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DATE
TUE 18 AUG 2026



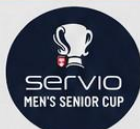
COMPETITION
**HAMPSHIRE SENIOR
CUP ROUND 1**



KICK-OFF
7:45PM



VENUE
**RINGWOOD COMMUNITY HUB
BH24 3BX**



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CHAIR'S WELCOME

A very warm welcome to the Ringwood Community Hub for this evening's Hampshire Senior Cup Round 1 tie against Christchurch FC.

We welcome our visitors' players, committee members, and spectators, together with match officials, referee **Jordan White**, and his assistants **Paul Hocks** and **Jaydon Smith**.



A recurring theme in conversations with fellow club's committee members across the region is the changing landscape of grassroots football. Rising operational costs and limited facilities mean many clubs are increasingly turning to centralised multi-pitch hubs and ground-sharing models to stay sustainable.

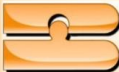
We've seen the benefits of modern infrastructure first-hand with the Football Foundation's investment in our 3G pitch. Since opening in February 2023, it has been invaluable—supporting both our junior and senior football and enabling us to grow by ten teams in just three years. Our partnership with AFCB CST ensures the pitch is used to its fullest and continues to support their thriving community programmes.

Challenges do remain. Funding pressures are constant, and volunteer shortages are felt across the grassroots game. Here at RTFC, we are fortunate to have 30 dedicated committee members and officers, supported by more than 100 managers, coaches and administrators across our 36 teams. Together, they help provide football for over 500 players—a true reflection of the community spirit that defines our club. We still have around ten roles to fill, and succession planning is becoming an increasingly important part of our long-term strategy.

My thanks go to each of our 130+ volunteers for their time, energy and commitment. And to all supporters of grassroots football—whether you coach, cheer from the sidelines, sponsor, referee, or simply help keep the game going—you all play such a vital part.

Enjoy the game

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MANAGER'S NOTES

An excellent and overdue three points to really spark our league season into life. I was delighted to secure those points against Frimley. The players have worked and pushed so hard for that result, and I'm particularly pleased that we were able to achieve it with a depleted and very young side in places. Everyone played their part.

Felix Bruce is proving to be an excellent signing in goal, while our cohesion going forward is really starting to click. I'm particularly delighted to see different players consistently contributing on the scoresheet, with Bradders, Benny and Pat all finding the net. That's exciting to see within our new shape and gives us another dimension going forward. We're creating some big chances from open play, although we need to become more ruthless and clinical in front of goal. The reassurance is that we are controlling games and creating those opportunities. It will come.

At times, I really enjoy watching us play, more so than I have for a while if honest. I also know there's more in there collectively which bodes well. The next hurdle is having the conviction, composure and belief to keep playing our football when we come under pressure.

I was delighted with the spirit and fight the players showed on Saturday. They were at their physical and mental limits at times, but they found a way to push through and get the job done. A week earlier at Whitchurch, we didn't manage to do that.

Hopefully, we can get some key senior players back from injury soon, as they are certainly missed.

Now we can look forward to a bit of 'pressure-free' football against Wessex Premier side Christchurch as we approach the game as underdogs. I believe they are a good team and have pace to hurt us, but this is an opportunity to show just how good we can be against a Wessex Premier side.

It's an opportunity to embrace, not fear. UTT

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TODAY'S OPPOSITION

Christchurch FC



Club History

Founded in 1885, Christchurch FC are celebrating 138 years in local football and can claim to be one of the pioneers of Hampshire League soccer, as they were founder members of the Hampshire Football Association in 1887. Christchurch's first honours on local soccer fields came in 1893 when they won the Hampshire Junior Cup. The team was then known locally as the "Can't Whack Ems". In 1970 Christchurch became the first club to win the Bournemouth Senior Cup 3 times in successive seasons. Christchurch won the Bournemouth Pickford Cup in 1977 and in 1987 won the Hampshire Intermediate Cup. Christchurch's long association with Barrack Road Recreation ground, in the centre of the town, ended at the start of the 1984/85 season when the club moved to Hurn Bridge.

