

OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



RINGWOOD TOWN FC v

AFC ALDEMASTON

Sat 3rd Jan 2026

KO 3:00pm

Wessex League Division 1



CHAIR'S WELCOME

Happy New Year! I hope you've all enjoyed a joyful festive period. A very warm welcome to this afternoon's Velocity Wessex League Division 1 fixture against AFC Aldermaston

We welcome our visitors' players, committee members, and spectators, together with the match officials, referee **Louis Stone**, and his assistants **Huw Evans** and **Gary Franklin**.



A New Year always gives us a moment to take stock — and while we'll never stop pushing to improve, I'm proud to say the Club is in a fantastic place. This season Fran handed Wessex League debuts to several of our young talents, and we've even welcomed a record breaker! Huge congratulations to **Riley Claxton**, who started against Ham Utd last week at just **16 years and 3 months**. A brilliant achievement and a sign of what's coming through.

Our Development team, U23s and U18s are all performing brilliantly, producing a steady stream of hungry, talented players ready to step up. Across the Club, our 30 youth teams are thriving — and a recent count shows **465 registered players** wearing the Ringwood badge. Add in our coaches, managers and committee members, and we're now a community of **more than 600 people** pulling in the same direction. For me that's something very special.

Enjoy the game
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MANAGER'S NOTES

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

December was a tough month for us having played teams in the top 5. Narrow defeats to in-form sides was tough to take but it does tell me we're not far away from results against these sides. A welcome and important win v Frimley being crucial for us.

The players have worked hard this week as we look to regroup mid season. Injuries to key players continue to hamper consistency which has plagued us all season really. We will work harder to find the solutions we need to find that.

We're really looking to 2026 and the break came at a good time for us with lots of points and games to enjoy.

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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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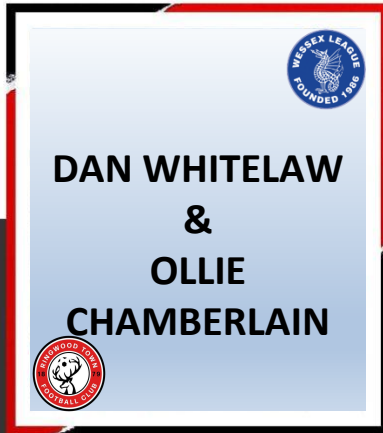
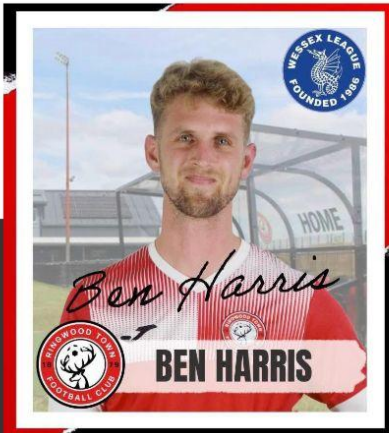
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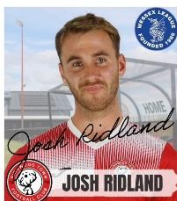
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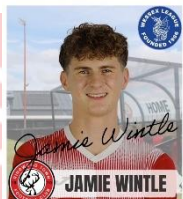
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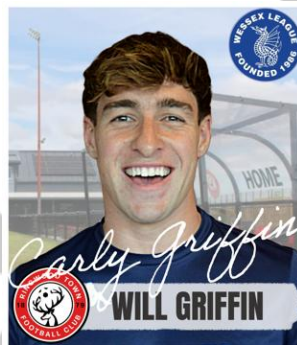
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Date	H/A	Opponents	Comp	Result	H	A	Scorers
Sat 02-Aug	H	US Portsmouth	Wx Lg1	Lost	1	4	Vint
Sat 09-Aug	A	Amesbury Town	Wx Lg1	Won	4	3	Vint (3), Bignell
Tue 12-Aug	H	Fawley AFC	Wx Lg1	Won	1	0	Harris
Sat 16-Aug	H	Yateley Utd	Wx Lg1	Won	5	1	Harris, Vint (2), Bignell
Tue 19-Aug	A	Bournemouth P's	HSC	Lost	1	4	Vint
Sat 23-Aug	A	Selsey	FAV	Lost	0	2	
Sat 30-Aug	H	Frimley Green	Wx Lg1	Lost	0	4	
Tue 02-Sep	A	Alresford Town	WLC	Won	1	0	Yates
Sat 06-Sep	A	Romsey Town	Wx Lg1	Lost	0	2	
Tue 09-Sep	H	Hamworthy Utd	Wx Lg1	Lost	1	3	Vint
Sat 13-Sep	A	Newport (IOW)	Wx Lg1	Draw	3	3	Vint (2), Rabin
Tue 16-Sep	H	Colden Common	SSC	Won	3	1	Vint, May, Warriner
Sat 20-Sep	H	Kintbury Rangers	Wx Lg1	Won	2	1	Harris, May
Tue 23-Sep	A	Lymington Town	Wx Lg1	Won	3	1	Vint, Pothas, Bradwell
Sat 27-Sep	H	Folland Sports	Wx Lg1	Won	4	2	Vint (2, 1 pen), Bignell, Ridland
Tue 30-Sep	A	Millbrook	WLC	Lost	2	3	Jackson, C Whitelaw
Sat 04-Oct	H	Clanfield	Wx Lg1	Lost	2	5	Vint, Ridland
Sat 11-Oct	H	Whitchurch	Wx Lg1	Lost	1	4	Vint
Tue 14-Oct	A	Millbrook	RCC	Lost	0	2	
Sat 18-Oct	A	Ash	Wx Lg1	Won	2	0	Cresswell, Bignell
Sat 25-Oct	H	Colden Common	Wx Lg1	Lost	2	4	Pothas, Bradwell
Tue 28-Oct	A	Totton & Eling	SSC	Draw	1	1	Vint (pen). Win pens 5-3
Sat 01-Nov	A	Aldermaston	Wx Lg1	Won	3	1	Ridland, Kerse, D Whitelaw
Sat 08-Nov	A	Alresford Town	Wx Lg1	Lost	0	2	
Tue 11-Nov	H	Nursling & Shirley	SSC	Won	7	0	Bignell, Rabin, Duell-Merritt, Harris, May, Cresswell, Stoodley
Sat 29-Nov	H	Fleetlands	Wx Lg1	Lost	1	2	Vint
Sat 06-Dec	A	Frimley Green	Wx Lg1	Won	3	1	Vint (pen), Brown
Sat 13-Dec	H	Romsey Town	Wx Lg1	Lost	1	2	Vint
Tue 16-Dec	A	Brockenhurst	SSC	Lost	2	5	Vint, May
Sat 27-Dec	A	Hamworthy Utd	Wx Lg1	Lost	1	2	Brown










