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RINGWOOD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB



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VS



AFC ALDERMASTON



DATE
SAT 1 AUGUST 2026



COMPETITION
WESSEX LEAGUE
DIVISION 1



KICK-OFF
3:00PM



VENUE
RINGWOOD COMMUNITY HUB
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CHAIR'S WELCOME

A very warm welcome to the Ringwood Community Hub for this afternoon's Velocity Wessex League Division 1 fixture against AFC Aldermaston – our new season's opener.

We welcome our visitors' players, committee members, and spectators, together with match officials, referee **Ian Hill**, and his assistants **Dominic Bennett** and **Kevan Godwin**.



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There's nothing quite like opening day. Fresh season, fresh energy, and a chance to set the tone for everything we want to achieve. Sense of anticipation is stronger than ever.

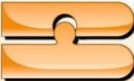
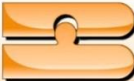
The squad has worked hard pre-season and you'll see that in the way they play — sharper, hungrier, and ready to push on. Fran and his coaching staff have put in countless hours preparing the squad, and I want to thank them for the professionalism and pride they bring to Ringwood Town FC.

We've added good characters, kept our core together, and strengthened the pathway that keeps young Ringwood talent coming through. That connection between our youth, our seniors, and our community is what makes this Club special.

Off the pitch, we've continued building partnerships that help the Club grow. Grassroots football is powered by people, and your support genuinely drives us forward.

Welcome back, enjoy the game, and let's make 2026/27 a season to remember.

Phil

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MANAGER'S NOTES

Welcome to a new season!

I'm incredibly proud to be entering my fourth season at a club that means so much to me now. It's a privilege to be surrounded by fantastic facilities, a hugely supportive chairman and committee, and, most importantly, some truly wonderful people.

I'd like to take a moment to thank a few people, although I'm sure I'll miss some. The hard work that goes on behind the scenes to get us to this point should never go unnoticed.

A huge thank you to Phil, Aubrey and Ronan for their incredible support behind the scenes. A special mention also goes to Pete Alvis, who, as always, goes above and beyond to provide us with an outstanding playing surface—an even greater achievement given the challenges of the dry weather.

I also want to recognise my coaching team. They've been outstanding, giving everything to support the development and conditioning of the squad. Every one of them has played a huge part, but Will Lambert deserves a special mention for continually pushing the players to their limits and helping raise the standards.

I'm delighted that we've retained the majority of our core group and young prospects while adding some exciting new faces, who will be announced in due course. We've learned a great deal from last season and have worked tirelessly to ensure we're better prepared this time around.

The players have worked incredibly hard, and I'm proud of the reset we've had together. We know we're stepping into an even tougher league, but we're excited for the challenge and ready to embrace it.

Fran



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TODAY'S OPPOSITION

AFC Aldermaston

Club History

Origins (1952–Late 1960s)

AFC Aldermaston Football Club was founded in 1952 as AWRE Football Club by Charles Green, Ted Hall, Gordon Carter, and Don Sharp. The team was closely tied to the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, from which the nickname 'The Atom Men' was born. Facilities were basic in the early years, with players often changing in contractors' huts and carrying a tin bath into whichever building served as the changing room. Despite the humble beginnings, the club enjoyed support from Sir William Penney during his involvement with Operation Hurricane.

Name Change and Early League Participation (Late 1960s–1986)

In the late 1960s the club became known as AFC Aldermaston. In 1979, the club earned promotion from the Reading & District League into Division One of the Hellenic League, where they remained for seven seasons. Following 1986, the club departed the Hellenic League and continued playing in local competitions, including the North Hampshire League.

Hampshire League Era (1991–1999)

Aldermaston joined Hampshire League Division Three in the 1991–92 season, finishing in fifth place and gaining promotion to Division Two. However, relegation followed the next season, and the club remained in Division Three until 1999, when league reorganisation promoted them into the Premier Division.

