



# **Uxbridge FC Matchday Programme 2025 / 2026 Season**

**Pitching In Southern League  
Premier South**

**9 August 2025**

**Kick Off 3pm**

# UXBRIDGE FOOTBALL CLUB

## Ownership

The legal name of the club, which is an unincorporated members' club, is Uxbridge Football Club

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### FIRST TEAM:

**(Southern League Premier Division South)**

Danny Edwards: Manager

Sean Kelleher: Assistant Manager

Fred Cummings: Coach

Martin Kuhl: Coach

John Carroll: Coach

Shaka Mughal: Goalkeeping Coach

Joseph Peacock: Physiotherapist

Colin Finch: Logistics Manager

Ki Turner: Videographer

### YOUTH TEAM

**(Isthmian League West Division)**

Steve Kennedy: Head of Youth

Lee Cable: Secretary

Jack Gostelow : Manager

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Andy Wareing: Facilities Manager

# Welcome to Uxbridge FC

Good afternoon, today we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Dorchester Town FC. We also welcome the third team to Honeycroft this afternoon, the match officials of referee Josh Burn and his assistants Bogdan Caraghin and Bimi Sherifi.

Dorchester Town reached the play-offs last season, losing 4-3 after extra time to AFC Totton in the semi-finals. They will provide tough opposition as we open our account at step three. This will be only our second ever meeting with The Magpies, the previous encounter coming in the FA Trophy in 2008. Goals from Mark Nicholls and Kevin Warner giving us a 2-1 victory on that occasion.

After a busy summer both on and off the pitch, the day has finally arrived as we make our debut at step three of the football pyramid. On the pitch Danny Edwards and his staff have been busy recruiting players they feel will enable the club to be competitive at this level. We extend a warm welcome to all our new signings and hope they enjoy their time at Honeycroft. Off the pitch we have completely refurbished the clubhouse, including new toilets in both the main bar and the function hall. A new outside eatery has been installed and we hope you enjoy the food and drinks on offer at the "Honeycroft Hut". Finally, a big thank you to all our fans for your fantastic support. The crowd of 1535 for the Promotion Final against Hanworth Villa was a record for this ground and we hope you will once again follow the team home and away as we continue our journey. "COME ON YOU REDS"

Enjoy the match

## Forthcoming Fixtures (*League fixtures unless stated otherwise*) Aug /Sept 2025

1 <sup>st</sup> Team		
Date		
Sat 9 Aug	DORCHESTER TOWN	H
Mon 11 Aug	Bracknell Town ---- 7:45pm	A
Sat 16 Aug	Wimborne Town	A
Sat 23 Aug	GOSPORT BOROUGH	H
Mon 25 Aug	Chertsey Town --- 3:00pm	A
Sat 30 Aug	FA Cup First Qualifying Round	?
Sat 6 Sep	TAUNTON TOWN	H

Youth Team		
Date		
Mon 11 Aug	HAMPTON & RICHMOND BORO - Friendly	H
Mon 18 Aug	Bedfont Sports	A
Thu 4 Sep	Leverstock Green --- FA Youth Cup Prem Rd	A

We have a new team playing at Honeycroft this season. We extend a very warm welcome to Hayes & Hillingdon FC who ply their trade in the Middlesex County Premier Division. Our season tickets are valid for all their home league games and we wish them every success for the forthcoming season.



# Southern League - Premier South

	<b>Basingstoke Town</b>		<b>Hungerford Town</b>
	<b>Berkhamsted FC</b>		<b>Plymouth Parkway</b>
	<b>Bracknell Town FC</b>		<b>Poole Town</b>
	<b>Chertsey Town</b>		<b>Sholing</b>
	<b>Dorchester Town</b>		<b>Taunton Town</b>
	<b>Evesham United</b>		<b>Tiverton Town</b>
	<b>Farnham Town</b>		<b>Uxbridge</b>
	<b>Gloucester City</b>		<b>Walton &amp; Hersham</b>
	<b>Gosport Borough</b>		<b>Weymouth</b>
	<b>Hanwell Town</b>		<b>Wimbourne Town</b>
	<b>Havant &amp; Waterlooville</b>		<b>Yate Town</b>



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	Likely Squad from
1	Mark Scott (GK)
2	Cole Brown
3	Casey Boccaro
4	CJ Fearn
5	Bernie Tanner
6	KJ Osu
7	Toby Nnadozie
8	Harry Rush
9	Rio Connell
10	George Moore
11	Harry Thorpe
12	Kai Hobbs
14	Dan Rowe
15	Fabio Sole
16	Dernell Wynter
17	Olly Hampstead
18	Liam Tack
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Manager	Danny Edwards
Assistant Manager	Sean Kelleher
Coach	Martin Kuhl
Coach	John Carroll
Coach	Fred Cummings
Goalkeeping Coach	Shaka Mughal
Physiotherapist	Joseph Peacock
Logistics Manager/Secretary	Colin Finch
Videographer	Ki Turner

	Likely Squad from
1	Gerard Benfield
2	Jack Dickson
3	Ollie Haste
4	Will Spetch
5	Leuan Turner
6	Harvey Wright
7	Wes Fogden
8	Corby Moore
9	Joe Parker
10	Brett Pitman
11	Wayne Robinson
12	Luke Roberts
14	Marcus Daws
15	Matt Buse
16	Cameron Murray
17	Charlie Wooding
18	Tom Smith
19	Luke Pardoe
20	Harry Hutchinson
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Manager:	Tom Killick
Coach:	James Wood
Coach:	Brian Churchill
Goalkeeper Coach:	Steve Dodge