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FIXTURES COMING UP

Type	Date / Time	Home Team		Away Team
DIV1	07/01/26 19:45	Blackfield & Langley 	VS 	Ringwood Town
DIV1	10/01/26 15:00	Cove 	VS 	Ringwood Town
DIV1	13/01/26 19:45	Ringwood Town 	VS 	Newport (IoW)
DIV1	17/01/26 15:00	Kintbury Rangers 	VS 	Ringwood Town
DIV1	24/01/26 15:00	Ringwood Town 	VS 	Lymington Town
DIV1	31/01/26 15:00	Colden Common 	VS 	Ringwood Town



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VELOCITY WESSEX LEAGUE DIV 1 TABLE

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Colden Common	24	15	4	5	73	44	29	49
2	Fleetlands	23	15	4	4	49	30	19	49
3	Whitchurch United	22	15	3	4	59	32	27	48
4	Folland Sports	20	13	1	6	48	29	19	40
5	Cove	20	11	6	3	35	18	17	39
6	Yateley United	23	12	2	9	52	36	16	38
7	Romsey Town	20	11	4	5	38	22	16	37
8	Hamworthy United	22	11	3	8	57	36	21	36
9	Frimley Green	21	9	8	4	50	36	14	35
10	Ash United	22	8	6	8	26	33	-7	30
11	Newport (IoW)	16	9	1	6	29	26	3	28
12	Ringwood Town	21	9	1	11	40	47	-7	28
13	Alresford Town	22	7	5	10	44	50	-6	26
14	AFC Aldermaston	22	7	4	11	36	40	-4	25
15	Amesbury Town	21	7	3	11	38	37	1	24
16	Clanfield	21	7	2	12	30	37	-7	23
17	Kintbury Rangers	21	6	5	10	36	48	-12	23
18	United Services Portsmouth	22	6	3	13	33	58	-25	21
19	Blackfield & Langley	19	5	2	12	22	49	-27	17
20	Fawley AFC	21	3	6	12	22	50	-28	15
21	Lymington Town	22	4	3	15	26	56	-30	15
22	Totton & Eling	21	4	2	15	21	50	-29	14

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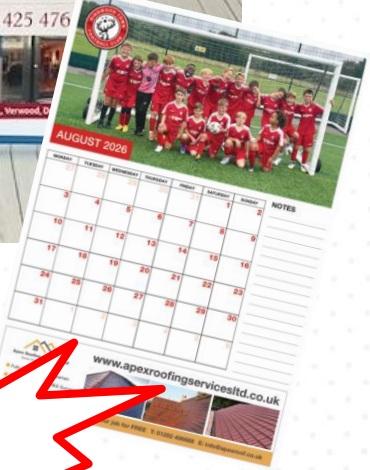
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