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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.

TODAY'S MATCH SPONSOR



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NEXT GAMES FOR THE FIRST TEAM Toolstation Western League – Premier Division

Saturday 3rd February – kick-off – 3.00pm WELTON ROVERS v WELLINGTON

Saturday 10th February – kick-off – 3.00pm WELLINGTON v SHEPTON MALLET

Somerset Premier Cup – Quarter-final Wednesday 14th February – kick-off 7.45pm LARKHALL ATHLETIC v WELLINGTON

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Wellington AFC are very grateful to A J Shire Electrical Services for continuing to sponsor our first team in the Toolstation Western League premier division this season and Alan Shire, who is also club president, is pictured, right, with captain Tom Stone and chairman Mike Hall



NEXT GAMES AT THE PLAYING FIELD Sunday 28th January – kick-off – 2.00pm WELLINGTON LADIES v PORLOCK LADIES

Saturday 3^{rd} February – kick-off – 2.30pm WELLINGTON RESERVES v OTTERY ST MARY 2^{ND}

Sunday 4th February – kick-off -2.00pm WELLINGTON WILDCATS v PORTISHEAD LADIES RESERVES

> Saturday 10th February – kick-off – 3.00pm WELLINGTON v SHEPTON MALLET



Our next Past Players' Reunion will take place at the firstteam's home game v Buckland Athletic on Saturday, February 17th.

Tickets cost £12.50 which includes a fish and chips lunch with a drink and entry to the match.

The get-together starts at 1pm with lunch at 1.45pm.

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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 WELLINGTON 1 5 NAILSEA & TICKENHAM

The First Team last played on Saturday January 6th when their improved form deserted them as they went down to a heavy home defeat against Nailsea & Tickenham. The home game against Oldland Abbotonians last Saturday and the away game at Street on Tuesday both fell victim of the weather conditions.

Richard Cherry's side started well enough and led early on, but they were never able to recover from leaking four goals either side of half-time. Cherry was without several players through injury and illness but was able to call on striker Josh Baker and Nathan Byrne, both dual registered with Willand Rovers whose game was postponed.

Both sides struck the woodwork in the opening five minutes with Nailsea striker Lucas Vowles seeing a shot come back off the inside of the post before Baker sent an overhead kick against the top of the bar at the other end.

It was the Tangerines who made the breakthrough after 11 minutes as another overhead kick by Baker was blocked, coming out to Sam Towler and his carefully placed shot gave the keeper no chance. The hosts were now in their stride with midfielder Jamie Nicholson – in his final game before returning to his studies in Canada – going close on two occasions.

But they were stunned as Nailsea produced two goals in three minutes shortly after the half-hour mark. Vowles rose to head home after 32 minutes – despite a desperate effort from keeper Shay Allen with the referee's assistant ruling the ball had crossed the line – and then Oliver Carter scrambled home a second shortly afterwards.

Things went from bad to worse for Wellington as the second half got under way with Nailsea continuing a remarkable turnaround with two more quick goals, both from Luke Osgood. Two minutes after the restart, he produced a fine individual effort, flicking the ball around a defender before shooting low past Allen, and shortly afterwards he converted a low cross at the far post. Nailsea then extended their lead on the hour mark as Vowles curled in a low shot for his second of the game.

The Tangerines huffed and puffed to get back into the game, with Cherry using all five subs, but they were unable to make any inroads into the deficit.

Man-of-the-match Towler went closest with a blistering volley which was well saved. He is pictured below with supporter Phil Conn who kindly sponsored the game



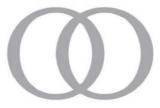
ACTION SHOTS FROM NAILSEA & TICKENHAM GAME (Courtesy of Around Wellington)











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TODAY'S VISITORS CLEVEDON TOWN

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

Clevedon FC are one of the oldest clubs in the West Country and were founder members of the Western League in 1892, having played friendlies and in county competitions up to that point. They only stayed in the Western League for 3 seasons before dropping into local leagues until returning for a second spell up until World War One. They played their early matches at the local cricket ground at Dial Hill before moving to a new site at Old Street (later named Teignmouth Road) in 1895, remaining there until 1992. After the Great War, they played in the Bristol & District and Bristol & Suburban Leagues before moving to the more senior Somerset Senior League in 1933, staying there until the outbreak of the Second World War. They continued to play throughout the war years, mainly in local leagues, before returning to the Western League after the war, remaining there, other than for one spell away, until they won the League title for the first time ever in 1992/93, when they were elected to the Southern League.