Christchurch gained admission to the Wessex League in the 1987/88 season. At the start of the 1995/96 season, the club built a new 200 seat cantilever stand. Christchurch Football Club now has 11 teams under its umbrella operating at all levels from 8 years to men's teams, with a thriving ladies' team too. Season 2011/12 was one of the best ever at the club at senior level with the 1st team finishing in their highest SWL position, an excellent 3rd place with their highest ever points total of 85 points, reaching the final of the Russell Cotes Cup, winning the Sydenham League Cup beating local rivals Brockenhurst, and topping the Sydenham Fair Play League in the season.

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Club History

Unfortunately, at the end of a turbulent season in 2014/15 the first team were relegated to Division 1. Near the beginning of 2015/2016 season Ollie Cherrett and Chris Hart replaced the previous management team. Although an immediate return to the Premier Division did not occur, the set up at the football club progressed immensely. Season 2017/2018 was successful, with the first team winning the Sydenham Football League (Wessex) First division, returning to Premier Division for 2018/2019 season.

In the Covid-19 curtailed season saw us have a good FA Cup run reaching the 3rd Qualifying Round beating Northern Premier League leaders Gloucester City enroute before losing to Dulwich Hamlet of the Southern Premier League on penalties in front of the BBC cameras which was broadcast live to the nation.

Now in season 2024/25, big changes are happening with the set-up of a new development centre which will see players be able to progress up through the Christchurch ranks. The Club also appointed Wayne Crutcher & Christer Warren to the 1st team helm, following a successful time at Wimborne Town FC Reserves.

Time moved on and so did Wayne and Christer, so Brad Gale stepped up as interim manager with Ryan Lilley as his assistant. He is now a permanent manager with Ryan and Adam Holmes alongside him.

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Out of respect for...

At Tuesday night's game 4th Aug we paid our respects to the late Peter Trebilco, former chairman in 1995-96 and U18s manager, with a minutes silence.

We would like to thank everyone connected with Hamworthy United FC and all those around the ground for the respect shown.



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Results

Date	H/A	Opponents	Comp	Result	H	A	Scorers
Sat 01-Aug	H	AFC Aldermaston	Wx Lg1	Draw	2	2	Bradwell, May
Tue 04-Aug	H	Newport (IOW)	HSC	Won	3	0	Correia (2), Bradwell
Sat 08-Aug	A	Whitchurch Utd	Wx Lg1	Lost	1	2	Harris
Tue 04-Aug	H	Ham Utd	Wx Lg1	Draw	1	1	Vint (pen)
Sat 15-Aug	H	Frimley Green	Wx Lg1	Won	3	2	Harris (2), Bradwell



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FIXTURES COMING UP

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team
HSC	18/08/26 19:45	Ringwood Town 	VS  Christchurch
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
FAV	12/09/26 15:00	Ringwood Town 	VS  Hamworthy United
DIV1	16/09/26 19:45	New Milton Town 	VS  Ringwood Town



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Today's Squads

Tue 18th August 2026
KO 7.45pm

Hampshire Senior Cup
Round One



RINGWOOD TOWN FC

All red

Felix Bruce	
Issac Jackson	
Ben Bradwell	
Josh Ridland	
Lee Vint	
Cal Whitelaw	
Luke Pothas	
Denys Tysplakov	
Danny May	
Riley Claxton	
Hugh Dathan	
Pat Correia	
Ollie Brown	
Ben Harris	
Harry Sarjeant	
Zach Bennett	

MANAGER: FRAN MATHERS

Assistant Manager: Oscar Easton

Christchurch FC

Blue shirts, black shorts & socks

Angel Younger	
Hamza Bakkali	
Marcus Smith	
Muhammed Jammeh	
Owen Miller	
Sammy Manners	
Taylor Broadley	
Adwell Chipangura	
Callum Hockton	
Connor Ford	
Rody Shahi	
Brandon Hamerston	
Eder Batista	
Harry Ruscoe	
Harry Dillon	
Tymek Famurat	

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Coaches: Ryan Lilley, Adam Holmes

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Assistant: JAYDON SMITH



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