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WELCOME

Good Afternoon and welcome to The Meadow for this Pitching In Southern League division one central between Aylesbury United and Northwood. We offer a very warm welcome to everyone, including visiting players, officials and supporters from Northwood. We hope you enjoy the game and have a safe journey home.

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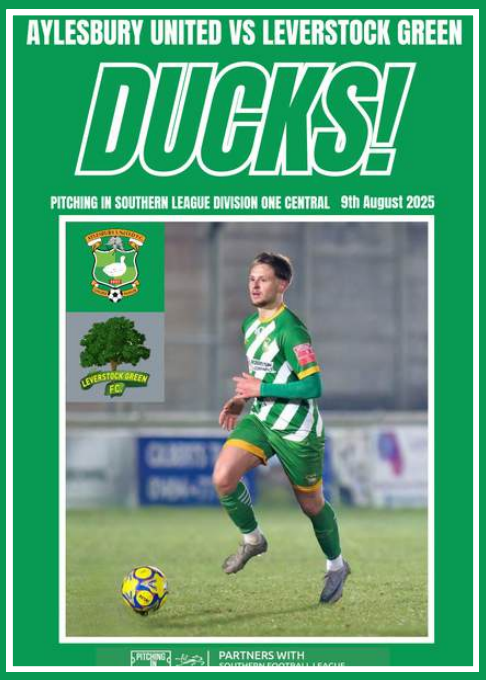


Today's opponents

The current club was formed in 1926, following several other outfits that had carried the town's name in earlier years, the first known, Northwood FC, being formed in September 1899, but it is not clear how long they existed. A team called Northwood Rovers played in the Harrow & District League up to the First World War, but a new Northwood FC was launched after the conflict, in September 1919, and soon Emmanuel Northwood were also competing in the Harrow & District League.

The next club to commence was Holy Trinity Northwood, again in the Harrow League, whilst in 1922 Northwood moved to the Uxbridge & District League. However, having lost their first nine fixtures in the second season, Northwood found that they were unable to field a team for later games and the club folded. Around the same time, Emmanuel Northwood also withdrew from the Harrow League.

After two seasons in which just Holy Trinity represented the town on the football field, a few people who had been involved with the two failed set-ups decided to form a new club, and Northwood United was launched for the 1926-27 campaign, with Leslie Faint, secretary of the previous Northwood FC, holding the same post for United. For the first two seasons, just friendly matches were played, apart from entering the Northwood Hospital Charity Cup, but after the second campaign, in which sixteen of the twenty-three games had been won, it was decided to join a league.

Northwood United were elected to Division Two of the Harrow & District League for 1928-29, playing at Northwood Playing Fields, which was adjacent to Haste Hill golf course, at the end of The Drive, Northwood. In the team at that time were young players Joe Gill, Bob Bell and Tom Bell, who would be with the club many years later, even returning after the Second World War, and the latter also became club secretary.

In their second year the club gained promotion, and twelve months later, further success saw them move up to the Premier Division of the Harrow & District League (later renamed Harrow, Wembley & District League). At that time the club gained the use of a pitch in Northwood Recreation Ground at an annual cost of £14. 14s. including pitch marking and dressing room.

1931-32 saw the commencement of Northwood United's dominance of local junior football. Within five years of entering league football, United had become Premier Division champions, a feat they repeated for each of the next four years, followed by second and third places up to the War. The League Senior Challenge Cup was won three times during that period, and in 1938 the club won the Middlesex Junior Cup, having been losing finalists in 1935 and 1936.

After the Second World War, with the disappearance of Holy Trinity Northwood, the club dropped the "United" suffix from their title, and were Harrow & Wembley champions in consecutive years, 1948 and 1949.

After being a mid-table side in the Premier Division throughout the 'fifties, the club hit a slump in the early 'sixties, suffering a first-ever relegation in 1962, and they became something of a yo-yo side for a few years, but towards the end of the 1960s things improved. Northwood were elected into the Middlesex League in 1970, and they became runners-up at the end of their second season.

After playing in the main park since 1931, the mid-seventies saw the Woods develop an area of rough land into their present ground with suitable facilities, and further developments have been carried out regularly since.

The Woods won the Middlesex League Cup on three occasions and also the League championship in 1978, completing the Middlesex League double, and the club were subsequently elected to the Hellenic League. In the first season they were promoted to the top flight as Division One champions and Hellenic League Division One Cup winners. Northwood also lifted the Middlesex Intermediate Cup by beating Feltham 2-1 – the club's first County Cup success for forty-one years. Floodlights were erected and senior status was granted in 1981.

Due to large travelling costs, Northwood switched to play in the London Spartan League in 1984 and they were soon to become one of the competition's top clubs. After one League Cup win, a runners-up spot and two third places, the Woods completed a League and Cup double in 1992. Along with this success came considerable ground improvements, which allowed them to be promoted to the Isthmian League, Division Three.

After five years at the higher level, following early success by winning the 1993 Associate Members Trophy, and several promotion challenges, Northwood made it to Division Two in 1997. Following three seasons in that division, the Woods earned further promotion when they gained the runners-up spot in 2000. They also captured the Associate Members Trophy for a second time and reached their

first ever Middlesex Senior Cup final, where they went down 2-0 to GM Vauxhall Conference outfit Hayes.

