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**COVER SHOT:** Ryan Brereton, who sustained a double leg break in our game at Street recently. A fund has been set up to support him during his recovery and you can see details on page 8



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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 15<sup>th</sup> and also reached the semi-finals of the Somerset Premier Cup. The side, who ended up 15<sup>th</sup> 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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## FIRST TEAM SPONSOR

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.



## RYAN BRERETON



Ryan unfortunately suffered a double leg break in our game against Street on March 20th. This is not the first time he's broken his leg in his career and unfortunately it looks like a long period of recovery ahead for Ryan with a lot of time off work.

A go fund me page has been set up to raise funds to support Ryan and his family. If you wish to give, please follow this link <https://www.gofundme.com/f/ryan-brereton>

**Thank you**





## **NEXT GAMES AT THE PLAYING FIELD**



**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – kick-off – 7.30pm**  
**Western Counties Floodlight Youth League – South Div**  
**WELLINGTON UNDER 18s v CHARD TOWN UNDER 18s**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April – kick-off – 7.45pm**  
**Toolstation Western League – Premier Division**  
**WELLINGTON v FALMOUTH TOWN**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April – kick-off – 3.00pm**  
**Toolstation Western League Premier Division**  
**WELLINGTON v HELSTON ATHLETIC**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April – kick-off – 2.00pm**  
**Somerset County Women's League – Div 1**  
**WELLINGTON WILDCATS v YEOVIL TOWN FIRST**

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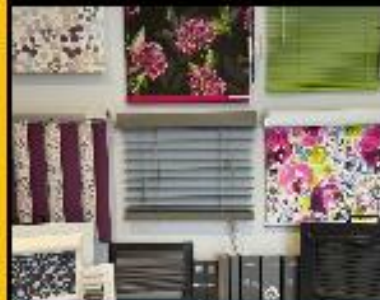
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## WELLINGTON FIRST TEAM SQUAD – 2023-2024 SEASON



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                      1                      2                      SALTASH UNITED**

Wellington bid for a third successive premier division victory was thwarted by Saltash United at the Playing Field last Tuesday (March 26th).

Both sides have shown a marked improvement in recent weeks, having struggled in the lower reaches of the table, and it was a close game. But Saltash were slightly the better side and the three points they took back to Cornwall enabled them to leapfrog the Tangerines into 14th place.

Manager Richard Cherry rang the changes after Saturday's win 2-1 over Oldland Abbotonians including a surprise return for striker Jordan Casey and midfielder Harry Walford – signed on dual registration with Alphington of the Devon and Exeter League. His starting 11 also included young defender Harry Scott, signed on a dual registration with Bishops Lydeard.

The Tangerines got off to an excellent start by taking the lead after only eight minutes. A long free kick was headed down by Kieran Bailey to Casey and, when he was brought down, the referee pointed to the spot. Sam Towler stepped up to coolly slot home his second successive penalty, having scored the late winner against Oldland.

But the Wellington joy was short lived as Saltash equalised within five minutes. The ball was played over the top to their pacey No11 Joe Preece, and he drilled a low shot past keeper Jake Viney.

Both sides created half-chances as an entertaining first half ended all-square.

However, it was the visitors who went ahead seven minutes after the break with another quick seeing Viney save well but Preece gratefully tucked home the rebound.

Wellington huffed and puffed to get back on terms although it was the visitors who always looked more dangerous with man-of-the-match Viney pulling off a couple of excellent saves.

## MAN OF THE MATCH



*Our man-of-the-match was keeper Jake Viney who received the award from vice-chairman Graham Aspin on behalf of match sponsors County Roofing.*

## Action Shots from Saltash United Game (Courtesy of Around Wellington)







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## TODAY'S VISITORS STREET

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

Founded in 1880, **Street Football Club** is one of the oldest Association Football clubs in Somerset and were given the nickname 'The Cobblers' due to the large shoemaking industry in the village and surrounding area.

Playing at county level for the first quarter of its history, the Club won the Somerset Senior League 5 times and the Somerset FA Senior Cup 3 times before making its first foray into the Western League a few seasons before the onset of World War One.

For the remainder of the 20th century Street FC yo-yoed between the Western League and the Somerset Senior League winning a few honours along the way.

The Club also had its best FA Cup runs during this period by reaching the First Round Proper twice, once either side of World War Two; in 1938 away to Ipswich Town and 1947 at Cheltenham Town - after beating Yeovil Town 2-1 in front of a record 5,000 crowd at The Victoria Field in the previous round.

