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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.

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Saturday 30th March – kick-off – 3.00pm
Stitch2Print Devon & Exeter League – Div One
WELLINGTON RESERVES v DAWLISH UNITED

Monday 1st April – kick-off – 1.00pm
Toolstation Western League – Premier Division
WELLINGTON v STREET

Tuesday 9th April – kick-off – 7.45pm
Toolstation Western League – Premier Division
WELLINGTON v FALMOUTH TOWN

Saturday 13th April – kick-off – 3.00pm
Toolstation Western League Premier Division
WELLINGTON v HELSTON ATHLETIC

Sunday 14th April – kick-off – 2.00pm
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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 2 1 OLDLAND ABBOTONIANS

Wellington came from behind to pick up their second successive win at the Playing Field on Saturday, March 23rd.

The Tangerines have only been beaten once in their past six league games and are now up to 14th in the table.

Wellington were forced to make changes following their abandoned game against Street last Wednesday, when centre-forward Ryan Brereton incurred a double fracture to his right leg. Alex Cherry was pushed forward to lead the attack and Lewis Jennings returned to the team to replace Joe Wragg, who was missing through illness.

The game started badly with the visitors taking the lead after only two minutes. A throw out from keeper Andy Collings was easily intercepted and Wellington had several attempts to clear the ball before it found Tom Blake on the right of the penalty area and his shot went across the goal into the far corner. Later in the half, Collings made amends when he came out of his box to head a long ball clear under pressure.

The home team, playing down the slope but struggling against a strong head wind, were unable to create any clearcut chances and managed only two efforts from dead ball situations which were off target.

Oldlands could have doubled their lead when Blake, who looked lively throughout, latched on to a through ball but shot tamely wide.

Josh Young replaced Jennings at the start of a second half which saw the wind die down and a complete reversal of the first period as Wellington dominated the play for long periods.

Sam Towler had two opportunities to level the scores, getting on the end of crosses from the right with both his shot and headed efforts finding Olly Phillips in the opposing goal.

Shortly after, a corner was headed on to skipper Tom Stone and his header rebounded off the bar before being cleared. His fellow defender Mark Cornish was pushing forward and, after 66 minutes, he picked up a cross from Jack Bown-Porter and his shot, from the edge of the box, squirmed past Phillips into the net.

Rohan Poulson replaced Bown-Porter as the home team stepped up the pressure with Ryan Hibbert and Danny Wordsworth then replacing Sully McKenna and Alex Cherry respectively while the visitors were reduced temporarily to ten men with the sin binning of Cash Vinall.

With only three minutes of normal time remaining, Poulson drove into the penalty area only to be brought down with the referee awarding a penalty. Oldland were reduced to nine with left-back Jack Mills also being sent to the sin bin for his protest.

Towler stepped up to smash an unstoppable spot-kick into the top left-hand corner and Wellington were able to see out the remaining minutes to secure another valuable three-point haul after a battling display in the second half.

MAN OF THE MATCH



*Our man-of-the-match was defender Kieran Bailey who is pictured with match sponsor, Jason Hawkings of JH Total Construction Ltd.
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ACTION SHOTS FROM OLDLAND ABBOTONIANS MATCH

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TODAY'S VISITORS SALTASH UNITED

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

Football in Saltash was first played as long ago as 1893. Teams played under several names – Essa, Saltash Stars and Saltash Town among them. The Saltash team disbanded with the onset of the Second World War but a new club, Saltash United, was formed for the 1946–47 season, playing in the Cornwall Senior League Eastern Section. In the 1950–51 season the Ashes won the "Triple Crown" taking all three Cornish senior trophies: the Cornwall Senior Cup, the Durning Lawrence Charity Cup and the Herald Cup.

In 1951/52 Saltash United made the move to its current location at Kimberley Stadium. The same season saw the formation of the South Western League and being the top club in Cornwall at the time Saltash United became founder members of the league. Runners up in the league's opening season the Ashes were the first team to win the South Western League Cup defeating Torquay United's Reserve team 3-2 in the final.

Two seasons later, they won the title in the 1953–54 campaign. The club stayed in the South Western league until the end of the 1976 season except for a four-season period when they left the league at the end of the 1958–59 campaign and re-joined again for the 1962–63 season. In their last season in the South Western League, 1975–76, they won the league for a second time.

On gaining promotion from the South Western League to the Western League in 1976, Saltash won the First Division Championship in their first season. The Ashes went on to become one of the great forces in the Western League Premier Division during the 80's in which barely a season went by without the team securing at least one piece of silverware.