**Referee:** Josh Burns  
**Assistants** Bogdan Caraghin & Bimi Sherifi

## Uxbridge Fixtures & Results 25/26

DATE	H/A	OPPONENT	COMPETITION	KO/SCORE	ATTD	SCORERS
Sat 9 Aug	H	Dorchester Town	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Mon 11 Aug	A	Bracknell Twon	Southern League Prem South	7.45pm		
Sat 16 Aug	A	Wimborne Town	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 23 Aug	H	Gosport Borough	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Mon 25 Aug	A	Chertsey Town	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 30 Aug	TBC	TBC	FA Cup 1QR	3.00pm		
Sat 6 Sep	H	Taunton Town	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Tue 9 Sep	H	Berkhamsted Town	Southern League Prem South	7.45pm		
Sat 20 Sep	A	Tiverton Town	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Tue 23 Sep	A	Sholing	Southern League Prem South	7.45pm		
Sat 4 Oct	TBC	TBC	FA Trophy 3Q	3.00pm		
Sat 11 Oct	H	Basingstoke Town	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Tue 14 Oct	H	Hungerford Town	Southern League Prem South	7.45pm		
Sat 18 Oct	A	Havant & Waterlooville	Southern League Prem South	3.0pm		
Tue 21 Oct	A	Evesham United	Southern League Prem South	7.45pm		
Sat 1 Nov	H	Gloucester City	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 8 Nov	A	Plymouth Parkway	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 15 Nov	H	Yate Town	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Tue 18 Nov	A	Berkhamsted Town	Southern League Prem South	7.45pm		
Sat 22 Nov	H	Farnham Town	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Tue 25 Nov	H	Sholing	Southern League Prem South	7.45pm		
Sat 29 Nov	A	Weymouth	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 6 Dec	H	Walton & Hersham	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 13 Dec	A	Poole Town	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 20 Dec	H	Bracknell Town	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 27 Dec	A	Hanwell Town	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 3 Jan	H	Chertsey Town	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 10 Jan	A	Dorchester Town	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 17 Jan	H	Plymouth Parkway	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 24 Jan	A	Yate Town	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 31 Jan	A	Basingstoke Town	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 7 Feb	H	Tiverton Town	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 14 Feb	A	Farnham Town	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 21 Feb	H	Weymouth	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 28 Feb	H	Havant & Waterlooville	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 7 Mar	A	Hungerford Town	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 14 Mar	H	Evesham United	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 21 Mar	A	Gloucester City	Southern League Prem South	3.00pm		
Sat 28 Mar	H	Wimborne Town	Southern League Prem South	3pm		
Fri 3 Apr	A	Gosport Borough	Southern League Prem South	3pm		
Mon 6 Apr	H	Hanwell Town	Southern League Prem South	3pm		
Sat 11 Apr	A	Taunton Town	Southern League Prem South	3pm		
Sat 18 Apr	A	Walton & Hersham	Southern League Prem South	3pm		
Sat 25 Apr	H	Poole Town	Southern League Prem South	3pm		



## Uxbridge FC Player Profiles 2025/26

### **Mark Scott (Goalkeeper)**

Vastly experienced goalkeeper who joined The Reds in the summer from Ascot United. Previous clubs include Basingstoke Town, Swindon Town, Oxford City, Slough Town and Bracknell Town.

### **Massimo Giamattei (Defender/Midfield)**

“Mas” was a regular member of the Chertsey Town side that won the Isthmian League South Central Division title in 2023/24. In his second season at Honeycroft and scored some important goals last season. Former professional at Swindon Town who has also played for Bracknell Town and Basingstoke Town.

### **CJ Fearn (Defender)**

Joined the Reds from Farnborough in September 2024. Commanding defender who has over ten years' experience at Steps 2 & 3 of the football pyramid. Was a massive influence in Uxbridge gaining promotion with his defending and leadership qualities. Supporters and Players Player award winner last season.

### **Casey Bocarro (Defender)**

Made the left-back position his own last season after joining from Virginia Water. Tenacious defender who looks to get forward at every opportunity.

### **Kai Hobbs (Defender)**

Kai joined Uxbridge on a permanent deal last season, after impressing on loan from Basingstoke Town. All action defender who can play anywhere across the back four. Chipped in with some important goals in last season's push for promotion.

### **Cole Brown (Defender/Midfield)**

After making his Reds debut as a 19-year-old in 2017, Cole has rejoined the club from Chertsey Town. Attack minded player who has also represented Hayes & Yeading United, Hampton & Richmond Borough and Hendon. Made 40 appearances, scoring 10 goals in his previous season at Uxbridge.

### **Bernie Tanner (Defender)**

New signing from Enfield Town, where he scored in the 2024 Isthmian League Premier Division play-off final to secure Enfield's place at Step Two. Strong central defender whose experience at Step Three will be invaluable to The Reds



### **Olly Hamstead (Defender/Midfield)**

Joined in the summer from Hemel Hempstead Town. Young defender who is a former Player of the year at Chipstead. Has also played for Kingstonian and Burgess Hill Town.

### **KJ Osu (Defender)**

Young defender who has joined The Reds from Hanworth Villa. Has played in Belgium for KSV Roeselare as well as nearer home with Bracknell Town and Whitehawk.

### **George Moore (Midfield/Forward)**

Attacking midfielder who joined us from Harrow Borough in 2023. Last season's top scorer with 21-goals, which saw him pick up the Player of the year trophy. Was regularly amongst the goals at Step 3 with Harrow Borough and his winning goal in the Promotion final has already made him a club legend.

### **Andrio Brandao (Midfield)**

Skilful, attacking midfielder who joined from Virginia Water in 2023. Always plays with a smile on his face and is improving with every game.

### **Harry Rush (Midfield)**

Harry was Captain of Hanwell Town during their promotion winning season in 2021/22, scoring 13 goals from midfield. Made his Reds debut last season on New Year Day and his performances were crucial in the Reds rise up the league during the later stages of the season.

