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WELLINGTON AFC Club History

Formed in 1892, we are proud to be a three-star FA Accredited Club and run more than 30 teams, providing football for hundreds and men, women, boys and girls throughout the season.

Initially, the club played in leagues based around Taunton and Tiverton. In the early 1960s, we gained promotion to the Somerset Senior League and succeeded in achieving Western League status in 1978 which has been retained ever since, making us one of the league's longest continuously serving members.

Since entering entered the Western League in the First Division, we have played at Premier Division level from 1981-82 to 1984-85 and 2008-09 to 2010-11. The team were then promoted as First Division champions at the end of the 2016-17 season and have since remained in the Premier Division.

In their first season back in the Premier Division, the team finished a creditable 15th and also reached the semi-finals of the Somerset Premier Cup. The side, who ended up 15th in 2022-23, are now managed by Richard Cherry, assisted by long-serving defender Jack Bown-Porter.

We have four other senior sides - the Reserves in the Devon and Exeter League's Division One, the A team in the Taunton Saturday League's Division One and the Ladies, who have two teams in the Somerset County Women's League.

We run 23 teams in our youth and minis with both boys and girls playing from the age of eight right through to 18 - along with coaching for even younger children.

We also have a thriving Disability section with two adult sides and a youth team.

Off the pitch, Wellington AFC play a major role in the local community – we are home to a large number of skittles and darts teams and our social facilities are in use throughout the year for a wide range of events staged by local organisations, registered charities and individuals.

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Saturday 6th January – kick-off – 3.00pm

Toolstation Western League Premier Division

WELLINGTON v NAILSEA & TICKENHAM

Sunday 7th January – kick-off – 2.00pm

Somerset County Women's League – Div Two South

WELLINGTON LADIES v COMBE ST NICHOLAS LADIES

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NEXT GAMES FOR THE FIRST TEAM TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

**Saturday 30th December – kick-off – 3.00pm
STREET v WELLINGTON**

**Saturday 6th January – kick-off – 3.00pm
WELLINGTON v NAILSEA & TICKENHAM**

**Saturday 20th January – kick-off 3.00pm
WELLINGTON v OLDLAND ABBOTONIANS**



2024



The Committee, Players and everybody connected with Wellington AFC would like to wish our supporters and their families a Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you at the Playing Field in 2024



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Thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Jumpers Day and donated so generously to the collection for St Margaret's Hospice. A total of £113.58 was raised to support this very worthy cause.

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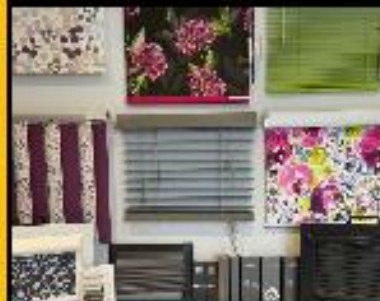
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WELLINGTON FIRST TEAM SQUAD – 2023-2024 SEASON



Rear, from left, Rob Hall, Mike Hall (chairman), Glen Wright, Nathan Byrne, Rhys Williams, Jordan Hayman, Shay Allen, Mark Cornish, Ryan Hibbert, Ryan Brereton, Graham Aspin (vice-chairman), Alan Shire (president and sponsor).

Front, Beckham Pyatt, Lewis Jennings, Josh Lukins, Tom Burt, Zack Bevan (strength and conditioning coach), Tom Stone (captain), Richard Cherry (manager), Jack Bown-Porter (assistant player-coach), James Cottrill, Nico Cottle, Lauren Watts (sports therapist).

MATCH REPORT
MILLBROOK 0 2 WELLINGTON

A pair of first half goals from striker Josh Baker gave Wellington their second league win of the season in Cornwall on Saturday, December 16th.

Millbrook have yet to register a point this season but put up a good fight on a heavy pitch which made it a difficult afternoon for both sides.

The Tangerines had a pre-match boost with midfielder Sam Towler rejoining the club from Bridgwater United and they dominated the first half.

Baker, twice, and Lewis Jennings went close before they broke the deadlock in spectacular fashion on the half-hour. Nathan Byrne fed Baker out on the left and he produced a superb curler which dipped just inside the far angle.

