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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 of 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 the Western League in the First Division, we 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, the team finished a creditable 15th and also reached the semi-finals of the Somerset Premier Cup. The side finished 13th in 2024-25 with their highest points total for a number of years.

We have three other senior sides - the Reserves in the Devon and Exeter League's premier division, the A team in the Taunton Saturday League's premier division and the Wildcats Ladies, in the Somerset County Women's League first division.

We run well over 20 teams in our youth and minis section with both boys and girls playing from the age of seven right through to 18 - along with coaching for even younger children.

We also have a thriving Abilities Counts section which runs teams for both adults and youth players.

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 facilities are in use throughout the year for a wide range of social events staged by local groups, registered charities and individuals.

We also host training courses, seminars and roadshows for local businesses and organisations.

WELCOME TO TONIGHT'S GAME

We extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Shepton Mallet for tonight's Les Phillips Cup second round tie.

The game should have been played at Shepton Mallet before Christmas but unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the weather conditions. Bad weather last Tuesday, also led to the postponement of the match.

Under the competition rules, the tie has now been switched to Wellington and the winners will be at home to Cheddar in the quarter-finals this Saturday (17th January).

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Dave is a supporter from Australia and we are delighted to welcome him to today's game

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NEXT LEAGUE GAMES FOR THE FIRST TEAM

Saturday 24th January – 3.00pm
Jewson Western League – Premier Division
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WELLINGTON FIRST TEAM SQUAD – 2025-2026 SEASON



Rear from left, Graham Aspin (vice-chairman), Georgia Purdy (apprentice coach), Mark Cornish, Nathan Byrne, Jack McAndrews, Sam Towler, Josh Lukins, Alfie Slough, Callum Thomas, Harvey Field, James Westwood (assistant coach), Alan Shire (president and kit sponsor, AJ Shire Electrical). Front, Jake Haggerty, Jack Alcock, Oscar Albano, Mike Hall (chairman), Richard Cherry (manager), Glen Wright (captain), Ryan Brereton, Douglas Camilo.

HAT-TRICK OF POSTPONEMENTS

Our first team had their second wasted journey of the season on Saturday.

They were due to take on Paulton Rovers in the premier division of the Jewson Western League, with the pitch having passed a morning inspection.

But the match referee arrived and, after looking at the pitch, called the game off ahead of kick-off

The Tangerines suffered a similar fate in November when they made a fruitless journey into Cornwall to play St Austell.

Saturday was their third successive postponement because of a frozen pitch – the side haven't played since Boxing Day when they lost 4-2 to home to Barnstaple Town.

Action shots from Barnstaple Town game *(Courtesy of Around Wellington)*



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SHEPTON MALLET

Shepton Mallet Town FC originated from the amalgamation of three local teams in 1933, and who won the Somerset Senior League Premier Division Title in 1949, 1959, 1974 and 1975, as well as lifting the Somerset Senior Cup in 1950 and 1965. Under manager Richard Fox the club were elected to the Western League for the first time in 1976, and promoted to the Premier Division as runners up in their first season.

After relegation two years later, they again reached the Premier Division this time under manager Brian Drysdale, after winning the first division title in season 1981-2, only for the original club to fold four years later and drop out of the Western League in 1986.

A new club named Shepton Mallet AFC was formed for season 1987-88 to compete in the Somerset County League, reaching the Premier Division in the early 1990s and winning the County Senior Cup in 1997-98 under manager Alan O'Leary. They finally won the league title in season 2000-2001 under manager Roger Smith to regain Western League status.

A dip in fortune followed, with two top 10 finishes followed by 9 seasons in the bottom half of the table, Kev Davis the longest serving manager in this period, Andy Jones and his assistant player manager Ben Cleverley were appointed in 2012 and in their second season the club gained promotion to the Premier Division (finishing 2nd behind Bradford Town) where they have remained since, and finishing in the top half of the table every season bar one.

Craig Loxton took over in 2016 and in 2018 the club finished 6th and lost the Les Phillips Cup Final to Buckland Athletic. After another 6th place finish in 2022 Craig left and in November 2022 Aaron Seviour was appointed, along with his assistant Matty Morris. Under Aaron the club


finished 8th, then last season 7th, but also reached the Les Phillips Cup final in both seasons. After losing to Helston Athletic in the 2023 final, the club made it third time lucky when they lifted the cup with a 3-1 win against Barnstaple Town to win their first trophy since 2001.

Last season the first team equalled their joint highest league finish in 6th place, narrowly missing out on the play offs, under the management team of Aaron Seviour and assistant Matty Morris. In November Craig Loxton returned as our First Team manager – we look forward to an exciting remainder of the season and many more to come.

Meanwhile, after an unprecedented three season unbeaten league run in the mid Somerset league, our reserve side under manager Dean Loxton and assistant of Dan Mullett have been promoted back into the Somerset County League after an absence of several seasons.

BELOW: Action from the league match at Shepton Mallet in July when the sides drew 2-2.





