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Somerset Girls Football League**

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RICHARD CHERRY – First Team Manager

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NYIMA TOURAY – Ladies Team Manager



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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Tuesday 9th January – kick-off – 7.30pm

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Saturday 13th January – kick-off – 2.15pm

WELLINGTON RESERVES V NEWTON ST CYRES

Sunday 14th January – kick-off – 2.00pm

WELLINGTON LADIES v PEN MILL LADIES RESERVES

Saturday 20th January – kick-off – 3.00pm

WELLINGTON v OLDLAND ABBOTONIANS

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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 FOR THE FIRST TEAM

Toolstation Western League – Premier Division

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

**Tuesday 23rd January – kick-off – 7.30pm
STREET v WELLINGTON**

**Saturday 27th January – kick-off – 3.00pm
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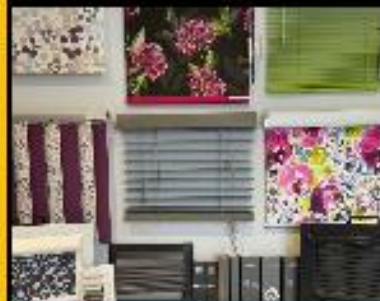
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WELLINGTON FIRST TEAM SQUAD – 2023-2024 SEASON



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

WELLINGTON

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BRIDGWATER UNITED

Wellington pushed promotion chasing Bridgwater United all the way before going down to an odd-goal defeat in front of a bumper Boxing Day crowd at the Playing Field.

After a disappointing start to the season, Richard Cherry's side have shown a marked improvement in recent weeks. And that continued with a wholehearted display which saw the visitors clinging on for the points in the closing stages.

Although they were without midfielder Glen Wright, the Tangerines' line up included Sam Towler, who rejoined the club recently from Bridgwater, and Jamie Nicholson, back home from Canada for Christmas and New Year.

The game started at a frantic pace and Wellington took a shock lead after only ten minutes when a low cross by Lewis Jennings found Sully McKenna completely unmarked to sidefoot home from eight yards.

Bridgwater, now managed by ex-Bristol City defender Andy Llewellyn, drew level nine minutes later as the hosts failed in a number of attempts to clear their lines and the ball broke to Jay Murray, who poked it past keeper Shay Allen.

The visitors then went ahead four minutes into the second half, although Wellington felt they should have been awarded a free kick as Ryan Brereton was bundled over before the ball was played forward to Murray who advanced and clinically doubled his tally.

That was the signal for the Tangerines take the game to Bridgwater and they launched wave after wave of attack without being able to make the breakthrough – even when their former defender Dave Thorne was sin binned for ten minutes.

They came so close to an equaliser in stoppage time as a goalbound shot from substitute Jordan Hayman smacked against a defender on the line before being cleared.

Despite the result, Wellington could hold their heads high at the final whistle.



Our man-of-the-match was skipper Tom Stone and he received the award from club stalwart Ken Pearson who sponsored the game with his family.

ACTION SHOTS FROM BRIDGWATER UNITED GAME *(Courtesy of Around Wellington)*







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TODAY'S VISITORS NAILSEA & TICKENHAM

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

At the end of the 2014/15 Football season a meeting took place between officials from Nailsea Town and Tickenham United Football Club. From this meeting it was agreed that the pooling of resources would present an opportunity to become the first club in Nailsea's history to offer Western League Football. Nailsea and Tickenham FC was born.

The previous nicknames of Nailsea Town and Tickenham Utd were the Swans and the Stags and a new nickname "The SWAGS" was created!


Since the merger, the club has finished in the top three of the Somerset County Premier Division, twice as Runners Up, also winning the Somerset County Cup on two occasions and Runners up in the Premier/First Division Cup Final. Our reserves are currently playing in the Somerset County League Division 1.

During this time the club has continued to make improvements to the ground at Fryth Way and acquired some portacabins from Bristol City's old training ground, which gave us the opportunity to open a new small clubhouse and bar, a new public toilet block, kitchen and club officials room.

In season 2021/22, the dream became a reality and our first team won the Somerset County Premier Division. This was a very special season as the team never lost a game, playing 30. Winning 25 and drawing just 5. In addition to this, they also won the Premier and 1st Division cup, presenting the club with the double by defeating Chilcompton 4-2 in the final.

Our first season of Western League football, which we knew would be a huge challenge was nothing less than amazing and saw us gain back-to-back promotions, finishing Runners up in Division One and holding a top three spot for most of the season.

The Premier Division is once again unknown territory for the club and we know it will present many challenges, and we will continue to face these head on and enjoy the journey.



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Saturday 6th January 2024



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Ryan Hibbert
Lewis Jennings
Josh Lukins
Sully McKenna
Jamie Nicholson
Gabriel Plant
Miles Quick
Flynn Smith
Tom Stone
Sam Towler
Rhys Williams
Glen Wright**

Manager – Richard Cherry

Asst Manager – Jack Bown-Porter

Coach – Nick Garlick

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Physio – Lauren Watts



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Scott Pilgrim
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Lucas Vowles**

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RESULTS

Saturday 30th December 2023

Bridgwater United	0	1	Clevedon Town
Buckland Athletic	0	1	Barnstaple Town
Helston Athletic	4	0	Torpoint Athletic
Millbrook	0	4	Falmouth Town