Wellington nearly doubled their lead eight minutes later as a Byrne shot was saved by keeper Jamie Dudley and Kieran Ireland shot wide from the rebound.

But they were not to be denied and Baker struck again four minutes before the break, shooting home after a looping header by Jennings had come back off the bar.

Millbrook took the game to the visitors in the second half without forcing keeper Shay Allen into serious action.

It was Wellington who went closest to scoring as Towler almost marked his return with a goal eight minutes from time, his 25-yard free kick smacking against the post.

The result lifted the Tangerines two more places away from the bottom of the table – with the league having stated that only one team will be relegated this season.

ACTION SHOTS FROM MILLBROOK GAME
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TODAY'S VISITORS BRIDGWATER UNITED

We extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of neighbours Bridgwater United for today's Toolstation League Premier Division game.

A Brief History of Senior Football in Bridgwater

Background:

Early attempts to establish a senior association football club in the rugby stronghold of Bridgwater failed to attract supporters, were beset with financial woes and were thus short-lived. It was not until after the Second World War that solid foundations for a club were finally laid. A group of enthusiasts formed **Crown Dynamo FC** in 1946 based at a public house in St John Street. The team quickly gained a substantial following and became the forerunner of **Bridgwater Town AFC**.

The purchase of land off Bristol Road for a home ground [Castlefield], the backing of a large supporters' organisation and the support of prominent local businessmen, who became directors enabled the club to flourish. Soon the club owned a portfolio of residential property and was able to offer a house, a job and a good part-time wage to prospective footballers. This enabled the club to attract many ex-Football League professionals and field strong, competitive teams, which enjoyed great success as one of the Western League's leading sides. Two Western League championship mantles, cup final wins and thrilling runs in the FA Cup and FA Trophy were experienced throughout the 1960s, 70s and 80s. In 1982 Bridgwater Town AFC became members of the Southern League. However, it all came to an abrupt end in June 1984 when substantial debts forced the club into voluntary liquidation.

A New Beginning:


New club, **Bridgwater Town 1984 FC** was quickly established by a band of loyal supporters: and from humble beginnings worked all the way back up

from Somerset County League origins to attaining Southern League membership inside a twenty-three year timespan. On the way the club enjoyed a hat-trick of Somerset County League titles, a Screwfix Western League Division 1 championship and two Les Phillips Cup Final wins. As members of the Southern League, they reached the Final of the League Cup (2009) and were beaten finalists in the promotion play-offs (2010).

However, after 2010 leaner times returned, eventually leading to relegation in 2017. Returning to Step 5 level once more, the club remains ambitious, with the aim of competing strongly for the title and regaining its previous status. The club's ambitions received a massive boost during the early part of 2021 as it merged with Yeovil United FC to become **Bridgwater United FC**. Now, with a new club status, ownership and business model, plans are at an advanced stage to make the club a real community asset - not just for the town of Bridgwater but for the whole of Somerset.

2021/22 was a success clinching the Les Phillips Cup with a 1-0 victory over Cadbury Heath at Wells City FC along with a number of other cup wins for the Women's squad and youth teams. Last season tailed off after a fantastic start, reaching the FA Vase Fifth round was the highlight but in front of a decent attendance and with a number of players missing United succumbed to a 1-0 defeat against the eventual winners Ascot United. In the Toolstation Western League the team finished fourth, Mousehole winning the league with Saltash United runners-up and Barnstaple Town 3rd, 6 points above the Robins. The Bridgwater United league record was **P36 W20 D9 L7 F 84 A41 Points 69**.

Soon after the season finished Adam Murry sold the club to IT entrepreneur **Ian Davis** who has many exciting plans to take the club forward, but promotion has to be achieved first. A number of new recruits have joined the ranks as United look to return to Step 4 and the Southern League South & West. Andy Llewellyn is now spearheading the management following the shock dismissal of Dave Pearse.