Wessex League Period (2004–2007)

After the merger of the Hampshire and Wessex leagues in 2004, Aldermaston competed in Wessex League Division Two. Relegation in 2005 and restructuring in 2006 saw them continue in Division Two, before moving up to Division One in 2007.

Tough Seasons and Record Losing Streak (2009–2010)

The 2009–10 season proved the most difficult in the club's history. AFC Aldermaston lost forty consecutive matches, breaking the previous record of thirty-nine. The fortieth loss came in a 2–0 defeat against Downton, before the streak ended with a 1–1 draw against

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Warminster Town and a 2–1 victory over Petersfield Town. Ultimately, only one win in forty games resulted in relegation to the Hampshire Premier League.

Recent League Movements and Cup Runs (2013–2023)

After four seasons in the Hampshire Premier League, Aldermaston switched to the Thames Valley Premier League in 2014–15, reaching several cup finals as runners-up. In 2015–16, they were promoted to Hellenic League Division One East and by 2018–19 secured their highest league finish of third place, also reaching the Reading Challenge Cup Final at the Madejski Stadium. The 2019–20 season was cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic, with the club placed fourteenth. Post-pandemic, they were transferred to the Combined Counties League Division One before being laterally moved to Wessex League Division One ahead of the 2023–24 season. During this period, home games were hosted at Thatcham Town's Waterside Park.

Ground and Management Updates (2021–2025)

In 2021–22, AFC Aldermaston began a groundshare agreement with Thatcham Town at Waterside Park. The arrangement was extended into the 2023–24 season in line with their Wessex League participation. In July 2023, Marcus Richardson, a former Football League striker, was appointed manager, succeeding the tenure of Dave Tuttle, who had overseen the club during its transition to Thatcham. We are currently finalizing our plans to return to the 'Rec Soc' by completing the remaining development required to meet Step 6 FA Ground Grading. We expect to achieve this in the next 2 years.

At this time August 2025 the club is in good shape with 5 adult teams, and 10 youth teams plus the 'Atomic Tots'.

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Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team
DIV1	01/08/26 15:00	Ringwood Town 	VS  AFC Aldermaston
HSC	04/08/26 19:30	Ringwood Town 	VS  Newport (IOW)
DIV1	08/08/26 15:00	Whitchurch United 	VS  Ringwood Town
DIV1	11/08/26 19:45	Ringwood Town 	VS  Hamworthy United
DIV1	15/08/26 15:00	Ringwood Town 	VS  Frimley Green
DIV1	19/08/26 19:45	New Milton Town 	VS  Ringwood Town
DIV1	25/08/26 19:45	Ringwood Town 	VS  Blandford United
DIV1	29/08/26 15:00	Ringwood Town 	VS  Totton & Eling
DIV1	05/09/26 15:00	Cove 	VS  Ringwood Town



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Today's Squads

Sat 1st August 2026
KO 3:00pm

Velocity Wessex
League Div 1



RINGWOOD TOWN FC

All red

Ollie Bull (GK)	
Ell Cresswell	
Bed Bradwell	
Ollie Chamberlain	
Lee Vint	
Riley Claxton	
Pat Correia	
Ted Bignell	
Danny May	
Will Orchard	
Hugh Dathan	
Luke Pothas	
Ollie Brown	
Ben Harris	
Zach Bennett	
Jack Ralph	

MANAGER: FRAN MATHERS

Assistant Manager: Oscar Easton

AFC ALDERMASTON

Blue/Black shirts, blue shorts & socks

Jonathan O'Sullivan (GK)	
Matt Butler (Capt)	
Anthony Bossman	
Aush Gurung	
Byron Anderson	
Connor Paxford	
Josh Lambden	
Padraig Gorman	
Vandyic Addai	
Daniel Slater	
James Griffiths	
Jayden Wiggins	
Kartel Forde	
Lewis Small	
Liam Springer	
Mickael Vaisset	

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Coach: Liam Springer

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Assistant: KEVAN GODWIN



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