The closest the Club came to winning the Western League Championship during the 20th century was in season 1952-53 when they were pipped to the title by Barnstaple Town, who had a 0.01 better goal average after the sides had finished level on 44 points each. However, leaner times returned and the Club soon found itself back at county level once more.

Season 1996-97 saw the Club win the Somerset Senior League for a record eighth time, thus gaining promotion back to the Western League after a 37-year absence. Ten years later, after gaining promotion to the Premier Division in season 2005-06, the Club had its best run in The FA Vase when reaching the Fifth Round Proper before losing at Wimborne Town.


After finishing as Premier Division Runners-up the previous season, the 2017-18 campaign was the Club's 50th in the Western League, and was a momentous one too! Early results were inconsistent: but starting on 12th September, manager Richard Fey's charges completed a sensational run of **26 consecutive league victories** that eventually saw the team win the title by 15 points (falling just one point short of the century) after winning 32 of their 38 games and scoring 100 goals, thus earning a place in the Southern Football League for the first time in the Club's 138-year history.

However, 2018-19 was to be the only season at the higher level for the Club as it soon became clear that Southern League football was a 'step too far': and despite a respectable seventh-place finish, the decision was taken to protect the long-term future of the Club and return to the Toolstation Western League.

Since the beginning of season 2019-20 the Club has changed its emphasis and opted to recruit a management team and playing squad that focusses more on youth and local player development and progression.



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**TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024**



**WELLINGTON**

**Tangerine**

**From:**

**Jack Bown-Porter**

**Jordan Casey**

**Mark Cornish**

**Aaron Hawkings**

**Jordan Hayman**

**Ryan Hibbert**

**Lewis Jennings**

**Josh Lukins**

**Sully McKenna**

**Gabriel Plant**

**Rohan Poulson**

**Miles Quick**

**Harry Scott**

**Flynn Smith**

**Tom Stone**

**Sam Towler**

**Jake Viney**

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**Callum Corbridge**

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**Freddie Fraser**

**Joshua Goodwin**

**Jake Horsey**

**Henry Hutchings**

**Jimmy Jamieson**

**Ben Lantz**

**Alex Parsons**

**Daniel Peach**

**Ollie Pearson**

**Sam Perry**

**Kyle Strange**

**Toby Stephens**

**Braeden Symes**

**Charlie Wood**

**Manager – Richard Cherry**

**Asst Manager – Jack Bown-Porter**

**Fitness Coach – Zack Bevan**

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## TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE

### RESULTS

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Nailsea & Tickenham	1-1	Clevedon Town
Street	0-1	Shepton

### FIXTURES

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### LES PHILLIPS CUP

Barnstaple Town	vs	Helston Athletic
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**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Millbrook	vs	Ilfracombe
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**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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



**TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE  
PREMIER DIVISION  
AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Helston Athletic	27	21	3	3	68	66
2	Clevedon Town	28	19	5	4	45	62
3	Falmouth Town	26	19	3	4	42	60
4	Bridgwater United	27	18	2	7	37	56
5	Barnstaple Town	26	15	8	3	34	53
6	Buckland Athletic	29	15	6	8	33	51
7	Shepton Mallet	28	14	6	8	11	48
8	Brixham AFC	28	12	8	8	26	44
9	Torpoint Athletic	27	12	4	11	1	40
10	Nailsea & Tickenham	28	11	2	15	2	35
11	Street	29	9	7	13	-6	34
12	St Blazey	27	9	5	13	-9	32
13	Ilfracombe Town	24	6	8	10	-8	26
14	Saltash United	24	6	4	16	-18	22
15	<b>Wellington</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-40</b>	<b>20</b>
16	Oldland Abbotonians	26	5	0	21	-49	15
17	Welton Rovers	26	3	5	18	-47	11*
18	Millbrook	25	2	0	23	-122	6

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**TOOLSTATION LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION  
2022-2023 SEASON FIXTURES & RESULTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>H/A</b>	<b>COMP</b>	<b>OPPOSITION</b>	<b>RESULT</b>	
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	1 2
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	
16/04/24	A	Prem	Bridgwater United	7.45pm
20/04/24	A	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians	
17/04/24	A	Prem	Street	7.30pm
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.