### **Liam Tack (Midfield)**

Attacking midfielder who joined the club in the summer, having spent the last three seasons at Bracknell Town. His experience at step three will be invaluable to the squad. His previous clubs include Binfield, Ascot United, Hanwell Town and Thame United.

### **Fabio Sole (Midfield)**

Another player with links to Hanwell Town. Began his career as part of the Youth set-up at Oxford United. Step Three experience at Farnborough, Slough Town (Step Two), Hartley Wintney, Met. Police and Hanwell Town. Made his debut in November 2024 against Ashford Town (Middlesex).

### **Toby Nnadozie (Midfield)**

Into his second season at Honeycroft having joined from Rayners Lane in 2024. Combative midfielder who started his career at Risborough Rangers, and has also represented Harrow Borough.

### **Dernell Wynter (Forward)**

Marked his debut at Sutton Common Rovers in February with a stunning goal. Joined The Reds from Rayners Lane and has previously represented Hanwell Town, Harrow Borough, Chesham United, Potters Bar Town, Northwood, St Albans City, Braintree Town, Enfield Town and Ware.

**Rio Connell (Forward)**

Played for Rayners Lane and Northwood last season and his goals for the later were instrumental in helping The Wood keep their place at Step Four. Began his career at Barnet, where he made two appearances for the Bees in the Middlesex Senior Cup. Exciting, tricky forward who can play down the middle or out wide.

**Dan Rowe (Forward)**

Step 3 experience with Walton & Hersham, Walton Casuals, Hanwell Town, Basingstoke Town, Chertsey Town, Hampton & Richmond Borough and Gosport Borough. Joined in the summer having spent the last few months of last season at Kingstonian.

## **.Uxbridge FC Club History**

In the late 19th century, the game of “football” was growing in popularity, and on the 3rd February 1871 a group of eminent local businessmen held the inaugural meeting of Uxbridge Football Club. A local solicitor, Mr William Gardiner, was elected as the Club’s President and the club’s colours were chosen as white shirts with a light blue Maltese cross and a light blue velvet cap with silver tassel. Friendly games against local opposition were played in the early years, until the FA Cup was entered in 1873. A First Round Victory over Gitanos set-up a Second-Round tie against eventual finalists Royal Engineers, which the Engineers narrowly won 2-1. It was at this time that Uxbridge could boast amongst its ranks a Full England International. Hubert Heron played for England on two occasions whilst an Uxbridge player before he moved to Wanderers FC where he gained further international honours. His brother Francis, formerly of Uxbridge, also played for England after joining him at Wanderers FC. The club changed its colours to Oxford Blue and Cambridge Blue shirts in 1874 but they were in financial difficulties and folded later that year. The main problem for Uxbridge was the lack of a permanent home ground (a problem that was to plague them until the middle of the next century), the committee searched the town for a suitable base but were thwarted at every turn and they led a nomadic existence, moving ground every few years. The enthusiasm for a team in Uxbridge was still prevalent and the Club was reformed in 1879. In 1886 Uxbridge FC amalgamated with another local club, Uxbridge Crescents, and played under this name in season 1886/87, before reverting to plain old Uxbridge the following season. It was at this time that the Red Shirts, which are still worn today, were adopted and the nickname “The Reds” was born. Their first trophy was won in 1889 when they lifted the West Middlesex Cup, defeating Colnbrook 1-0 in the Final. The end of the 19th century was a particularly successful period for The Reds as they won the West Middlesex Cup on three further occasions and also won the prestigious Middlesex Senior Cup twice. In 1894 they beat the 3rd Grenadier Guards 2-0 and repeated that success two years later with a 3-2 victory over local rivals Southall in a replay in front of over 5000 spectators. The outstanding achievement however was in reaching the final of the F.A. Amateur Cup in 1898. This was the clubs first season in the competition, and they had to win eight ties before meeting Middlesbrough in the final at Crystal Palace. Unfortunately, their Northeast rivals proved too strong for them on the day and ran out 2-0 winners. During this successful period for the club, they became founder members of Division Two of the Southern League in 1894, finishing fourth in their first four seasons. However, in season 1898/99 they finished next to bottom and the dwindling crowds (averaging around 500) meant that financially the club was once again in trouble. A decision was therefore taken to withdraw from the Southern League and join the local Middlesex League to try and stabilise the club. However, a majority of the more talented players joined other clubs, and they struggled in their new surroundings, finishing bottom with only one point from their 14 games. At the end of the season the club had a deficit of £130 and with few players the club once again folded. For two years much fund raising amongst the local community finally saw the club’s debts paid and the reformed Uxbridge FC joined the West Middlesex League for the 1902/03 season. In 1904 the Great Western Suburban League was entered and here they stayed until the outbreak of the First World War. Their best finish during this period was as Runners-up to Brentford Reserves in 1910/11. They also won the Middlesex Charity Cup on two occasions in 1908 and 1913, as they looked to re-establish