Another three years later and Northwood found themselves in the Premier Division, having won the Division One North championship in 2003. They also captured the Isthmian League Cup for the first time in 2002, beating Premier Division Hampton & Richmond Borough in the final, 3-2 after extra-time, and also reached the Middlesex Senior Cup final once again, this time beaten in extra-time by Hendon. September 2002 saw the Woods defeat Premier Division champions Gravesend & Northfleet 4-2 to lift the Isthmian Charity Shield. It proved a difficult first season in the Premier Division, but after an F.A. restructure of non-League football, Northwood remained in the division for a second season.

In 2003, Northwood received the prestigious award of Community Club status from the Football Association in recognition of the club's commitment to youth football in the area – the club have teams of all age groups playing their football within the confines of Northwood Park. Improvements have been made to the standards in recent years, and the club is hoping this will result in many youngsters developing into first-team players in the future.

Northwood faced a new challenge for the 2005-06 campaign, having been moved to the Southern League Premier Division, and although the first season in the new league was a struggle, the team avoided the drop on the final day. However, 2007 saw the Woods finish in 22nd place in the division, and relegation followed – the first time the club had faced demotion in senior football. It wasn't all doom and gloom, though, as Northwood lifted the Middlesex Senior Cup for the first time in their history by defeating Hayes, of the Conference South, on their own ground in the final.

Having been moved back to the Isthmian League for the 2007-08 campaign, and after spending three years in Division One North, Northwood were then transferred again to the Southern League Division One Central in 2010-11. Their first season was a struggle but they successfully avoided relegation after a bright finish to the campaign and in 2012 under new manager Gary Meakin, it proved much more successful, only missing out on a play-off place on the final day of the season. The following season was boosted by an FA Cup run to the third qualifying round while a forced change of manager saw the Woods have to rebuild the squad so a mid-table finish was very acceptable. Mark Burgess had successful full seasons in charge, surpassing expectations by finishing ninth, tenth and then seventh respectively. There was also success in cup competitions, reaching the League Cup semi-final in 2016 before losing on penalties to Merthyr Town and then winning the Middlesex Senior Cup for the second time in the club's history with a 2-0 victory over Ryman Premier side Enfield Town. However, 2016/17 was more of a struggle after losing most of the successful side to a higher level and relegation was only just avoided.

Since then, a series of managers have come and gone quickly and Scott Dash, who was appointed permanently in December 2018 following a successful spell as caretaker only lasted just under a year after a series of poor results saw another change and the arrival of Jamie Leacock to the role. Jamie's tenure was ended in January 2020 after a run of ten successive defeats and former player Robert Ursell was placed in charge. His time was interrupted by the Covid Pandemic and then resigned his position in April 2021. The new man to steer the Woods to a more competitive position in the Isthmian League was to be former Ashford Town (Middx) boss Ben Murray but after the club's worst start ever to a season, he was replaced in November 2021 by Director of Football Steve Ringrose and Head Coach Ben Bukowski along with Player-Coaches Andy Lomas and Keagan Cole. Their impact was instant, winning a club record eight away games in succession, a run that lifted the side to the safety of mid-table. The improvement continued in the 2022/23 season, leading the South-Central division for several months before eventually qualifying for the end-of-season play-offs for the first time in the club's history. Though they were beaten 2-1 at eventually promoted side Walton & Hersham, it had been their best season for some time. The Woods were unable to match that success last season with a bad run of form seeing them struggle near the relegation zone briefly. At the end of the season Bukowski left the club to take over at Harrow Borough and the experienced former professional midfielder Scott Donnelly was appointed to his first managerial role as the club were also transferred back to play in the Southern League. After a very poor start to the season, Donnelly left the club in September 2024. After a month of an interim management team, Gary Meakin returned to the club in October 2024 for his second spell at the club but this came to an end in late March as he resigned his position.

Two senior players, Jack Smith and Jon-Jo Bates volunteered to step up take over for the final month of the season and it was a remarkable turnaround that saw the club survive relegation and the club were pleased to confirm that the duo agreed to continue for the 2025-26 season.

WHO'S WHO?

At Aylesbury United FC

Manager- Dave Tuttle
Assistant Manager- Hamzah Collins
Coaches- Travis Blackbeard & Ahmed El Amir
Physiotherapist- Grace Wellstood
First team kit- Will Harvey

Chair- Graham Read
Vice Chair- Ken Turnbull
Managing Director- Bob Moody
Club Secretary- Steve Baker
Fixtures Secretary- Ian Pluck
Company Secretary- Roger Simmons
Directors- David Brown, Andy Martin, Bob Moody, Ian Pluck, Graham Read, Alan Sherwell, Roger Simmons, Ken Turnbull

Safety Officer- Graham Martin
21st Century Ducks chair- Andy Martin
Club chaplain, welfare officer and safeguarding officer- Rev. Martyn Shaw

Legal name- Aylesbury United Football Club
Company number- 05814026
Significant interests (Shareholders/Shareholding)- Graham Read (51%), 21st Century Ducks (39%)

Our community role

**Do you know what we do
for the community via our Womens and Junior sections of club?
Just have a look – we are more than a Step four club, we are a much larger, envied ONE CLUB. Aylesbury United Football Club.**