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Tuesday 26th December 2023



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Tom Burt
Nathan Byrne
Alex Cherry
Mark Cornish
Jordan Hayman
Lewis Jennings
Josh Lukins
Sully McKenna
Gabriel Plant
Miles Quick
Tom Stone
Sam Towler
Rhys Williams
Glen Wright
Josh Young**

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BRIDGWATER UNITED

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TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION

RESULTS

Saturday 16th December

Barnstaple Town	1	1	Brixham
Buckland Athletic	3	1	Oldland Abbotonians
Falmouth Town	2	1	Saltash United
Helston Athletic	9	1	Welton Rovers
Millbrook	0	2	Wellington
Nailsea & Tickenham	3	3	Ilfracombe Town
Shepton Mallet	0	1	Clevedon Town
Torpoint Athletic	2	0	St Blazey

FIXTURES

Tuesday 26th December

Barnstaple Town	vs	Ilfracombe Town
Brixham	vs	Buckland Athletic
Clevedon Town	vs	Nailsea & Tickenham
Falmouth Town	vs	Helston Athletic
Saltash United	vs	St Blazey
Shepton Mallet	vs	Street
Torpoint Athletic	vs	Millbrook
Wellington	vs	Bridgwater United
Welton Rovers	vs	Oldland Abbotonians

Friday 29th December

Nailsea & Tickenham	vs	Welton Rovers
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Saturday 30th December

Bridgwater United	vs	Clevedon Town
Buckland Athletic	vs	Barnstaple Town
Helston Athletic	vs	Torpoint Athletic
Millbrook	vs	Falmouth Town
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Shepton Mallet
Street	vs	Wellington



**TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION
AS AT 16TH DECEMBER 2023**

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Helston Athletic	17	13	2	2	52	41
2	Clevedon Town	16	12	3	1	24	39
3	Bridgwater United	16	12	1	3	30	37
4	Buckland Athletic	17	9	4	4	28	31
5	Falmouth Town	14	9	3	2	19	30
6	Brixham AFC	18	8	5	5	22	29
7	Torpoint Athletic	18	8	4	6	1	28
8	Street	17	7	5	5	3	26
9	Shepton Mallet	16	7	4	5	4	25
10	Barnstaple Town	13	6	6	1	15	24
11	St Blazey	18	5	5	8	-7	20
12	Ilfracombe Town	16	5	4	7	-2	19
13	Nailsea & Tickenham	17	6	1	10	-9	19
14	Welton Rovers	15	3	4	8	-13	13
15	Wellington	18	2	5	11	-35	11
16	Oldland Abbotonians	16	3	0	13	-29	9
17	Saltash United	16	2	2	12	-19	8
18	Millbrook	14	0	0	14	-84	0



**SOMERSET PREMIER CUP 2023-2024
QUARTER FINAL DRAW**

We have an away draw in the quarter-finals for the Somerset Premier Cup with a visit to Larkhall Athletic of the Southern League Division One South. The match will be played during the week commencing February 12th.

Other ties:

Clevedon Town v Brislington or Bishop Sutton

Taunton Town v Bridgwater United

Bath City (holders) v Weston-Super-Mare

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2022-2023 SEASON FIXTURES & RESULTS**

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	RESULT	
29/07/23	A	Prem	Helston Athletic	2	2
01/08/23	A	Prem	Shepton Mallet	2	0
05/08/23	H	FAC	Bideford	0	2
12/08/23	A	Prem	Torpoint Athletic	2	1
15/03/23	A	Prem	Nailsea & Tickenham	4	0
26/08/23	H	FAV	Okehampton Argyle	0	3
29/08/23	A	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	1	1
02/09/23	A	Prem	Saltash United	4	1
09/09/23	A	Prem	Falmouth Town	8	0
16/09/23	H	Prem	St Blazey	1	1
30/09/23	H	Prem	Welton Rovers	1	1
04/10/23	H	SPC	Odd Down (Bath)	5	3
07/10/23	A	Prem	Barnstaple Town	6	0
14/10/23	H	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	1	3
21/10/23	A	Prem	Clevedon Town	5	0
25/10/23	H	LPC	Ilfracombe Town	2	3
28/10/23	H	Prem	Brixham	1	5
11/11/23	A	Prem	St Blazey	5	3
21/11/23	A	SPC	Cheddar	2	4
25/11/23	H	Prem	Torpoint Athletic	2	2
02/12/23	A	Prem	Buckland Athletic	1	1
09/12/23	H	Prem	Barnstaple Town	2	3
16/12/23	A	Prem	Millbrook	0	2
26/12/23	H	Prem	Bridgwater United	1.00pm	
30/12/23	A	Prem	Street		
06/01/24	H	Prem	Nailsea & Tickenham		
13/01/24	No game at present				
20/01/24	H	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians		
27/01/24	H	Prem	Clevedon Town		