themselves as a force in the football world. Following the end of hostilities Uxbridge joined the Athenian League and added "Town" to their name. An unsuccessful first Athenian League campaign saw them relegated back to the Great Western Suburban League in 1920. A successful four seasons saw them back in the Athenian League in 1924 where they remained until 1937. The Middlesex Charity Cup was won for the third time in 1935 as Finchley were beaten 4-3. Two poor seasons saw them finish bottom of the Athenian League in 1936 and 1937 and the club failed to be re-elected. They joined the Spartan League for the 1937/38 season, dropping "Town" from their name at the end of the campaign stood proudly at the summit. Championship celebrations however were cut short when it was discovered that The Reds had played an ineligible player and were deduced six points, placing them in third position behind Champions Marlow. Following the debacle of their one and only season in the Spartan League they resigned and joined the London League prior to the Second World War. During the war years they continued to play and joined the newly formed Great Western Combination League before re-joining the London League in 1945, finishing as Runners-up to Edgware Town. Uxbridge were founder members of the Corinthian League in 1946 and remained in this league for the next seventeen years. Finally, in 1948, after over three quarters of a century of searching, a ground of their own was purchased. A piece of land in Cleveland Road, Cowley was bought for £5,800 by then President Mr W.S. Try. The ground was named after a large house that stood on the land and "Honeycroft" was the new home of Uxbridge Football Club. During this period, they won their only Championship to-date when they were crowned Corinthian League Champions at the end of the 1959/60 season. They also won the Middlesex Senior Cup for the third time in 1951 when they defeated Hayes 2-1. This was a successful period in the club's history as they finished in the top five of the Corinthian League on no less than eight occasions and crowds were averaging around the thousand mark. A re-organisation of non-League football saw the end of the Corinthian League in 1963 and club found itself once again in Division One of the Athenian League. This was a lean time for The Reds, they were relegated to Division Two in 1967 and financial problems once again beset them. They gained national publicity in 1976 when England were looking for a side to play as part of their warmup for the forthcoming World Cup campaign. Uxbridge took on a full-strength England at Wembley, losing 8-0. The ground problems that had blighted Uxbridge throughout their history surfaced once again and the club had to find a new home. In 1978 they moved to their current headquarters in Horton Road, Yiewsley. A former works Sports & Social Club they have developed the site to the superb standard you see today. Over the past 43 years they have added floodlights (opened by the visit of Arsenal in 1981), new stands, fencing and in more recent times a new clubhouse was opened and car park laid. On the playing front the club won the Middlesex Charity Cup for the fourth time in 1982, their first silverware for 31 years, and moved to the Isthmian League in the same year, winning promotion to Division One in 1985. The Final of the AC Delco Cup (League Cup) was reached in 1986, where they met Premier Division Champions Sutton United. The Reds failed to stop Sutton completing "The Double" though, losing 3-1 in the Final in front of over a thousand spectators at Imber Court, the home of Metropolitan Police FC, Uxbridge entered the London Challenge Cup for the first time in the 1992/93 season and hence followed a love affair between the Reds and the magnificent trophy. In the eight seasons they entered the competition they reached five finals, winning on three occasions in 1994, 1997 and 2000. They won the Middlesex Senior Cup for the fourth time in 2001, defeating Harrow Borough 3-0 in the Final

held at Honeycroft. In 2004 the club were moved across the pyramid to the Southern League and have reached the Play-Offs on three occasions. In 2004/05 they lost on penalties, after leading Maldon Town in extra-time, in 2007/08 they narrowly lost 0-1 at Oxford City and in 2011/12 they lost 2-1 at Bedworth United in the Semi-Finals. In 2018 Uxbridge were moved back across the pyramid, re-joining the Isthmian League in the South-Central Division. In 2019 Uxbridge appointed only their sixth manager in over fifty years. Ron Clack was in charge for 18-years from 1970, followed by Peter Marshall for one season, Michael Harvey for three, before George Talbot took the reins for fourteen seasons in 1992. In 2006 Tony Choules became the man in charge, being replaced by our current manager Danny Edwards in 2019. Danny is a UEFA A licensed coach who spent 15 years as manager of Chalfont St Peter AFC. He steered Chalfont St Peter to Step 4 of the league system in 2011, as well as reaching the 3rd Qualifying Round of the Football Association Challenge Cup on three occasions. The Middlesex Chaiy Cup was won for the 8th time in 2022, with a 2-0 victory over Hanwell Town. This feat was repeated in 2023 when North Greenford United were defeated 2-1 in the final at Bedfont Sports.

In recent times the club have mourned the passing of several club stalwarts. President Alan Odell, who had been associated with The Reds for eighty years, in 2016. Long serving Chairman Alan Holloway in 2021, a year later “Mr Uxbridge”, David Tucker who had been associated with the club for over 50 years and was a massive influence in the running of Uxbridge Football Club. And just this summer former Secretary and President Roger Stevens was taken from us.

Mark Bantock took over as Chairman from his stepfather, Alan Holloway, and under his stewardship the club has used the legacy left by “Mr Uxbridge” to revitalise the Club. A 3G pitch was installed in 2023, along with new floodlights, pitch surround, dugouts and a 158-seater stand on the far-side of the ground. The Clubhouse has been refurbished to a high standard, providing a space to enjoy for both home and visiting fans.

Last season will live long in the memory of all Uxbridge supporters. After a poor start to the season, one point after four games, The Reds steadily climbed the table, finally finishing as runner-up to runaway Champions Farnham Town. A goal down in the Play-off semi-final against Kingstonian they fought back to lead 2-1, until Eddie Simon equalised ten minutes into stoppage-time to force the tie into extra-time and then penalties. A 100% record saw them triumph 5-4 and a place in the Promotion Final. A record crowd at Honeycroft Horton Road of 1535 witnessed a pulsating final, in which Hanworth Villa took the lead. Once again, the Reds showed great character and resilience to fight-back and George Moore sent a powerful drive into the bottom corner to seal promotion to Step Three of the pyramid. Their first promotion in forty-years!

## **Our Visitors Dorchester Town FC**

### **Club History**

The history of Dorchester Town Football Club can be traced back originally to 1871 and the founding of The Dorchester Football Club. Like many clubs of that era, the Club played the rules of football that later evolved to become what is known today as rugby, but nevertheless the club quickly “attained an enviable reputation for respectability and skill” according to the Dorset County Chronicle.