Irregular entrants since 1970, Saltash fell agonisingly close to reaching the FA Cup first round in 1987. Farnborough F.C., then of the Isthmian

League Premier Division, won the Fourth Round Qualifying tie, ending the most successful run for Saltash in the famous knockout cup competition's history. Farnborough went on to lose 2–1 to Cambridge United in the First Round.


By the end of the 1994–95 season the club returned to the South Western League as the high travelling expense of competing in the Western League took its toll. Former European Cup winner Allan Evans became manager in 2002 and his influence was immediately felt with new players and a new approach to club discipline and training.

Despite re-joining the Western League First Division for 2 seasons in 2004–05 and 2005–06, the club have since been unable to repeat the success of the 1980s. In 2007, they joined the newly formed South West Peninsula League finishing the inaugural season as runners-up.

Since Saltash joined the South West Peninsular League Premier Division in 2007 when the South Western League and Devon County League merged, they have always been in the top half of the table. Their best finish was runners up in 2007/08 and 2016/17 seasons and their lowest finish was in the 2009/10 season when they finished ninth. The club broke their record for most consecutive wins at the start of a season by beating St Blazey 5-0 on 27 August 2016.

During their time in the league, they have won the Charity bowl in 2008. During the Peninsular league era they came runners up in the Cornwall Senior Cup in 2007/08 losing 2-1 to Truro City, 2011/12 losing 3-2 to Bodmin Town and 2016/17 losing 2-1 to Bodmin Town. Season 2017/18 saw the Ashes lift the Senior Cup beating Mousehole 3-1 in the final. In season 2018/19 they were unable to retain the Cornwall Senior Cup, losing 2-1 to Falmouth in the final however revenge was sweet when two weeks later Saltash beat Falmouth 1-0 to win the Peninsular League Cup.

Following the two curtailed Covid seasons, Saltash were promoted to the Toolstation Western League following the FA reshuffle of the FA League Pyramid. Promotion was awarded on a points per game basis achieved over the two seasons, Saltash achieved an average of greater than 2.8 points per game which was the greatest number in the country.



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TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Tuesday 26th March 2024



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Tangerine

From:

**Kieran Bailey
Jack Bown-Porter
Jordan Casey
Alex Cherry
Mark Cornish
Ryan Hibbert
Lewis Jennings
Josh Lukins
Sully McKenna
Connor Noble
Gabriel Plant
Flynn Smith
Tom Stone
Sam Towler
Jake Viney
Harry Walford
Danny Wordsworth
Joe Wragg
Glen Wright
Josh Young**

Manager – Richard Cherry

Asst Manager – Jack Bown-Porter

Fitness Coach – Zack Bevan

Coach – Nick Garlick

Physio – Lauren Watts



SALTASH UNITED

Blue

- 1. Jordan Duffy**
- 2. Ben Gouly**
- 3. Ethan Wright**
- 4. Ed Goodman**
- 5. Hayden Greening**
- 6. Laurence Murray**
- 7. Kieran O'Melia**
- 8. Joe Preece**
- 9. Jake Curtis**
- 10. Aaron Gouly**
- 11. Jordan Ewing**
- 12. Jake Mead Crebbins**
- 13.**
- 14. Tylor Love-Holmes**
- 15. Jake Foster**
- 16. Tom Huyton**
- 17. Josh Toulson**
- 18. Tom Badcott**
- 19. Jack Kelsey**

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TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE

RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

Saturday 23rd March 2024

Brixham	3-0	Ilfracombe Town
Falmouth Town	1-0	Nailsea & Tickenham
Millbrook	0-4	Barnstaple Town
Shepton Mallet	0-2	Bridgwater United
Wellington	2-1	Oldland Abbotonians
Welton Rovers	1-2	Helston Athletic

FIXTURES

Tuesday 26th March 2024

Barnstaple Town	vs	Welton Rovers
Street	vs	Falmouth Town
Wellington	vs	Saltash United

Friday 29th March 2024

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

Monday 1st April 2024

Brixham	vs	St Blazey
Clevedon Town	vs	Bridgwater United
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Millbrook
Saltash	vs	Ilfracombe
Wellington	vs	Street
Welton Rovers	vs	Falmouth Town



**TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION
AS AT 23RD MARCH 2024**

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Helston Athletic	27	21	3	3	68	66
2	Clevedon Town	27	19	4	4	45	61
3	Falmouth Town	25	18	3	4	40	57
4	Bridgwater United	27	18	2	7	37	56
5	Buckland Athletic	29	15	6	8	33	51
6	Barnstaple Town	25	14	8	3	30	50
7	Shepton Mallet	27	13	6	8	10	45
8	Brixham AFC	28	12	8	8	26	44
9	Torpoint Athletic	27	12	4	11	1	40
10	Nailsea & Tickenham	27	11	1	15	2	34
11	Street	27	9	7	11	-3	34
12	St Blazey	27	9	5	13	-9	32
13	Ilfracombe Town	24	6	8	10	-8	26
14	Wellington	26	4	8	14	-39	20
15	Saltash United	25	5	4	16	-19	19
16	Oldland Abbotonians	26	5	0	21	-49	15
17	Welton Rovers	25	3	5	17	-43	14
18	Millbrook	25	2	0	23	-122	6

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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	1	5
27/01/24	H	Prem	Clevedon Town	0	0
03/02/24	A	Prem	Welton Rovers	2	2
10/02/24	H	Prem	Shepton Mallet	2	2
17/02/24	H	Prem	Buckland Athletic	1	3
13/03/24	A	SPC	Larkhall Athletic	0	1
16/03/24	H	Prem	Millbrook	3	1

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	RESULT
23/03/24	H	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians	2 1
26/03/24	H	Prem	Saltash United	7.45pm
29/03/24	A	Prem	Bridgwater United	1.00pm
01/04/24	H	Prem	Street	1.00pm
06/04/24			No game at present	
09/04/24	H	Prem	Falmouth Town	7.45pm
13/04/24	H	Prem	Helston Athletic	
17/04/24	A	Prem	Street	7.30pm
20/04/24	A	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians	
27/04/24	A	Prem	Brixham	



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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.

Stitch2 Print Devon & Exeter League – Div One

League Table as of 23rd March 2024

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	St Martins 1 st	18	13	1	4	30	40
2	Uni of Exeter 3rd	15	12	2	1	39	38
3	Wellington Reserves	19	12	1	6	8	37
4	East Budleigh 1 st	18	10	2	6	13	32
5	Hatherleigh 1 st	17	10	16	1	6	31
6	Teignmouth 2 nd	16	8	1	7	2	25
7	Newtown 2 nd	17	5	4	8	-3	19
8	Lympstone 1 st	15	5	2	8	-11	17
9	Newton St Cyres 1 st	15	5	1	9	-1	16
10	Ottery St Mary Res	15	5	1	9	-2	16
11	Bow Amateur Ath	15	5	1	9	-21	16
12	Dawlish United 1 st	18	0	1	17	-70	-3*

(* Adjustment made)

The Reserves have three games left – at home to Dawlish United on Saturday, March 30th and Lympstone (April 20th) and away to Bow Amateur Athletic (April 6th).

West Country Drainage Services – Taunton Saturday League - Div One

League Table as of 23rd March 2024

		P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	Nether Stowey	22	10	8	4	10	38
2	Wellington A	19	10	6	3	20	36
3	Galmington Reserves	20	11	2	7	19	35
4	Bridgwater Wolves	20	10	5	5	18	35
5	Wembdon Reserves	21	8	7	6	3	31
6	Middlezoy Rovers	18	7	7	4	8	28
7	Wellington Road Dons	19	7	7	5	-3	28
8	Norton Fitzwarren	19	6	7	6	0	25
9	Bridgwater Grasshoppers	21	5	4	12	-11	19
10	Exmoor Rangers	20	5	4	11	-30	16*
11	Bridgwater Sports	18	4	6	8	-6	15*
12	Old Inn 98	19	2	3	14	-28	9*

(* Adjustment made)

The A Team have three league games to be arranged – at home to Norton Fitzwarren and Middlezoy Rovers and away to Wellington Road Dons. They are currently playing in League Presidents Cup and unfortunately lost 6-0 Premier Division Stogursey last Friday. This leaves them bottom of their group having played all three of their games.

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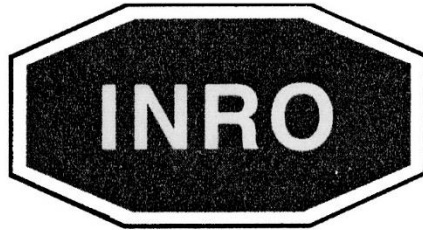
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WELLINGTON A SQUAD 2023/2024



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

Front, Lenny Old, Matt Turner, Matt Groves (joint manager), Myles Evett (captain), Warren Toth (captain), Mitch Hanson, Aaron Chugg.