**The Womens and Junior sections are still proudly flying the Aylesbury United flag in and around the town. We are proud of them, and they are proud to do so.
The Womens section comprise of 17 teams! 14
play in local leagues with another three 'social' playing teams. This amounts to more than 270 players, lead by 60 coaches and volunteers, more than 1,000 parents and club members receiving news and information about the club via social media and newsletters, etc.
Paul Timms, chair of the Women's section says: ''The demand for women's football is growing enormously, and we are proud to be part of it!''**

**The Juniors section is currently running 25 teams, with 370 players, 94 coaches and volunteers, week in, week out supporting the youth of Aylesbury, and unfortunately turning kids away as they have no capacity to take more (mainly down to the lack of – or poor quality of – facilities e.g. playing fields).
John Stirzaker, Juniors section chairman, states: ''Without facilities, we struggle, the town struggles and kids suffer, this is why it's so important to 'Bring the Ducks Home' and provided the necessary pitches required."
Below are some amazing
figures highlighting the hours given up by volunteers (of both the Womens and Juniors sections) to give
the youngsters of Aylesbury the opportunity of playing football and being part of our club. I would imagine the hours are higher now but based on previous years' activity.**

- **675 hours of weekly sporting activity by providing access to training.**
- **27,000 hours of sporting activity by providing access to training over a 40 week season.**
- **13,500 hours of additional sporting activity with participation in weekly fixtures.**
- **13,500 hours of sporting activity for members of the wider community who are members of other clubs and participate as our opposition in fixtures**
- **2,500 hours of sporting activity for club members and the wider community at our annual 'End of Season Football Festival'.**

The minimum total sporting activity that is provided to its members over a 40 week period, by AUJFC & AUWFC, is 56,500 hours.

**And not forgetting the Pan-Disability and Walking football sections that also
do an amazing job for our club. All sections are always on the look out for more volunteers and coaches, so if you fancy it, or know anybody that would be interested in helping the Aylesbury youth of today (and our potential players of tomorrow) then please make contact.
As ever, I appreciate your support, whether it be the Mini Ducks right through to the first team, I thank you, and I know we would not be as strong as we are without you all.**

Graham Read
Chairman, Aylesbury United Football Club

Charity Partner Youth Concern



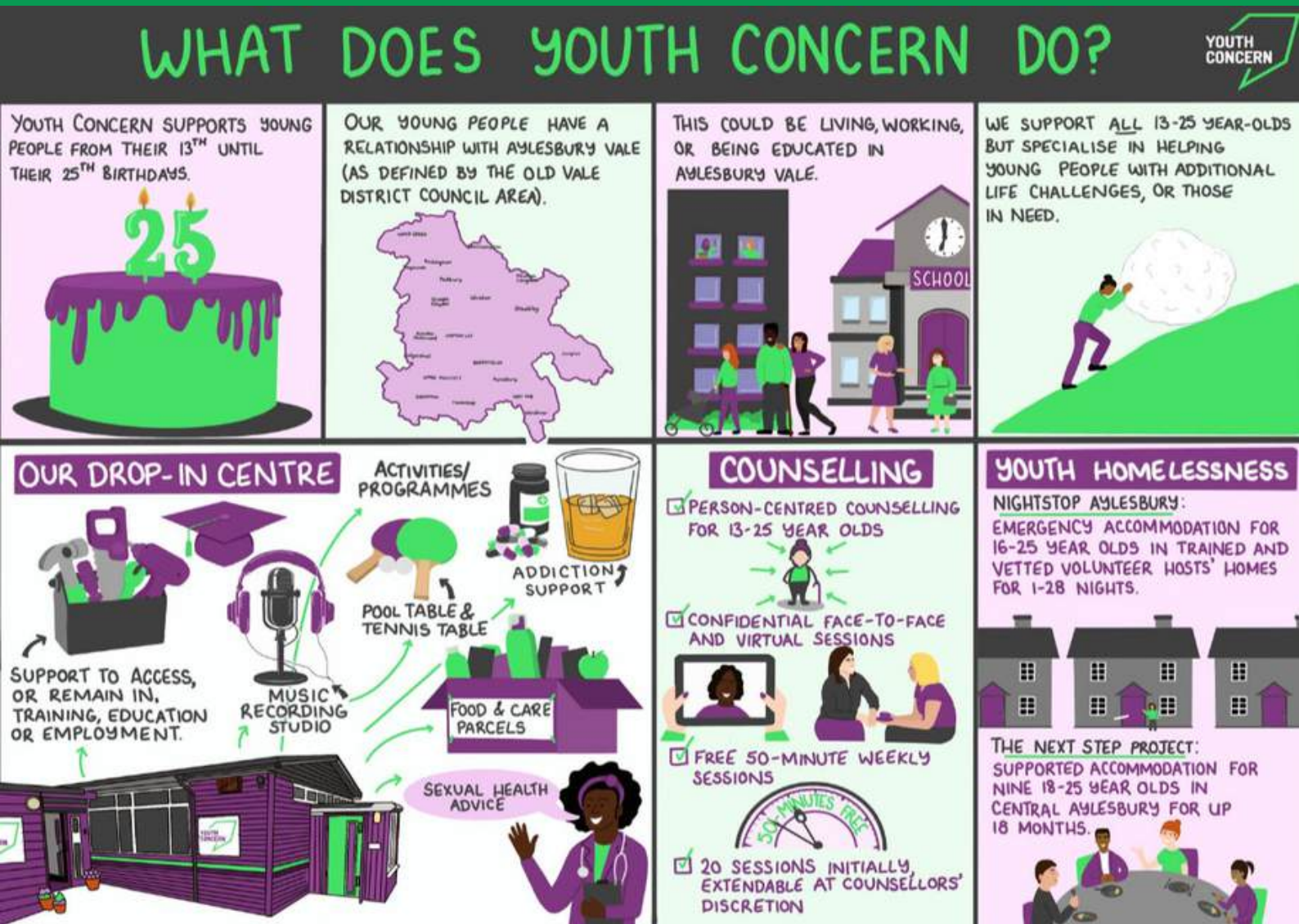
Each season Aylesbury United partners with a local charity to raise funds through various activities associated with the club

The election of a Charity

This season Aylesbury United is supporting Youth Concern as our charity partner.