By the end of the decade, the craze of Association Rules for the game of football had swept along the south coast, and on Monday, 18th October 1880, the town’s men gathered in The Kings’ Arms Hotel to “resuscitate” The Dorchester Football Club under association rules. They would play their home games at The Recreation Ground on Weymouth Avenue, which was home to the cricket club in the summer months. Leonard Robinson became the club’s first-ever captain, a position he would hold for many years.

Due to the importance of the town’s economy to the wider region, while most of the country typically took their half-holiday on a Saturday afternoon, the townsfolk of Dorchester took theirs on a Thursday, the day after market day. While the Saturday team of Dorchester Football Club struggled in the Dorset League, the Thursday team excelled. The town’s unique weekend arrangements meant that many Dorchester clubs struggled to organise matches with opposition on Thursdays or to muster a team for Saturday matches outside of town. In the 1908/09 season, the club imposed a policy of only playing fellow Dorchester teams and visiting military teams.

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However, this policy only lasted for an alternative plan was drawn up.



On 26 August 1910, representatives from Dorchester United (cricket), Rovers (cycling), Athletic, and Wanderers attended The Dorchester Football Club AGM and agreed to join them to create “a team worthy of the good old town of Dorchester.”

It was here that the club adopted its new name of Dorchester Town Football Club to signify its new united ambition for the town. In 1929, the club moved from the Recreation Ground to the dedicated Avenue Football Ground. Just five years later, a remarkable event took place at the ground on 30 August 1934. To commemorate the centenary of the Tolpuddle Martyrs, Lloyd George MP, the last of the Liberal Prime Ministers held a rally at a packed Avenue Ground. In the afternoon, Dorchester Town hosted the London Labour Football Club, followed in the evening by a game against an international workers' XI.

With post-war football thriving across the country, the club joined the Western League in 1947 and two years later turned professional with Mr. K.W. Holland declaring, “People will not turn up in large numbers to watch Dorset league football.” With the club now averaging gates of between 1000-1500, the club were able to attract bigger names to the club - none more so than former Wolves Goalkeeper, Ken Bird, who joined as player-manager from AFC Bournemouth. Bird quickly led the Magpies to success, winning the Western League Championship in 1954/55. The same year also saw us reach the First Round Proper of the FA Cup. Qualifying rounds saw us score victories over Poole, Bournemouth Gasworks, Portland and Winchester. In the first round, the club hosted fellow non-leaguer's Bedford Town in front of a gate of 3,500. A 2-0 win saw the club rewarded with the plum tie of York City at home. A record crowd of 5,750 packed out the Avenuem Ground, but despite taking the lead, the Magpies would fall short, losing 5-2. York would go on to make the semi-finals that year.

The following year (1955/56), Dorchester Town once again made the first round proper. Having put aside Newport IoW in the final qualifying round, the club was drawn away to Norwich City. A packed Carrow Road saw the Magpies fall to a 4-0 defeat. They again reached the First Round proper in 1956/57. After being taken to a replay by Bideford, their reward was a trip to Loftus Road to face Queen's Park Rangers, where they once again fell to a 4-0 defeat. For the fourth year running, Dorchester Town reached the First Round Proper in a campaign that really turned heads. A local derby was on the cards in the fourth qualifying round as the club was drawn away to then high-flying local rivals Weymouth. Almost 6,000 were in attendance as a 2-2 draw brought them back over the Ridge, where a packed-out Avenue Ground watched the Magpies defeat the old enemy 2-1. The prize was the visit of the then-famous amateur team - and indeed holders of the FA Amateur Cup - Wycombe Wanderers. The Magpies ran out 3-2 winners in a pulsating game. An away trip to Plymouth Argyle would await, but again, they would stumble to a heavy defeat to league opposition, this time 5-2. Then in '59, Dorchester Town were at it again. A Dinky Curtis goal against Weymouth gave the club another derby cup victory and put them in the First Round hat, where they were drawn away to Port Vale. Bill Gillett equalised, but the team slipped to a narrow 2-1 defeat.

The club joined the Southern League (South) in 1972 and five years later finished runners-up to Margate to gain promotion to the Premier Division. The following season saw the Magpies curtailed by the formation of The Alliance League (now The National League). Struggling in their initial season in the Premier Division (1978-79), they fell four places short of making the cut into the new league and were placed into the reformed Southern Division. Dorchester Town celebrated their centenary season by winning the Southern Division at the first time of asking, but with no promotion to the Alliance Premier in its first season of existence, they were denied the chance to play at the highest level of non-league football.

The following season, the club once again tasted FA Cup glory. A replay win over Minehead saw them rewarded with an all-Dorset clash at home to AFC Bournemouth in front of a sold-out Avenue Ground. A famous Paul Thorne goal took the club back to Dean Court, where a last gasp extra-time goal broke Magpies hearts.

A severe financial crisis hit in the mid-eighties, with relegation and near bankruptcy. However, a remarkable season in 1986/87 saw the club win the league and return to the Premier Division. Having come so close to losing the club in the late 80s, Peter Aiken and the board realised that the old Avenue Ground had begun to outlive its purpose and brokered a deal with Tesco and the landowners, the Duchy of Cornwall, to develop a new stadium for the club. The move saw Dorchester Town establish themselves in the Southern Premier in the early 90s, before Stuart Morgan took over and led the club to sixth in 1994/95 and fourth in 1997/98, along with cup success including reaching the FA Cup First Round Proper once again, where they were knocked out away at Oxford United,

That season also saw the club reach the last sixteen of the FA Trophy. Having beaten Slough, Sutton, and Salisbury, the club hosted Woking at a sold-out Avenue Stadium. In a highly eventful game that will go down in club folklore, the Cards (and eventual winners) scored in the last minute to win 3-2. After a poor start to the 1999/2000 season, manager Stuart Morgan was relieved of his position as manager and was replaced by Mark Morris.