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	RESULT
03/02/24	A	Prem	Welton Rovers	
10/02/24	H	Prem	Shepton Mallet	
17/02/24	H	Prem	Buckland Athletic	
24/02/24	H	Prem	Falmouth Town	
02/03/24	No game at present			
09/03/24	A	Prem	Brixham	
16/03/24	H	Prem	Millbrook	
23/03/24	H	Prem	Saltash United	
29/03/24	A	Prem	Bridgwater United	Good Friday
01/04/24	H	Prem	Street	Easter Monday
06/04/24	H	Prem	Helston Athletic	
13/04/24	No game at present			
20/04/24	A	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians	

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WELLINGTON RESERVES SQUAD – 2023/2024



Rear from left, Adrian Ridgeway (kit man), Aaron Hawkings, Connor Noble, Jordan Sellick, Ned Ogilvie, Steve Butler (goalkeeping coach), Luke Perry, Alfie Barratt, Jake Nichol, Sam Poole, Adrian Rowland (sponsor).

Front, Ollie Nott, Dylan Groves, Tom Hawkings (coach), Mark Owen (player-manager), Tom Davies (captain), Mike Owen (joint manager), Ken Pearson (physio), Aaron Merry, Wes Poulson.

AROUND THE CLUB

Stitch2Print Devon & Exeter League Div One

It was another game of missed chances in their last game on Saturday, December 16th, when the **Reserves** suffered an odd goal defeat as they went down 1 -0 at home to Hatherleigh Town.

Playing their first game in over three weeks, the Reserves started well on a very heavy pitch. But, unfortunately on 20 minutes, Hatherleigh scored the only goal of the game from a speculative shot from just inside the box.

The Reserves had a great chance to equalise 10 minutes later when Rohan Poulson collected the ball, went around the keeper but somehow managed to hit a defender sliding on the line with the ball deflecting on to the post.

Just before half-time Wes Poulson was sent off and the Reserves were forced to make some changes at the break and as a result dominated the second half with again many chances being missed.

The Reserves now have a break until they welcome Newton St Cyres to the Playing Field on Saturday, 13th January, with a 2.15pm kick-off.

West Country Drainage Services Taunton Saturday League Div One

There was better news from our **A Team** who will be top of the table for Christmas after winning 4-2 away to Bridgwater Sports with goals from man-of-the-match Tom Scarlett (two), Alfie Hill and Connor Porter.

Their next game is away to Wellington Road Dons on Saturday, December 30th, at Fivehead Village Hall with a 2.00pm kick-off.

Western Counties Floodlight Youth League – South Div

Due to weather conditions, the **Under 18s** have not played since their 8-1 win at home over Winscombe at the end of November.

They are away to Wells City on January 9th which marks the start of six league games away as they only have one home league game left this season.

Somerset County Women's League

Div One

The **Wildcats** last played at the end of November when they beat Sydenham Rangers Blue 3-0 at the Playing Field. Their goals came from Robyn Stockman, Grace Winter and Ella Hartley.

They next play on Sunday, January 7th, when they visit Nailsea United Ladies First.

Div Two South

In their last game on December 10th, the **Ladies** lost 3-0 at home against Wincanton Ladies.

Their next game is at home to Combe St Nicholas Ladies on Sunday, January 7th, with a 2.00pm kick-off.



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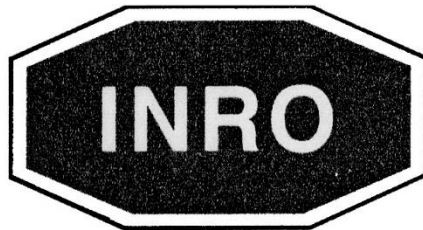
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Bridgwater United kickstarted the weekend with a 2-0 derby day victory over **Street**, helping them to complete a season double over the Cobblers. The game was decided in a three-minute spell at the end of the first half, with the league's top goal-getter Jack Thorne ending a quiet run for himself with a huge goal in front of the large Friday night crowd in attendance at Fairfax Park.