Youth Concern are a youth charity that support young people in Aylesbury Vale. They welcome all 13-25 year olds, but specialise in working with young people who face additional challenges including, but not limited to, those who are financially vulnerable, have mental health needs, homeless or at risk of homelessness, young carers, 'looked after' or affected by domestic/sexual violence or abuse. Youth Concern has a drop-in centre in Aylesbury which provides a range of activities and support.

Hannah Asquith, CEO at Youth Concern, said: *"I'm absolutely thrilled that supporters' of Aylesbury United have chosen Youth Concern to be the club charity partner for the season, and we are grateful for your support. We look forward to working in partnership with the club and wish The Ducks all the best this season."*



Charley Tuttle

on Marlow & MK Irish

As a group we were disappointed after the Marlow game as we had enough chances, if we took them I think it would have been a different game, but that's football and we came away with nothing. We spoke as a team and one of the points raised was that we needed to be more clinical, so it was pleasing for us to score 4 very good goals against MK Irish, the mood in the camp is good.

Charley

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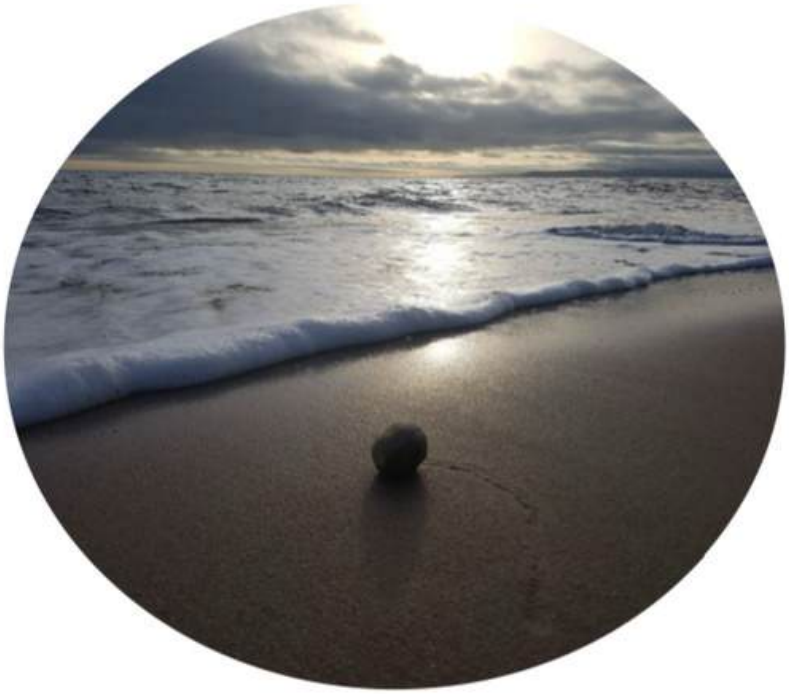

25/26 FIXTURES

2/8/25- Ardley United (A) FAC 1-0 L
9/8/25- Leverstock Green (H) 0-0 D
12/8/25- Marlow (A) 3-0 L
23/8/25- MK Irish (A) 4-1 W- Larwood 10' French 38' Beadle 49' Tamplin 90+4'
26/8/25- Flackwell Heath (H) 0-2 L
6/9/25- Stanway Rovers (A) FAT 4-0 L
13/9/25- Northwood (H)
27/9/25- Enfield (A)
1/10/25- Leighton Town (H)
4/10/25- AFC Dunstable (A)
11/10/25- Biggleswade (H)
15/10/25- London Lions (A)
18/10/25- Hertford Town (A)
25/10/25- Hadley (H)
29/10/25- Beaconsfield Town (A)
2/11/25- Biggleswade Town (H)
8/11/25- Ware (A)
12/11/25- Welwyn Garden City (H)
15/11/25- Leverstock Green (A)
22/11/25- Hitchin Town (H)
26/11/25- Marlow (H)
29/11/25- Northwood (A)
6/12/25- Barton Rovers (A)
13/12/25- Rayners Lane (H)
20/12/25- MK Irish (H)
27/12/25- Flackwell Heath (A)
3/1/26- Thame United (H)
10/1/26- Stotfold (A)
17/1/26- AFC Dunstable (H)
24/1/26- Leighton Town (A)
31/12/26- London Lions (H)
8/2/26- Biggleswade (A)
14/2/26- Beaconsfield Town (H)
21/2/26- Biggleswade Town (A)
28/2/26- Ware (H)
7/3/26- Welwyn Garden City (A)
14/3/26- Enfield (H)
21/3/26- Hitchin Town (A)
28/3/26- Rayners Lane (A)
3/4/26- Barton Rovers (H)
6/4/26- Thame United (A)
11/4/26- Stotfold (H)
18/4/26- Hadley (A)
25/4/26- Hertford Town (H)

MENS FOOTBALL

At Aylesbury United FC

The men's first team currently play in the Pitching In Southern League Division One Central. They are managed by Dave Tuttle.