Morris was able to steer the club out of the relegation zone in his first season but was unable to repeat the feat the following season when the Magpies lost the Premier Division place they had held for fourteen seasons. That season did see the club again reach the FA Cup First Round Proper, where, despite taking the lead, they lost 2-1 away to high-flying Wigan Athletic.



The Magpies threatened to regain their Premier Division status in their first season in the Eastern Division but finished in third place. However, they achieved their objective the following season, when after a fine campaign with only five defeats, the club returned to the Premier Division as Champions. In the first season back in the Premier Division, the club reached the play-offs for promotion to the newly launched Conference South. Having won away at Bath City, a swan-song Matty Holmes performance inspired the stripes to a 2-0 victory over Tiverton at Exeter City's St James' Park to become founding members of the Conference South. The Magpies almost reached the play-offs once again in their inaugural season in the Conference South, but missed out on another promotion opportunity on the final day of the season. The following season saw Mark Morris resign to be replaced by Mick Jenkins. Jenkins reign was short lived and the club went through a handful of managers until former Dorchester player and reserve team manager Phil Simkin took over. The club stalwart guided the Magpies to their greatest FA Cup triumph in the modern era as the club beat Plymouth Argyle 1-0 in the first round proper, in a match televised live. The reward was a trip to Luton Town in the second round, where the Magpies narrowly lost 2-1 in a pulsating game. Simkin would lead the Magpies to eight in the Conference South the following season, before financial difficulties hit the club and they were subsequently relegated to the Southern Premier League South. Whilst the club fought to get its finances back in order, the club spent many years in the wilderness, constantly fighting against relegation.

That would eventually change when former player Glenn Howes returned to the club as manager and sparked a revival. That revival was further enhanced when Howes invited Tommy Killick to return to the club half way through the 23/24 season, to take over as manager, with Howes becoming his number two. Killick - an Avenue cult hero in his playing days - had seen remarkable success as manager at Poole Town, spanning well over a

decade. Howes had been his number two at Poole for a number of years before embarking on his own managerial career, where he led Blackfield & Langley from the Wessex 1 to the Southern Premier League. Now reunited, the pair led Dorchester to 9th place in the 2023/24 season, before reaching the play-offs the following season. The Magpies would lose out to eventual play-off winners AFC Totton in the last minute of extra-time in a remarkable game.

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## **DORCHESTER TOWN – PEN PICS**

### **Goalkeepers**

**Gerald Benfield** Gerard Benfield re-joined the Magpies for a second spell in August 2024. Born on 28 September 1997 in Poole, Benfield began his career at Hamworthy United, before moving stepping up a couple of levels with Wimborne Town. His exploits at Cuthbury attracted the attention of Salisbury where he featured during the 19/20 season, before once again stepping up a level to join then National League side Weymouth in 2000. In August 2021, Benfield joined Dorchester Town on a short-term loan, making 16 appearances during the 2021–22 season. Spells with Weymouth, Salisbury and Wimborne followed, before he re-joined The Magpies on loan from Weymouth in 2024. His reliable performances in the first half of the season led to the move being made permanent in January 2025. Known for his commanding presence and shot-stopping abilities, Benfield brings a wealth of experience to the squad.

**Thomas Jobe** A product of the club's academy, Jobe made his Magpies debut in the pre-season of 2024/25 before going out on dual registration with Portland United in order to gain experience in men's football. Following a number of impressive displays for the Islanders, he featured prominently in this season's pre-season campaign.

### **Defenders**

**Jack Dickson** Jack Dickson, a versatile right-sided player, joined Dorchester Town in 2023 following a long stint with Poole Town. Comfortable in both defensive and attacking roles, Dickson's pace and ability to beat a man one-on-one has often seen him hailed as one of the best right backs in the league. In 2020 he spent a year in the National League with Weymouth, before returning to Poole Town the following season. Dickson made over 242 appearances for the Dolphins before moving to the Avenue Stadium in September 2023, where he has quickly established himself as one of the first names on the team sheet and one of the best right backs in the league.

**Ollie Haste** A versatile left-sided defender, Haste signed with Dorchester Town permanently from Yeovil Town in August 2024, following an impressive season on loan. Haste's all action displays during his season-long loan saw him win the Supporters' Player of the Season award and he further delighted Dorchester fans by making the move permanent the following summer, despite interest from numerous other clubs. Haste said at the time of signing: "It feels great to be a Dorchester player. I fell in love with the club the moment I came in on loan. The club has a clear vision to succeed that I want to continue where we left off. I had options at the end of last year but after discussions with family and



friends, Dorch was always the right answer.”The 21-year old previously won the Southern Premier League South whilst on loan from the Glovers at Truro City and also spent a period on loan at his hometown club, Barnstaple.

**Harry Hutchinson** A versatile left-sided defender who is also comfortable further forward on the wing, Hutchinson signed for the club in June 2023 from Poole Town. Hutchinson was a regular in the Dolphins side for a couple of seasons before making the switch to link up with boss Tom Killick again, while also previously impressing during his time whilst at neighbours Portland United. Son of former Magpie Ian Hutchinson, he also spent a month at fellow Southern League Premier South side Winchester City last campaign before returning to The Avenue and becoming a regular in the Magpies side.

**Will Spetch** Experienced defender Will Spetch, joined the Magpies in September 2023 from neighbours Poole Town. A hugely experienced centre back, Spetch made over 450 appearances for the Dolphins, having first joined them in the Wessex League in 2007-08. Spetch quickly made a name for himself with his leadership and aerial prowess, attracting the likes of AFC Bournemouth and Portsmouth. He made the move in to full-time football in March 2014, joining Sutton United. Injury however hampered his season with the U's and he returned to Poole the following season, where he'd go on to play for Tommy Killick for another 11 seasons. Following Killick's departure from Poole, he made the move across Dorset along with Corby Moore and Jack Dickson, where his powerful displays and obvious leadership qualities soon endeared him to the Magpies faithful. His threat at set pieces saw him score eight times in his debut season. He scored four the following season, including a memorable 98th minute winner on the last day of the season at Hungerford, which secured a place in the play-offs.

