarine and Chippenham Town respectively, both of which played at higher levels than us.

Also in the 2017-18 season we saw promotion to the southern league division 1 south as we finished as the best third placed team across the whole country. This means we are now playing the highest level of football the club has seen.

The 2022-23 season saw us move laterally into the southern league division 1 central due to the re-shuffling of the league.

After a difficult season with the circumstances dealt to us, such as the extra travelling time/distance, we finished 17th as we just weren't good enough. 17th was a relegation play-off spot which meant we had to play against a team that finished 2nd at step 5. Our opponent was Malvern Town who trounced us 4-1.

This meant we went back into the Hellenic League for the 2023-24 campaign where a management change was made. Paul Braitwaite and his backroom staff replaced the outgoing Gareth Davies and his backroom team.

2023-24 was a successful first year in charge for Paul Braithwaite. We made it to the second round qualifying where we hosted faced National League side Weymouth FC in a game where we gave them a good run for their money but ultimately lost 3-1. He also led the team to the quarter-final of the FA Vase where on another day the result could have been very different. We also finished 3rd in the Hellenic League which was a playoff spot and unfortunately the playoff semi-final was just a step too far at the end of a very hard and long season.

2024-25 is upcoming where we will be looking to build on the results of last season and go the extra step.





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Callum McGuirk	<b>6</b>	Matt Cheetham ©
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Kieran Alder	<b>8</b>	Rob Dean
Tyrel Roberts	<b>9</b>	Sol Pryce
Brad Bevan	<b>10</b>	Dan Grieve
Connor Walters	<b>11</b>	Luke Whelan
Oli Barnes	<b>12</b>	Connor Mattimore
Hubert Zatorski	<b>14</b>	Liam Haines
Logan Weyman	<b>15</b>	Giorgio Wrona
Mark Pritchett	<b>16</b>	Ashley Taylor
Jamie Creed	<b>17</b>	Riegan Cook
Liam Smith	<b>18</b>	
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