Founded in 1897 – when local sides Night School, The Printing Works and Aylesbury Town merged to become Aylesbury United – the first team turned semi-professional in 1976 and joined the Southern League.

For the past decade the team has played in the Southern League at step four of the National League pyramid.

The club was evicted from our home ground in Aylesbury when the lease expired in 2006, and for the past 17 years has had to play home matches outside the town. For the past eight seasons, the team has played at The Meadow, home of Chesham United.

WOMENS FOOTBALL

At Aylesbury United FC

The women's first team currently play in the Thames Valley Counties Women's Football League Division Three North.

Aylesbury United Ladies was re-established in 2002, following a number of years without a team and the demise of Berkhamsted Ladies. Early highlights including a 7-2 victory over multi-time women's FA Cup winners Southampton Women's FC, and reaching the League Plate Final in 2004. The team picked up its first honours in 2007 with victory in the Thames Valley League Plate Final against Wolverton Wasps by penalty shoot-out. The Ladies won the League Plate again in 2014-15, the same season the club merged with junior side Vale Reds FC, to form Aylesbury United Ladies and Girls.

In 2023 the club changed its name to Aylesbury United Women to better reflect its position as an end-to-end female club for all ages with a clear pathway to the first team.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

At Aylesbury United FC

Aylesbury United Juniors FC has a long history within the town of providing local youngsters with opportunities to train and play football. We currently provide this provision for more than 350 players from 3 years of age; through to 18.

Our Mini Duck sessions are for 3 to 6 year olds. Age groups U7-U12 play in the South Bucks Mini Soccer Conference where fixtures are considered an extension of training and aimed at development; and age groups U13-U17 play competitively at all levels within the Wycombe and South Bucks Minor Football League.
The club's all inclusive disability section also comes under the Juniors' banner and will play in the Berks, Oxon and Bucks Inclusive League.
As an accredited FA Club we will be able to provide regular football, so whether a player is looking to play for enjoyment, or has ambitions to play at a senior level, we can cater for their needs.

All of our volunteers are subject to FA enhanced background checks and are all encourage to develop themselves as coaches as their players progress.
The club also prides itself in supporting all volunteers including young coaches and referees.
If you are interested in joining Aylesbury United Juniors, please email:
membership@aujfc.co.uk

PAN-DISABILITY

At Aylesbury United FC

The Aylesbury United pan-disability team is a fully inclusive side for both children and adults with physical or learning difficulties.

The side is affiliated with the Berkshire Oxfordshire Buckinghamshire Inclusive (BOBi) League, one of the largest pan-disability leagues in the country.

Sessions take place at Ashmead School in Stoke Mandeville on Saturday mornings from 9am to 10.30am.

If children or adults you know would be interested in playing football, please come along to a session, or get in touch. Siblings, family and friends are also welcome to come along. There's no need to book, just bring suitable clothing, football, and something to drink.

The team was first established by James Byrne when his disabled son wanted to start playing football. He coached the team for four years, and it's now organised by Nick Gurney and his team of coaches.

WALKING FOOTBALL

At Aylesbury United FC

Walking Football was only invented in 2011. As the name suggests, no running – either with or without the ball – is allowed, and it is a no contact sport so all tackling must be done without touching the opponent. Teams are six-a-side, and is open to men over 50, and women over 40.

Our team was formed back in October 2015, thanks to the vision of the late Matthew Doherty. With an enthusiastic bunch aged between 18 and 78 turning out on a cold autumn night, Aylesbury United Walking Football Club was born. The ethos behind the club has always been to allow an inclusive environment for all to take part in the game we all love.

The team's success means there are two teams at Over 50 – the Aylesbury United Greens, and the Aylesbury United Stripes, as well as an Over-60s side, all of which participate in the Thames Valley Walking Football League. As the team is one of the pioneers of Walking Football, they often find themselves up against 'big' names of Football, and previous matches have seen the Ducks take on Watford, Oxford United, and even Arsenal.

Weekly sessions take place at the Aylesbury Vale Academy on Wednesday evenings between 7-8pm. The minimum age is 48 to participate due to the popularity and space available.
If you'd like to take part and get involved, please contact the team via its Facebook, Twitter or Instagram pages.

Dave Tuttle- Manager



Appointed as interim manager in January 2024 following the departure of Jack Wells, Tuttle was a central defender who includes Tottenham Hotspur, Sheffield United, and Crystal Palace among his former clubs. Turned his attention to management, first with Milwall, and then with non-league clubs including Bracknell Town, Hartley Wintney and Burnham. Handed the manager's position at the conclusion of the 2023-24 season, having secured the club's step four status.

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Hamzah Collins- Assistant manager



Hamzah is a UEFA B qualified coach, with a Masters degree in performance coaching. He has more than 10 years coaching experience, including a sports science internship with Cardiff City. He has coaching experience at step five with both Bilston Town and Continental Star, in addition to roles with Maccabi GB and Meadvale Valley Park, and first linked up with manager Dave Tuttle as part of the management team at AFC Aldermaston.