**Ieuan Turner** A product of the club's youth system, Ieuan Turner has emerged as a promising central defender. Turner captained both the U18 and U23 teams to league and cup glory, whilst also dual registered with Wessex Premier League side, Bournemouth, where he awarded the player-of-the-season. A physically imposing centre back, he made his senior Dorchester debut in the 2023-24 season, making 23 appearances and scoring his first senior goal in the final away game at Basingstoke Town, before going on to start 21 times the following season.

**Harvey Wright** A summer signing from Dorset neighbours Wimborne Town, Harvey is powerful and dynamic centre back, who has won titles and awards where ever he has been. Wright came through the youth ranks at Poole Town before joining Wessex League side Christchurch, where he was a crucial part of the squad that went on a memorable FA Cup run, reaching the third qualifying round where they narrowly lost on penalties to Dulwich Hamlet, live on the BBC. From Christchurch he joined Hamworthy United, helping the Hammers win the Wessex League and reach the Southern League South play-offs the following season. Wright rejoined Poole Town in 2023 where he won the Dolphins' Player of the Year award in his debut season in the Southern Premier League. He joined Wimborne

the following season, where he won the Player's Player of the Year award and Chairman's Player of the Year Award.

## **Midfielders**

### **Matt Buse**

Buse joined Dorchester Town in July 2024 from National League South side Truro City. A combative central midfielder, Buse has extensive experience at Step One and Two of the non-league ladder, having previously featured clubs including Yeovil Town, Torquay United and Weymouth, whilst also making over 100 appearances for Taunton Town. In his debut season at The Avenue, Buse was a regular in the Magpies side, showing both his defensive and attacking versatility with appearances in addition to his usual central midfield role at wing-back and also further forward in attacking midfield, chipping in with an impressive six goals in his debut season at The Avenue.

**Wes Fogden** The former AFC Bournemouth, Portsmouth and Yeovil midfielder returned to the Avenue Stadium in the summer of 2024, fifteen years after making his senior footballing debut with the Magpies. Fogden initially signed for the Magpies from Brighton & Hove Albion, playing over forty times for the club in the then Conference South. His battling and creative displays saw him join big spenders Havant & Waterlooville, with whom he won back-to-back promotions with to the National League. His displays for the Portsmouth-based club saw him move into the Football League, firstly with AFC Bournemouth where he featured over 50 times for the Cherries before joining Portsmouth FC for the 2014-15 season. He moved to Yeovil the following season before returning to Havant & Waterlooville in 2016. Fogden joined Dorking Wanderers in 2020, where he helped the club gain promotion from the National League South, and then spent two seasons under Tommy Killick at Poole Town before returning home to the Avenue Stadium to reunite with Killick ahead of the 2024/25.

**Corby Moore** Midfielder Moore joined the Magpies from Poole Town in September 2023. A metronomic central midfielder, he began his career with Southampton, where he made his debut in a League Cup tie against Stevenage Borough. He moved to the United States in 2014, joining Indy Eleven, before returning to the UK to sign for then-Conference National side, Forest Green Rovers. In January 2016 he joined National League South side Bishops Stortford, before making the switch to Chelmsford City the following season. Following his release from the National League South side, Moore joined Poole Town where he went on to make 260 appearances for the Dolphins, where he was an integral part of the team that won promotion to the National League South. Corby moved to the Avenue in September 2023 alongside Will Spetch and Jack Dickson, where he was soon to be reunited with Killick once again. He quickly established himself as a vital part of the Magpies midfield, where his composure and tactical awareness allow him to dictate play from the centre of the pitch.

**Cameron Murray** Murray returned to The Avenue Stadium in the summer of 2025, having

first featured for the club in 2018. The technically gifted midfielder came through the Academy of Leeds United, before signing for neighbours Bradford City. He signed for York City in 2013, before going on to feature for club's such as Scarborough United, FC United of Manchester and Stalybridge Celtic in the Northern Premier League. Murray moved to Dorset in 2018, joining the Magpies for his first spell. Murray stood out in a struggling team and his energetic and creative displays soon caught the attention of local rivals Weymouth. Murray made the move over the Ridgeway, where he played a significant part in their back-to-back promotions to the National League. A change of manager saw Murray team up with Tommy Killick at Poole, joining on loan initially in 2022 before making the move permanent the following season. Killick's departure saw Murray move to Southern Premier League side Gosport Borough last season, before re-joining The Magpies the following summer.

**Luke Pardoe** Luke Pardoe joined Dorchester Town in February 2024, bringing versatility and experience to the midfield. A cultured winger, who can also fill in at full-back, he began his career with AFC Bournemouth's youth setup. Upon his release from the Cherries, he joined Poole Town, where he made over a 100 appearances before his move to the Magpies. Since joining Dorchester, Pardoe has contributed both in attack and defense, showcasing his tactical nous and adaptability. He scored a memorable sixth minute goal in the 2024/25 play-off semi-final, where his mazy run from the half-way line saw him beat four Totton defenders, before slotting home to put the Magpies ahead.

**Tom Smith** Tom Smith joined Dorchester Town in June 2025 from Taunton Town. A cultured, goalscoring midfielder, Smith began his career with Swindon Town, before joining National League South side Bath City. Smith became a Twerton Park icon during a seven-year spell, where he made over 260 appearances and scored over 50 goals for The Romans. He was notably named National League South Player of the 2019–20 Season. He left Bath in the Summer of 2024 to sign for fellow Somerset side, Taunton Town, where he captained the team to a top-half finish. Known for his forward runs, creativity and goal contributions, his arrival is seen as a significant coup for Magpies manager Tom Killick, who had been a long-term admirer.