The period after World War 2 was to be one of their best spells and they achieved some national recognition for their exploits in the FA Amateur Cup during the 1950's in particular. For a small West Country club they enjoyed many excellent runs in that competition, playing some of the then giants of the amateur game such as Harwich and Parkeston, Pegasus and Billingham Synthonia, even enjoying a cameo appearance on the emerging television network, with notable victories being achieved against Salisbury, Briggs Sports and Ilford. It was in cup competitions that Clevedon had already gained success and they won the Somerset Senior Cup several times throughout their early history, going on to win the more senior Somerset Premier Cup as well in the 1980's and 90's.

Clevedon spent much of their history playing at junior level, during their early years and in the 1960's, or in the more senior Western League competition. However, they finally achieved the next stage of their development when they won the Western League in 1992/93 and were promoted to the Southern League. The 1992/93 season also saw them move home for the first time in nearly a century when they moved to a purpose built stadium, The Hand Stadium, named after the Hand family who had been instrumental in the running of the club from the 1890's. In their first season at The Hand they went unbeaten and took their first Western League title, in front of an average gate of 421, breaking all kinds of scoring records on the way.

In their first ever season in the Southern League they finished in a very creditable fifth place under manager Steve Fey, all the more remarkable when considering that he took over the side in June with just three players remaining from the championship squad. The club settled into the Southern League and the 1998/99 season saw them win the Midlands Division and gain promotion to the Premier Division, where they remained for two seasons before suffering relegation. The club again gained promotion to the Premier Division under manager Phil Bater in 2006/07 and, in the same season, reached the 1st Round of the F A Cup for the first time in their long history, losing out to Chester City in front of a club record crowd of 2,261 at The Hand Stadium.

However, in common with many clubs, gates and income gradually fell and the club slipped back into Division One in 2009/10. Worse was to follow in summer 2011 when The Hand Stadium was sold outright and the club found themselves as tenants of their former home. There was however some success to cheer in 2011/12 when the club won the Red Insure Southern League Cup beating Premier Division team Banbury United 2-1 on aggregate under manager Micky Bell. Despite finishing 18th in 2014/15 Clevedon Town were demoted back to the Western League due to problems with their floodlights but the club is looking to build new foundations and emerge on a more stable basis. In October 2015 a sponsorship deal was agreed with a personal fitness company and the Hand Stadium was renamed The Everyone Active Stadium.

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TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE

RESULTS Saturday 20th January 2024 PREMIER DIVISION

Brixham AFC	2-2	Street
Helston Athletic	2-0	Shepton Mallet
Nailsea & Tickenham	9-0	Millbrook
Saltash United	1-0	Clevedon Town
St Blazey	2-1	Barnstaple Town
Torpoint Athletic	2-0	Buckland Athletic

FIXTURES Saturday 27th January 2024 PREMIER DIVISION

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





TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION AS AT 13TH JANUARY 2024

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Helston Athletic	21	16	2	3	58	50
2	Clevedon Town	22	15	3	4	26	48
3	Bridgwater United	20	14	1	5	30	43
4	Buckland Athletic	22	11	5	6	31	38
5	Falmouth Town	17	11	3	3	23	36
6	Barnstaple Town	18	9	7	2	23	34
7	Torpoint Athletic	22	10	4	8	1	34
8	Brixham AFC	21	8	8	5	22	32
9	Shepton Mallet	20	9	5	6	5	32
10	Street	22	8	7	7	3	31
11	St Blazey	22	8	5	9	-6	29
12	Nailsea & Tickenham	21	9	1	11	4	28
13	Ilfracombe Town	19	5	7	7	-2	22
14	Saltash United	21	4	3	14	-18	15
15	Welton Rovers	18	3	4	11	-23	13
16	Oldland Abbotonians	19	4	0	15	-35	12
17	Wellington	20	2	5	13	-40	11
18	Millbrook	19	1	0	18	-102	3