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Ahmed El-Amir- Coach



First team coach who was born in Colorado, USA. He had an extensive playing career in Non-League after coming through in the Tottenham Hotspur academy.

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Travis Blackbeard- Coach



First team coach who joined the club at the end of last season, has previously worked at Chalfont St Peter, Tring Corinthians and Holmer Green.

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Grace Wellstood- Physiotherapist



Grace Wellstood joined the Ducks as sports therapist in Summer 2024, having previously worked with Hemel Hempstead Town.

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Will Harvey- Kitman



Having been a supporter of the club for nearly 10 years, Will started working for the ducks in November 2024 in a media role, before taking up the role of first team kitman in February 2025.

He currently runs the social media platforms and produces the matchday programme, as well as his kitman responsibilities.

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Jack Hopwood- Goalkeeper



Goalkeeper who joined the ducks from Tring Athletic in 2018. Hoppy left the club in 2021 following his relocation but returned just a year later for the 22/23 season. He spent a year playing for Kidlington before returning to the ducks for a third spell in 2024/25.

Jack has won multiple end of season awards for his excellent performances and service to the ducks.

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Jack Wood- Defender, Captain



Long-serving club captain, Jack initially joined the club on loan from Luton Town in March 2010, before making the move permanent the following summer. An outstanding and versatile talent, he lines-up in central defence these days, but came to the club as a midfielder and has also featured in the wide positions.

He is second on the list of all-time appearances for the Ducks, and has made more than 600 appearances for the club. He continues to display incredible loyalty to the club despite several offers to ply his trade elsewhere.

Sponsored by Jack Silbermann

Jake Bewley- Defender



Ever reliable attack-minded left back who has barely missed a game since being recruited from former landlords Leighton Town in summer 2014 after a four-year association with the Bedfordshire side, having previously played for Dunstable Town and AFC Dunstable before that. Jake's year-on-year improvement culminated in him being named Supporters' Player of the Year and Players' Player of the Year at the end of the 2016-17 campaign, having been named the Most Improved Player in 2015-16. Always eager to support attacks on the left flank, he has an excellent left foot which can also be turned to set piece speciality, Jake weighing in with a number of direct free kick goals and penalties over the course of his ducks career.

Sponsored by Richard Lloyd

Liam Batchelor- Morgan- Defender



Full back signed in summer 2024 from Biggleswade. Has also previously played for Hilltop and Tring Corinthians. Liam is an attack-minded right back, who was our highest appearance maker in 24/25.

Sponsored by Jenny Rayner

Charley Tuttle- Defender



26 year old left back who likes to defend and get forward, will be approaching 50 appearances for the club this season in what will be the start of his 2nd full season with the ducks.

Sponsored by Jim Rayner

Kian Henry- Defender



Central defender signed in summer 2024 from Wokingham and Emmbrook. He was previously a junior with Beaconsfield Town.

Sponsored by Dave Brown

Princewill Madu- Defender



Strong center half who joined the ducks this summer from Aylesbury Vale Dynamos.

Sponsored by Simon Lacey

Luke Stevens- Defender



Full back signed in summer 2025 from Chalfont St Peter, where he was coached by current ducks coach Travis.

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Luke Martin- Defender



An intelligent CB that reads the game and presents a tactical awareness to dictate defensive structure with calm authority. A defensive prowess combined with on the ball-ability including a diverse passing range, and a versatility which allows him to play full-back and in midfield.

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Nicolas Mejia- Defender



Fullback signed for the ducks this summer after impressing the coaching staff in pre-season.

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Ben Peters- Midfielder



Midfielder signed from Risborough Rangers in December 2023, who was previously part of the Academy 23 set-up with both Slough Town and then at Beaconsfield Town.

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Darren Brew- Midfielder



The midfielder joined the squad just before the transfer deadline in March from Bagshot. The majority of his playing experience has been in Scotland with Fort William and Strathspey.

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London Brookshaw- Midfielder



Midfielder/winger signed for the ducks this summer, following stints in academies at Tottenham and Wealdstone U23, as well as the first team.

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Hayden Beadle- Midfielder



Central midfielder who came through the youth and development system at Thame United before breaking into the first team. Joined the Ducks in Summer 2023 before playing elsewhere in 24/25 before rejoining this summer.

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Kacper Kloc- Midfielder



Versatile midfielder who can play most positions on the pitch. Likes to attack and create goals and is also no stranger to a booking.

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Brandon Green- Midfielder



Midfielder signed in summer 2024 having previously played for Three Bridges in the Isthmian South East league.

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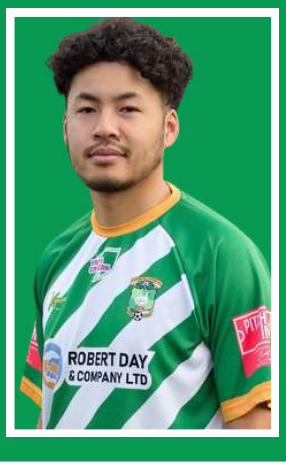
Ashis Rai- Midfielder



Central midfielder signed for the Ducks in December 2024, having been part of the Dover Athletic academy.