**AROUND THE CLUB**  
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**WELLINGTON RESERVES      2      0      DAWLISH UNITED**

The Reserves maintained their promotion push with their seventh straight win at the Playing Field on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. The game against bottom-of-the-table Dawlish United went ahead after a morning pitch inspection and the Tangerines knew a victory would keep them in the top three.

Wellington dominated all the early play but struggled to make a breakthrough failing to convert a number of opportunities. In the late stages of the first half, they were unlucky not to be awarded a penalty for a hand-ball in the box. In another incident, keeper Charlie Hawkings could have been badly injured by a late tackle when clearing the ball.

The second half started with no changes made to the line up and the Reserves, playing down the slope, had all the possession without creating any real chances. After 55 minutes, Luke Perry replaced Dom Healy and made an instant impact on the game. After a fine move, Rohan Poulson collected the ball and drove a low cross into the six-yard box where Perry controlled the ball and, with defenders diving in to try and block, hit a low drive past the keeper to give the home side a deserved lead.

With Dawlish creating very little, the Reserves second goal came after 70 minutes. After some nice play and touches between a few players, Rohan Poulson collected the ball on the edge of the box, skipped past two defenders and, as he ran across the box, hit a shot from 12 yards past the keeper.

With 15 minutes to go, a number of further changes were made but, with the Reserves still dominating the play, the game finished with a 2-0 win.

The result kept their winning run going and pushed the team to joint top with their two closest rivals not playing.

Thanks to the matchday sponsors – Tom Hawkings of We Create Residential and Steve Trevelyan of Steve Trevelyan Coaching.

## MAN OF THE MATCH



*Striker Alfie Barratt was the Reserves man-of-the-match and he is pictured with former manager and now youth coach, Steve Trevelyan, who sponsored the award, and physio Ken Pearson.*

The Reserves remaining games are:

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April – away v Bow Amateur Athletic Club – kick-off 3.00pm.

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April – home v Lympstone 1<sup>st</sup> – kick-off 3.00pm.

### **West Country Drainage Services Taunton Saturday League – Div One**

The A Team remain in second place in Division One of the Taunton Saturday League.

With the League concentrating on completing the Presidents Cup, they have not played a league game since February 24<sup>th</sup>. Their remaining games are:

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – home v Norton Fitzwarren – kick-off 2.00pm. (In view of the condition of the Recreation Ground pitch the game will be played on Castle Sports Centre 3G pitch)

Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – away v Wellington Road Dons – kick-off 2.30pm at Fivehead Village Hall.

To be arranged – home v Middlezoy Rovers Athletic.



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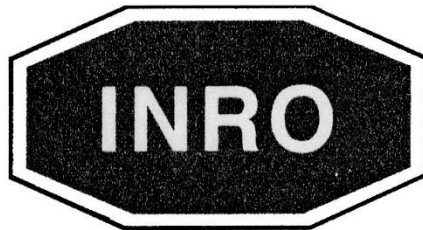
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## WELLINGTON A SQUAD 2023/2024



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**, in their first season in Division One of the Somerset County Women's League have four league games left to complete their season. They are in cup action Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, when they visit Division two (South) Burnham United Ladies 1<sup>st</sup>. They are then due to play at home to Yeovil Town Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Their remaining games are at home to Wells City Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> and Ilminster Town Ladies Reserves and away to Nailsea United Ladies First.

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](mailto:wellingtonladiesfc@yahoo.com) . All abilities from 16+ welcome.

## UNDER 18s

The **Under 18s** are currently in third 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 at home on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> when Chard Town are the visitors (kick-off 7.30pm).



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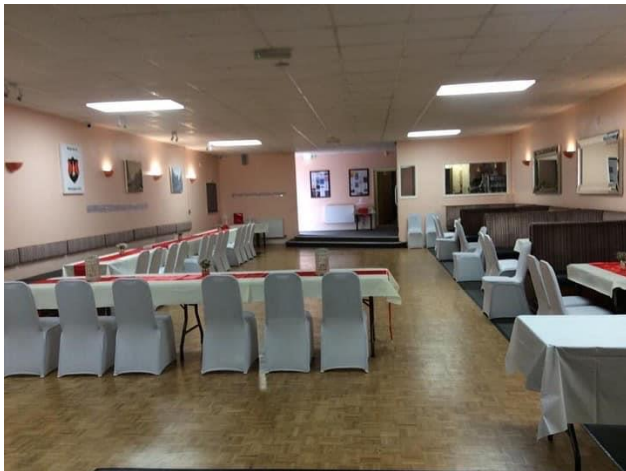
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