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Wednesday 14th January 2026



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DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	RESULT	
26/07/25	A	Prem	Helston Athletic	2	1
29/07/25	A	Prem	Shepton Mallet	2	2
02/08/25	A	FAC	Bideford	4	1
09/08/25	A	Prem	Buckland Athletic	1	0
16/08/25	A	Prem	Nailsea & Tickenham	0	0
29/08/25	A	Prem	Bridgwater United	0	1
06/09/25	H	Prem	Helston Athletic	2	3
13/09/25	A	Prem	Saltash United	0	2
20/09/25	H	FAV	Penzance	2	3
23/09/25	A	Prem	Street	1	2
27/09/25	H	Prem	Paulton Rovers	0	1
30/09/25	A	Prem	Sidmouth Town	0	3
04/10/25	H	Prem	Newquay	3	3
08/10/25	A	Prem	Clevedon Town	3	1
11/10/25	H	Prem	Torpoint Athletic	0	3
15/10/25	H	SPC	Middlezoy Rovers	3	3 (5-4 pens)
18/10/25	A	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians	2	3
21/10/25	A	LPC	Nailsea & Tickenham	1	2
01/11/25	H	Prem	St Blazey	5	2
05/11/25	A	SPC	Taunton Town	4	0
08/11/25	A	Prem	Newquay	4	2
15/11/25	H	Prem	Ivybridge Town	3	1
19/11/25	H	Prem	Buckland Athletic	2	2
06/12/25	A	Prem	Bradford Town	3	1
13/12/25	H	Prem	Clevedon Town	1	2
20/12/25	A	Prem	Brislington	2	2
26/12/25	H	Prem	Barnstaple Town	2	4
14/01/26	A	LPC	Shepton Mallet	7.30pm	
17/01/26					
24/01/26	A	Prem	Ivybridge		
31/01/26	H		Oldland Abbotonians		
04/02/26	H	Prem	Bridgwater United	7.45pm	
07/02/26	H	Prem	Bradford Town		
14/02/26	A	Prem	St Austell		

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	RESULT
21/02/26	H	Prem	Brislington	
25/02/26	H	Prem	Street	
28/02/26	A	Prem	Torpoint Athletic	
07/03/26				
14/03/26	H	Prem	Shepton Mallet	
21/03/26				
28/03/26	H	Prem	Saltash United	
03/04/26	A	Prem	Barnstaple Town	Good Friday
06/04/26	H	Prem	Sidmouth Town	Easter Monday
11/04/26	H	Prem	St Austell	
18/04/26	A	Prem	St Blazey	
TBA	A	Prem	Paulton Rovers	



JEWSON WESTERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE (After Saturday's matches)

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	23	18	1	4	38	55
2	Torpoint Athletic	20	16	3	1	32	51
3	Paulton Rovers	22	14	4	4	42	46
4	Sidmouth Town	25	14	4	7	19	46
5	Buckland Athletic	23	12	5	6	24	41
6	Barnstaple Town	19	12	3	4	27	39
7	Saltash United	22	11	5	6	13	38
8	Bridgwater United	25	11	4	10	-1	37
9	Newquay	20	11	3	6	18	36
10	Bradford Town	26	10	6	10	4	36
11	Helston Athletic	23	9	3	11	-2	30
12	Ivybridge Town	23	9	2	12	-7	29
13	St Blazey	26	7	7	12	-19	28
14	Street	21	7	5	9	6	26
15	Shepton Mallet	22	6	4	12	-6	22
16	Wellington	21	5	4	12	-13	19
17	Brislington	23	5	3	15	-18	18
18	Oldland Abbotonians	19	2	2	15	-22	8
19	St Austell	23	0	0	23	-135	0

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RECENT RESULTS
Saturday 10th January
PREMIER DIVISION

Bradford Town	5	0	Newquay
Clevedon Town	11	0	St Austell
Ivybridge Town	3	1	Street

FIXTURES
Tuesday 13th January
LES PHILLIPS CUP – SECOND ROUND

Helston Athletic	v	Ivybridge Town
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Wednesday 14th January
LES PHILLIPS CUP – SECOND ROUND

Wellington	v	Shepton Mallet
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Saturday 17th January
FA VASE – FOURTH ROUND PROPER

Barnstaple Town	v	AFC Stoneham
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LES PHILLIPS CUP – THIRD ROUND

Bradford Town	v	Devizes Town
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PREMIER DIVISION

Brislington	v	Torpoint Athletic
Buckland Athletic	v	Street
Helston Athletic	v	Saltash United
Oldland Abbotonians	v	Newquay
St Blazey	v	Shepton Mallet



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The **Reserves'** game at home to East Budleigh on Saturday had to be cancelled as the Carly Press Ground pitch was frozen. The previous week they drew 2-2 away at Clyst Valley with Ben Evett scoring both goals.

They are due to be at home to Ottery St Mary on Saturday but this will be rearranged if the First Team win this evening.

Commiserations to our **A team** who lost 5-3 to North Petherton on Saturday. Goal scorers were Jordan Sellick, James King and Tom Scarlett.

They are in cup action this evening when they play Bridgwater Grasshoppers at Richard Huish College. The teams then meet again in a league match on Saturday at Bridgwater College.

In their opening game of the New Year, the **Wildcats** suffered their first home defeat of the season when they lost 5-1 to Pen Mill on Sunday. Their goalscorer was Leah Morrell.

On Sunday, they are away to Cheddar.



Wildcats' player of the match Milly Howe with coach Geoff Hamlyn

In their first game since the end of November, the **Under 18s** lost 4-0 away to Axminster Town last Tuesday (7th January). They are at home to Tiverton Town at the Carly Press Ground next Wednesday.



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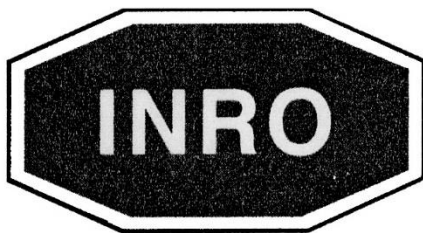


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