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Sonny French- Midfielder



Talented midfielder who has made effortlessly gliding past opponents in midfield something of an art form, Sonny signed for Aylesbury United on registration day in March 2015 from town neighbours Aylesbury FC, where he was a former Player of the Season winner. Began his career with Hemel Hempstead Town, before becoming an important part of the Aylesbury FC team, scoring just short of 40 goals during his four years with the club. Made more than 280 appearances, scoring 62 times for the Ducks, before departing in summer 2023 for Kings Langley. Re-signed for a second spell in September 2024.

Sponsored by John Woodhouse

Remel Larwood- Midfielder



Joining up with the ducks this summer, Remel played a pivotal role at North Greenford, making 33 appearances as they reached the playoffs. Remel will bring power and control to the midfield.

Sponsored by Yasmin Litchfield

Benji Kakembo- Striker



Powerful striker signed in March 2025 from Kings Langley, after previously also playing for Tring Athletic.

Sponsored by Andy Martin

Powfil Raposo- Striker



Powerful striker signed in March 2025 from Kidlington. Scored his first ducks goal in a pre-season game against Chalfont St Peter.

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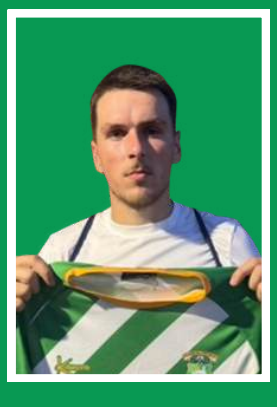
Leandro Jardim- Striker



Striker who came through at Fulham, Leandro joins the ducks from Aldershot Town where he suffered a serious injury. Leandro scored twice in pre season including a free kick.

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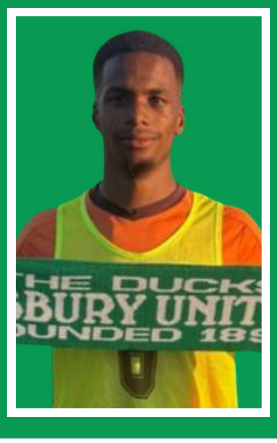
Fabian Garcia- Winger



The rapid winger had spells with Thame United and Aylesbury Vale Dynamos last season including one outing against the Ducks.

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Jed Layman- Winger



Jed came through the ranks at Beaconsfield, He will bring pace and flair to the wing as well as an eager eye for goal!

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Nasha Mukwada- Winger



Speedy winger joined the Ducks in summer 2022 from Rushden and Diamonds Under 23 squad, rejoined the ducks in summer 2025 and impressed in pre-season

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Rocko Tamplin- Winger



Rocko rejoined the ducks this season, scoring on his return to the ducks against MK Irish. Previously playing for the club in 22/23, Rocko's pace and flair makes him exciting to watch on the pitch!

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Opposition Profiles

Hafed Al-Droubi – Experienced goalkeeper who joined the Woods for a second spell in November 2024 on dual registration from Walthamstow. The 30-year-old Jordanian-born keeper played at Besiktas in Turkey and Luton Town as a youngster. He has played for Chesham United, Harrow Borough, Beaconsfield Town, Potters Bar Town and Hendon amongst others as well as for the England six-a-side international team. Left to help Berkhamsted to play-off promotion success but is now back for a third spell at the Woods.

Henry Atkinson – Youngster, part of the Woods current U18s side, who made his first-team debut in August 2025. Still only 17, he has also picked up experience at Step 6 with Oxhey Jets and looks to have a bright future.

Ademide Baruwa – A new arrival at the Woods in the summer of 2025, Adz joins the club from Leverstock Green where he has been a mainstay of their midfield over the past couple of seasons, clocking up over 70 appearances. Prior to this the 25-year-old has played for CB Hounslow, North Greenford United and Belstone.

Jon-Jo Bates – Experienced attacking midfield, now 33, who came out of retirement in January 2025 for a second spell at Northwood, over a decade after the first. After playing as teenager at Bedfont Town, he joined Dagenham & Redbridge on professional terms, then played at Harrow Borough and Hampton & Richmond Borough before his first spell with the Woods. Other clubs since then have included Maidenhead United, Chesham United, Uxbridge, Beaconsfield and Egham Town. Took over as Joint Manager in March 2025.

Hicham Bouchareb – Hicham is a 22-year-old wide player who started out with Hampton & Richmond Borough and then played in development sides at Basildon United, Beaconsfield Town and Rising Ballers. Joins the Woods after a couple of years out of the game.
Riccardo Clarke-Rowe – Rico joins the Woods in the summer of 2025 having been out of the game for a while since spells with Broadfields United and Amersham Town. Now 23, he will be working hard to establish his place in the new squad.

Jordan Ellis – 30-year-old wide player, Jordan has been out of the game for around 18 months having been badly injured in a play-off fixture at the end of several seasons with Hanworth Villa. He will be looking to get back to both fitness and sharpness in pre-season.

Jack Empson – Jack is a 21-year-old defender who has joined the Woods in 2024 having played for AFC Rushden & Diamonds and Aylesbury United previously. He played in the US with South Bend Lions and then for Kettering Town as a youth. He also enjoyed a good spell with Aylesbury Vale three seasons ago and had a solid first season with the Woods, returning for a second year at the club.