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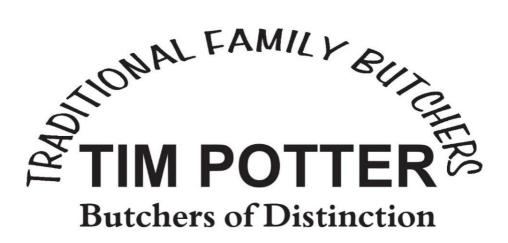
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TOOLSTATION LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 2022-2023 SEASON FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	H/A	СОМР	OPPOSITION	RESUL	T
29/07/23	А	Prem	Helston Athletic	2	2
01/08/23	А	Prem	Shepton Mallet	2	0
05/08/23	Н	FAC	Bideford	0	2
12/08/23	А	Prem	Torpoint Athletic	2	1
15/03/23	А	Prem	Nailsea & Tickenham	4	0
26/08/23	Н	FAV	Okehampton Argyle	0	3
29/08/23	А	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	1	1
02/09/23	А	Prem	Saltash United	4	1
09/09/23	А	Prem	Falmouth Town	8	0
16/09/23	Н	Prem	St Blazey	1	1
30/09/23	Н	Prem	Welton Rovers	1	1
04/10/23	Н	SPC	Odd Down (Bath)	5	3
07/10/23	А	Prem	Barnstaple Town	6	0
14/10/23	Н	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	1	3
21/10/23	А	Prem	Clevedon Town	5	0
25/10/23	Н	LPC	Ilfracombe Town	2	3
28/10/23	Н	Prem	Brixham	1	5
11/11/23	А	Prem	St Blazey	5	3
21/11/23	А	SPC	Cheddar	2	4
25/11/23	Н	Prem	Torpoint Athletic	2	2
02/12/23	А	Prem	Buckland Athletic	1	1
09/12/23	Н	Prem	Barnstaple Town	2	3
16/12/23	А	Prem	Millbrook	0	2
26/12/23	Н	Prem	Bridgwater United	1	2
06/01/24	Н	Prem	Nailsea & Tickenham	1	5
23/01/24	А	Prem	Street	7.30pr	n
27/01/24	Н	Prem	Clevedon Town		
03/02/24	А	Prem	Welton Rovers		
10/02/24	н	Prem	Shepton Mallet		
14/02/24	А	SPC	Larkhall Athletic	7.45pr	n
17/02/24	Н	Prem	Buckland Athletic		

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	RESULT	
24/02/24	н	Prem	Falmouth Town		
02/03/24	No gai	me at pr	resent		
09/03/24	А	Prem	Brixham		
16/03/24	Н	Prem	Millbrook		
23/03/24	Н	Prem	Saltash United		
29/03/24	А	Prem	Bridgwater United	Good Friday	
01/04/24	Н	Prem	Street	Easter Monday	
06/04/24	Н	Prem	Helston Athletic		
13/04/24	No game at present				
20/04/24	А	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians		
TBA	Н	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians		

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WELLINGTON RESERVES SQUAD - 2023/2024



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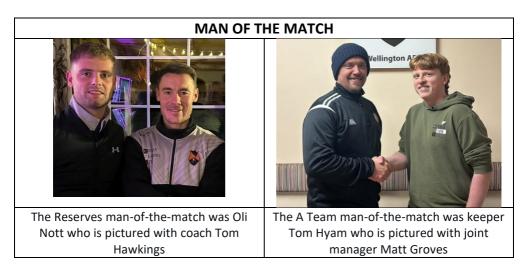
Front, Ollie Nott, Dylan Groves, Tom Hawkings (coach), Mark Owen (player-manager), Tom Davies (captain), Mike Owen (joint manager), Ken Pearson (physio), Aaron Merry, Wes Poulsom.

AROUND THE CLUB Stitch2Print Devon & Exeter League – Div One LYMPSTONE 1ST 1 3 WELLINGTON RESERVES

The Reserves faced a challenging visit to Lympstone last Saturday, January 20th, for a game played in difficult windy conditions. The first goal came after ten minutes a cross from Oli Nott reached Rohan Poulsom who drove into the box, a Lympstone defender turned the ball into his own net. The lead was shortlived as Lympstone were awarded a disputed which they converted. Wellington struck back straight away with Nott again playing a fine ball in between the central defenders for Poulsom to run on and knock it past the keeper. With the wind really playing a part, the third goal came from a pass by Nott to Poulsom into the top corner to give Wellington a 3-1 lead at the break. The second half was always going to be a different game with the wind now in the Wellington players' faces but they created the better chances and defended and battled for every ball. When the home team did get a chance, Charlie Hawkings in goal was on fine form.

The Reserves are away to Teignmouth 2nd this afternoon.

West Country Drainage Services Taunton Saturday League – Div One Our A team are still top of division one in the West Country Drainage Services Taunton & District Football League after drawing 1-1 away to second placed Bridgwater Wolves in their last game. Their goal scorer was Alfie Hill. Their game at home to Norton Fitzwarren last Saturday was postponed as the Recreation Ground pitch was frozen.



This afternoon they are away to Wembdon Reserves

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WELLINGTON A SQUAD 2023/2024



Rear from left, Sam Scarlett, Will Powell, Tom Scarlett, Brad Holmans, Sean Conway, Tom Hyam, Connor Porter, Nathan Roberts, Ed Baker, Reegan Scotcher.