LADIES SECTION

The **Wildcats** were in league action at Wells City on Sunday, March 24th and unfortunately lost 5-0. They next play on Sunday, April 7th, when they visit Nailsea United and then have a further three games remaining all of which are due to be played at home.

The **Ladies** have finished their season and are looking for new players for next season. If you are interested, please contact – Jake Short on 07399 220883 or Nyima Touray on 07745 847693. Alternatively contact the team on wellingtonladiesfc@yahoo.com . All abilities from 16+ welcome.

YOUTH SECTION

The **Under 18s** are currently in second place in the South Division of the Western Counties Floodlight Youth League. They have six games left to complete their season, one at home and five away. They are next due to play on Tuesday, April 2nd when they visit Winscombe. They are then away to current league leaders, Yeovil Town on Tuesday, April 9th.

Congratulations to our **Under 16 (Town)** who have won through to the final of the County Youth Sheild. They beat Backwell Athletic Juniors 1-0 away on Sunday, March 24th with their goal coming from Oliver Ackland. They will face Burnham United Juniors in the final which is currently scheduled for Sunday May 5th at Middlezoy Rovers.

Currently top of their division in the Taunton Youth League with two league games left to play they are also in the semi-final of the league cup and are due to play Middlezoy Rovers on Sunday April 14th at Bridgwater College.

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Helston have opened up a five point lead atop the division following their come-from-behind 2-1 win at **Welton Rovers**. After dropping a couple of points in midweek, the league leaders were struggling in the early stages at West Clewes, falling behind to a 16th minute effort from Joe Cattermole. It took the away side half an hour to get their first shot on target, but they certainly made it count, with Jordan Copp finding the back of the net to make it one apiece. Copp was then on hand to fire home the winner, scoring from the spot midway through the second half after Rikki Sheppard had been fouled in the area.

Falmouth maintained their push for a top spot, beating **Nailsea & Tickenham** 1-0 to register their seventh consecutive home victory. A Jared Sims strike was all it took for Town to take home all three points, with the victors now facing a run of five away games in 15 days.

Bridgwater got back to winning ways at **Shepton Mallet**, with a 2-0 victory helping to establish them in the top four. A couple of usual suspects did the damage for the away side, with leading scorer Jack Thorne breaking the deadlock, which was followed up on the stroke of half time by strike partner Jack Taylor.

Barnstaple were another away side to take home maximum points, with the Devonians easing to a 4-0 victory at bottom-side **Millbrook**. Billy Tucker played a prominent role in the win, and after putting his side ahead in the 16th minute, he then turned provider for Harvey Dorothy who doubled Town's advantage. A sweet left-footed strike just prior to half time from Matty Andrew put the game out of sight, before Brodie Montague wrapped up the scoring during a quiet second half period.

Brixham were another side to make short work of their fixture, with Josh Parry's brace sandwiching a Tom Mortimore effort during their 3-0 win at home to **Ilfracombe**.

The other game on Saturday went the way of **Wellington**, with their 2-1 comeback win at home to **Oldland Abbotonians** giving them back-to-back league victories for the first time all season. It was Tom Blake's second minute strike which stunned the hosts, putting the Abbots ahead early on as they looked to arrest a four-match losing streak of their own. The hosts eventually fought their way back into the contest, and after levelling through Mark Cornish, they then snatched victory late on, with Sam Towler converting an 87th minute penalty after Rohan Poulosom had been brought down inside the area



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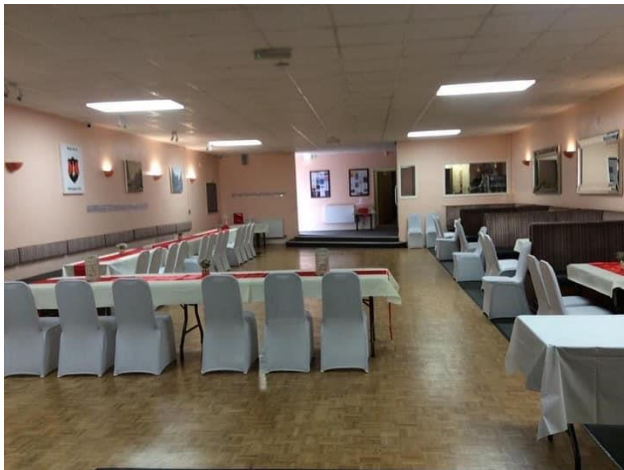
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