**Charlie Wooding** A young and highly promising midfielder, Wooding joined the Magpies in August 2025 having impressed on trial during the pre-season of 2025/26. An England Schoolboys international, Wooding came through the academy system at Salisbury FC, where he made his Southern Premier League debut aged just 16. In search of more playing time, Wooding signed for Bashley in 2024, where he impressed hugely in his debut season in the Southern League South Division. In January last season, he made the switch to league rivals Westbury United, where he went on to win a number of man of the match awards and picked up February's Player of the Month award. His calm and mature displays at such a young age caught the attention of Tommy Killick, who invited him to trial with the Magpies this summer.

**Forwards**

**Marcus Daws** A Northern Ireland U21 international, Daws is an electric wide-forward who began his career with AFC Bournemouth, coming through the Cherries' academy, where he enjoyed a fruitful loan spell under Tommy Killick at Poole Town. Daws joined Luton Town in 2023, but left the then-Premier League club the following season. He reunited with Killick at Dorchester in January 2024, where he got back to enjoying his football and playing with confidence once again. He joined AFC Totton briefly at the beginning of 2024/25 season but returned to The Avenue in October, where his end of season form was a major factor in The Magpies getting into the Play-offs that season.

**Joe Parker** Joe began his career at Gloucester City, where his goalscoring exploits quickly attracted the attention of Newport County. With the arrival of James Rowe Joe opted to leave and was sold to Leamington where he played as a right winger. It was a role that he also occupied at Chippenham Town and one that he was brought back to City to fill with the aim of him feeding Danny Wright in the middle. The former Newport County forward scored 11 times in 15 games at the end of a 2023-24 campaign that saw Yellows retain their Pitching In Southern League Premier Division South status. It is without argument that Joe's goals were a huge factor in that. Agreeing signing originally on loan from Gloucester City in 2024, Joe went on to score 21 goals for The Yellows in 58 appearances. Gloucester City Development XI, Gloucester City, Bishops Cleeve (loan), Shortwood United (loan), Newport County, Gloucester City (loan), Gloucester City (loan), Gloucester City (loan), Gloucester City, Cinderford Town (loan), Leamington, Chippenham Town, Gloucester City, Tiverton Town (loan), Tiverton Town

#### **Luke Roberts**

Roberts signed for Dorchester Town in January 2024, where the former Poole Town forward arrived following a highly successful spell working with boss Tom Killick, making over 170 appearances for the Dolphins in a 5-year spell during which time he attracted interest from full-time professional clubs. Hailed by Killick as “probably the best I have ever managed”, Roberts has overcome terrible luck with injuries following a serious knee ligament injury, and having worked his way back to full fitness became a regular in the side last season, impressing the Magpies faithful with his performances on the wing.

#### **Wayne Robinson**

Signed in the summer of 2024 from Salisbury, Robinson arrived at The Avenue having won back-to-back promotions in the previous two seasons, firstly at Sholing before gaining promotion from the Southern League Premier South with the Wiltshire side. Niggling injuries impacted his debut season with the Magpies, but the lively forward still made telling contributions both through the middle and from wider positions. His most memorable moment at The Avenue came in a dramatic 3-2 win against Basingstoke Town last season, with the Magpies scoring twice in injury time and Robinson netting the crucial 90+5th minute winner at the Bypass End to send the crowd wild.



**Brett Pitman** - A highly experienced and decorated centre forward, the former AFC Bournemouth striker joined the Magpies in March 2025, scoring a memorable 16-minute hatrick on his debut. The Jersey-born forward is a prolific goalscorer with a wealth of experience in the Football League, scoring over 180 goals across the Championship, League One and League Two for clubs including AFC Bournemouth, Bristol City, Ipswich and Portsmouth. Pitman made the move into non-league football in recent seasons, scoring over 50 goals in consecutive seasons for AFC Portchester and then Shaftesbury, before moving to The Avenue Stadium. A coach with AFC Bournemouth's academy, this season Brett will assist Tommy Killick as Player-Coach.

#### **Coaching Staff:**

**Tom Killick** - Manager Killick returns to the Avenue following a hugely successful 20 year spell as manager at Poole Town, where he took charge of nearly 1,000 games. He guided the Dolphins from the tenth tier to the National League South. The ex-Magpies striker is fondly remembered at the Avenue from his playing days in the 1990s scoring a number of memorable goals in the black & white stripes. Killick returned home in September 2023, to link up with Glenn Howes again, the two having played together at Basingstoke and later spells together at Salisbury and Poole Town.

**James Wood** – First team Coach Wood joined the club from AFC Totton in October 2021, having worked alongside Howes at both Blackfield & Langley and The Stags. Following his playing career, Wood stepped into management with Wessex League side Bournemouth Poppies, where a successful three year stint almost culminated in leading them to a shock league title. He joined Poole Town as Tommy Killick's assistant and alongside then coach, Howes. He left Poole to join Howes at Blackfield, where they have built up a partnership that has seen success wherever they go.

**Brian Churchill** – First Team Coach Churchill is an experienced coach and UEFA B licensed coach, who has previously been involved with AFC Bournemouth's academy, as well as spells at Swanage Town & Herston and Hamworthy United. Was head coach of the club's highly successful U23's side before stepping aside at the end of last season.

**Steve Dodge** – Goalkeeper Coach An experienced goalkeeper who came up through the same Dorchester Town Youth team as former Liverpool player David West, Dodge went on to a career with Dorchester, Weymouth, Bashley and Christchurch amongst others, before moving into coaching with Portland United.



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