FIXTURES

Saturday 6th January 2024

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

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**TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	19	15	3	1	29	48
2	Helston Athletic	19	14	2	3	55	44
3	Bridgwater United	18	13	1	4	30	40
4	Falmouth Town	16	11	3	2	24	36
5	Buckland Athletic	20	10	5	5	28	35
6	Barnstaple Town	16	8	7	1	22	31
7	Torpoint Athletic	20	9	4	7	1	31
8	Brixham AFC	19	8	6	5	22	30
9	Shepton Mallet	17	8	4	5	5	28
10	Street	19	7	5	7	0	26
11	Ilfracombe Town	17	5	5	7	-2	20
12	St Blazey	19	5	5	9	-10	20
13	Nailsea & Tickenham	18	6	1	11	-11	19
14	Welton Rovers	15	3	4	8	-13	13
15	Saltash United	18	3	2	13	-17	11
16	Wellington	19	2	5	12	-36	11
17	Oldland Abbotonians	17	3	0	14	-35	9
18	Millbrook	17	1	0	16	-91	3



**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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**TOOLSTATION LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION
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	2
06/01/24	H	Prem	Nailsea & Tickenham		
13/01/24	No game at present				
20/01/24	H	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians		
23/01/24	A	Prem	Street	7.30pm	
27/01/24	H	Prem	Clevedon Town		
03/02/24	A	Prem	Welton Rovers		
10/02/24	H	Prem	Shepton Mallet		

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	RESULT
w/c 12/02/24	A	SPC	Larkhall Athletic	TBC
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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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

Upcoming Fixtures

Stitch2 Print Devon & Exeter League – Div One

Sat 13 th January	Wellington Reserves v Newton St Cyres (2.15pm)
Sat 20 th January	Lympstone 1 st v Wellington Reserves (2.15pm)
Sat 27 th January	Teignmouth 2 nd v Wellington Reserves (2.15pm)
Sat 3 rd February	Wellington Reserves v Ottery St Mary 2 nd (2.15pm)

West Country Drainage Services Taunton Saturday League – Div One

Sat 6 th January	Old Inn 98 v Wellington A (2.00pm)
Sat 13 th January	Bridgwater Wolves v Wellington A (2.00pm)

Western Counties Floodlight Youth League – South Div

Tues 9 th January	Wellington U18 v Bishops Lydeard U18 (7.30pm)
Thurs 18 th January	Axminster Town U18 v Wellington U18 (7.30pm)
Wed 24 th January	Yeovil Town U18 v Wellington U18 (7.30pm)
Mon 29 th January	Chard Town U18 v Wellington U18 (7.30pm)

Somerset County Women's League – Div One

Sun 7 th January	Nailsea Utd 1 st v Wellington Wildcats (2.00pm)
Sun 14 th January	Wellington Wildcats v Bishops Lydeard Res (2.00pm)
Sun 21 st January	Wellington Wildcats V Nailsea Utd 1 st (2.00pm)
Sun 28 th January	Bishops Lydeard Res v Wellington Wildcats (2.00pm)

Somerset County Women's League – Div Two South

Sun 7 th January	Wellington Ladies v Combe St Nicholas (2.00pm)
Sun 14 th January	Wellington Ladies v Pen Mill Res (2.00pm)
Sun 21 st January	Porlock 1 st v Wellington Ladies (2.00pm)
Sun 28 th January	Wellington Ladies v Porlock 1 st (2.00pm)

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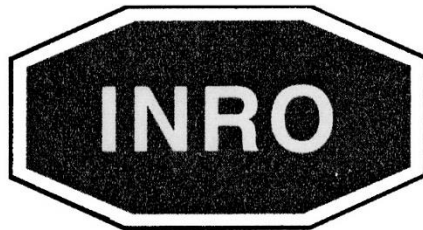
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On a wet and windy end to 2023, **Clevedon** finished top of the pile in the Western League thanks to their dramatic 1-0 win away at **Bridgwater**. The Seaside have suffered just one defeat this season, and toppled third-place Bridgwater thanks to a late winner from leading scorer Sam Beresford. With the game in the sixth minute of added time, Beresford reacted quickest to a loose ball in the box after teammate Elliot Nicholson had seen his shot come back off the crossbar.

Breathing down Clevedon's neck are **Helston Athletic** who rebounded from their Boxing Day defeat with a 4-0 defeat of **Torpoint**. In another Cornish Christmas derby, Helston came out with a point to prove in the first half, with Sam Carter firing them ahead in the 20th minute. Carter then turned provider, crossing for Jordan Bentley who doubled their advantage, with Bentley then adding his sides third ten minutes before the interval. With the game done and dusted, the second half was a quieter affair, and Curtis Damerell added the finishing touches five minutes from time to complete Helston's 4-0 victory.

Elsewhere in Cornwall, **Falmouth** also enjoyed a 4-0 victory over basement side **Millbrook**, with Rubin Wilson's brace adding to goals from Oscar Massey and James Ward during a comfortable afternoon for the visitors.

Barnstaple were the other side to end their year on a high, grabbing a 1-0 win away at **Buckland**. The victory saw Town move up into sixth spot and came thanks to a penalty from Billy Tucker towards the end of the first half, handing Buckland a rare home defeat.

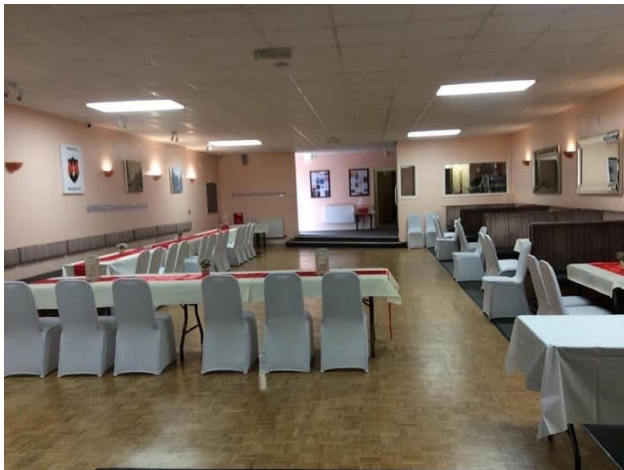
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