On Saturday afternoon, **Helston** strengthened their position atop the ladder with a thumping 9-1 win at home to **Welton**. The home side made a storming start to the contest, going two up inside the opening ten minutes through Rikki Sheppard and Curtis Damerell. Quickfire goals from Jacob Smith and Tom Payne strengthened the hosts dominance, making it 4-0 after 29 minutes, before Welton struck early in the second half. Any chances of a fightback were brought to an abrupt halt by Sheppard, with Helston's leading marksman finishing off back-to-back attacks to complete his hat-trick and make it 6-1. The home side didn't let up, continuing to add to their tally in the closing stages, with Kai Cornish's brace and a Dave Barker effort wrapping up the scoring.

Clevedon Town gained revenge from their recent defeat at the hands of **Shepton Mallet**, scoring in stoppage time to take home a 1-0 victory from their visit to Old Wells Road. Having suffered their only league defeat so far this season against the same opponent ten days previously, the Seasiders pinched all three points in the return fixture with Syd Camper heading home Freddie King's free kick to bring up his half century of goals for the club.

The other away side to take home three points were **Wellington**, with Josh Baker's brace at the end of the first half leading them to a 2-0 win at **Millbrook**.

The game of the day took place at Fryth Way, where **Nailsea & Tickenham** shared six goals with their Devonian visitors from **Ilfracombe**. A Lloyd Mills' goal midway through the first half put the Swags two to the good following on from Luke Osgood's fourth minute effort. Ilfracombe finished the opening period on top however, and after getting back into the game through Dan Wilson, they then grabbed a share of the spoils courtesy of Blake Shapland. A further goal from Jack Magarotto gave Town an opportunity to leave with all three points, but Mills managed to score his second of the contest to hand Nailsea their first draw of the entire season.

The points were also shared between top-half rivals **Barnstaple** and **Brixham**, with Aaron Wellington levelling for the visitors to cancel out Brodie Montague's excellent headed effort on the half hour mark.

Torpoint returned to winning ways in their home clash with **St Blazey**, scoring twice before the break to claim their eighth victory of the campaign. A fifth minute header from Ryan Smith gave Torpoint the dream start, with the same man then adding his second from long range to wrap up the victory at the Mill.

Elsewhere in Cornwall, two recent additions helped **Falmouth** claim a 2-1 win over **Saltash**. Having also notched in their previous league win, Rubin Wilson opened the scoring for Falmouth, only for the Ashes to draw level in the opening minute of the second half through Jake Curtis. It was then left to another new signing, Oscar Massey, to secure victory for the home side, with the debutant making it 2-1 less than 48 hours after joining the club following a recent spell at Barnstaple.

Over in Devon, **Buckland Athletic** reached the 30-point mark for the season thanks to a 3-1 win over **Oldland Abbotonians**. Top scorer Jared Lewington broke the deadlock inside quarter of an hour before Ryan Bush then tucked home a penalty after he had been felled inside the area. Despite being reduced to ten men, the Abbots hit back midway through the second half, only for Lewington to respond instantly, scoring his second of the afternoon to wrap up victory for the Bucks.

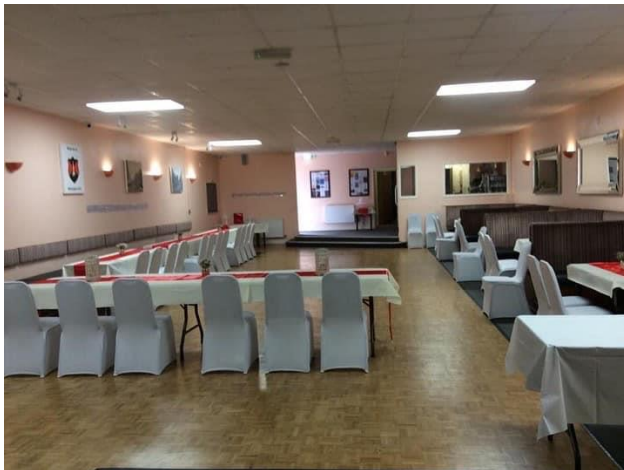
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