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AROUND THE CLUB Cont Western Counties Floodlight Youth League

In their last game on Tuesday January 9th, the Under 18s welcomed premier division Bishops Lydeard to the Playing Field for a second round Roger Stone Memorial Cup game. They put in a solid performance but unfortunately lost 3-1. Their last two scheduled games away to Axminster and Yeovil Town have fallen victim to the weather. They are due to play away to Chard Town Under 18s on Tuesday, January 30th.

Somerset County Women's League Division One

WELLINGTON WILDCATS 0 1 NAILSEA UNITED

Playing down the slope with the wind behind them in the first half, the Wildcats found the Nailsea defence in top form last Sunday. Similarly, Wildcats' back line were also in good form, limiting Nailsea's chances. Wildcats struggled to keep possession and this only seemed to spur on Nailsea who had number of opportunities saved well by keeper Bianca Hamlyn.

With ten minutes of the first half, remaining Nailsea grabbed what was to be the only goal of the game. A couple of loose tackles from Wildcats allowed Nailsea to get the ball wide to their winger, she raced into the area and, although her shot was kept out by Hamlyn, the ball fell to an unmarked striker to smash home.

Despite being down a goal, playing up the slope and into an ever-strengthening head wind, Wildcats had the better of the chances including a couple of very good chances go the wrong side of the left upright. Unfortunately, the result sees Nailsea leapfrog Wildcats in the table on goal difference.

Wildcats' player-of-the-day was goalkeeper Bianca Hamlyn.

Tomorrow afternoon they are away to Bishops Lydeard Reserves (kick-off 2.00pm)

Division Two South

In their last game on Sunday, January 14th, the Ladies fought hard but were defeated 6-0 at the Playing Field by a well organised Pen Mill.

Tomorrow, the Ladies are at home to Porlock Ladies 1st, kick-off 2.00pm

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It was a day of shocks on Saturday towards the top of the Premier Division, with three sides who started the day in the top six falling to defeat.

That included the previously table-topping **Clevedon** who were shocked by **Saltash** on their trip to South Cornwall. It has been a thoroughly disappointing season for the Ashes, but they picked up a moraleboosting victory over the Seasiders, with Joe Preece's goal three minutes into the second half securing all three points.

That result allowed **Helston** to jump into top spot, and they took full advantage, beating **Shepton Mallet** by two goals to nil. A wind-assisted opener from Steve Colwell put the hosts in front after 20 minutes, before Dave Barker also utilised the conditions to lob the visiting keeper from long range in a result which saw Helston become the first side to reach a half-century of points this term.

Barnstaple were another side to suffer a rare defeat, with their 2-1 loss at **St Blazey** just the second time they had ended up on the wrong end of the scoreline in their 18th match. The in-form George Newton fired St Blazey ahead after only six minutes, with a close-range finish from Jed Smale then putting the home side two goals to the good midway through the first half. Town pushed hard during the remainder of the contest, but only managed to force home a stoppage time consolation courtesy of Stu Bowker.

Fourth-placed **Buckland** were also defeated on Saturday afternoon, conceding twice in the final 15 minutes during a 2-0 loss at **Torpoint.** In what turned out to be a tight contest, Torpoint took the lead in slightly fortunate circumstances in the 76th minute with a cross-come-shot from

James Rowe fooled the visiting the keeper and nestled in the back of the net. That goal was followed shortly after by a second from Ryan Richards who beat the offside trap before slotting home his 16th league goal of the campaign.

Elsewhere, Luke Osgood and Harry Pruett both struck twice during **Nailsea & Tickenham's** thumping 9-0 win over bottom-side **Millbrook**, while **Brixham** staged a late fightback to draw 2-2 with **Street**. After the Cobblers struck twice in quick succession midway through the second half, Brixham halved the deficit late on through Ben Aldous, before securing a share of the spoils thanks to Kieran Parkin's stoppage time equaliser



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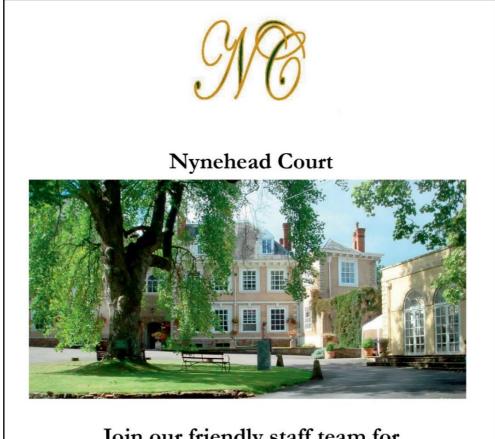


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