Manny Folarin – Experienced, 33-year-old defender who switched from Rayners Lane to Northwood in November 2024. Previous clubs include Tilbury, Hemel Hempstead, Kings Langley, Hayes & Yeading, Berkhamsted, Braintree Town, Eastbourne Borough and Leighton Town. Had a great season with the Woods, winning the Managers' Player of the Year award and has been named Skipper for the new season.

Romario Jonas – Romario is a 27-year-old defender who joined the Woods on dual-registration with Hanwell Town in July 2022. He made his name with some impressive performances at Ashford Town (Middx) and earned a move to Step 3 side Hendon where he made almost 50 appearances over two seasons. He has had short spells with Bracknell Town and Chalfont St Peter but was then part of the successful Hanwell side that won promotion through the play-offs back in May 2022. Injuries plagued his next couple of seasons with just a few appearances here and at Harefield but he's back to play a big part.

Dylan Kearney – An experienced striker with an excellent goalscoring record, 27-year-old Dylan joins the Woods in the summer of 2025 having returned from serious injury with games at Flackwell Heath last season. He has had previous spells with the likes of Uxbridge, Wealdstone, Harrow Borough, Sutton United, Dulwich Hamlet, Hayes & Yeading, Hendon, Wingate & Finchley and Beaconsfield.

Jamie Kennedy – Young midfielder who arrived at the Woods in the summer of 2025 having played for Harrow Borough, both U23 and around a dozen first-team matches last season, winning the Young Player of the Year Award. Only 19, his previous youth experience was at Brentford.

Kushon Lewis-Thomas – A new signing for the Woods in the summer of 2025, Kush is a 21-year-old attacker who can play up front or on the left. He enjoyed an excellent season with Langley FC back in 2022/23 with over 20 goals for the Step 6 side but hasn't been playing in recent years. With plenty of pace and creativity, Kush will be looking to get back to enjoying his football with the Woods this season.

Andrew McCorkell – Experienced goalkeeper who first had a spell with the Woods in 2017 after release from MK Dons where he picked up representative honours for Northern Ireland U19s. He had already made appearances for Hendon and Chesham United. In more recent years he has had spells with Beaconsfield, Hayes & Yeading, Chalfont St Peter and Bedfont Sports before joining the Woods in 2022. Ever-present and voted in the League's team of the season, he then returned to Northwood after a brief spell at Uxbridge before joining Harrow Borough in 2024.

Harry McCorkell – Harry returns to the Woods for a second spell in the summer of 2025 having had a year with Harrow Borough where he was named as Players' and Managers' Player of the Year. Now 26, Harry had previously had six seasons at Harefield United and a great year with North Greenford. He will now look to take a big role in the centre of midfield to add to his 32 appearances in 2023/24.

Brian McGovern – Brian joins the first-team squad after a superb season in the Woods Under-18s and having made an impressive first-team debut at the end of that season at Barton Rovers. The 18-year-old also gained experience playing for Oxhey Jets and has a bright future ahead of him.

Harry McKenna – Woods Young Player of the Year in 2024 having impressed throughout since joining from Aldershot Town's Development side in October 2023. He returned to the Woods for a second season and had clocked up over 60 appearances before a dislocated shoulder ruled him out for the rest of the season in early March. Back for a third season, Harry can play anywhere on the right.

Mack Miskin – Left-back Mack originally joined the Woods back in 2019 having previously played for Staines Town. He made 14 appearances and the 24-year-old returns to the club in July 2025 from Harrow Borough having also played for Hanwell Town and Braintree Town while having loan spells at Saffron Walden Town, Brightlingsea Regent and Marlow.

Osaretin Otote – 23-year-old pacy winger, Osa has returned to Northwood for a second spell at the club having originally signed in February 2023 from Waltham Abbey. He hit the headlines with a hat-trick early the following season against Corinthian-Casuals but the former Huddersfield Town youth then left and has since travelled around with spells at Enfield Town, Sutton Common Rovers, Frenford, Met Police and Sevenoaks Town.

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Frankie Pass – Frankie has been promoted from the Woods U18s where he amongst the goals at the back end of last season having previously played for Southall. The 18-year-old will be looking to establish himself in senior football as the season progresses having played a handful of games for Oxhey Jets last season.

Reece Price-Placid – Reece is a vastly experienced winger who started out at Woking and Carshalton Athletic. He had a few games with Lancing last season but has been missing for much of the last two years with bad injury issues. Previously he was part of a Whitehawk squad that won promotion from Step 4 in 2023 and the 29-year-old has also played for East Grinstead, Hayes & Yeading, Harlow Town and Basildon United amongst others.

Nasir Sharifi – Young 19-year-old who joins Northwood after several seasons at Harrow Borough in both the Under-18s and Under-23 side where he was captain. He made a few first-team appearances for Boro at the end of last season and the full-back looks to have plenty of potential for the Woods.

Jack Smith – Experienced Midfielder who originally joined the Woods in March 2023 from St Panteleimon having also been registered with Chesham United. The 28-year-old came through the youth ranks at Wealdstone but then played for Corinthian-Casuals and Ashford Town (Middx) before returning in Augst 2024 from Risborough Rangers. Took over as Joint Manager of the club in March 2025.

Carl Stewart - Former Watford youth midfielder Carl Stewart signed on a dual-registration basis from Beaconsfield Town in November 2021. Carl is a 27-year-old who was also at Udinese as a youngster and then played in Poland for Zaglebie Sosnowiec. He has also had short spells at Oxford City, Banbury United, Bedfont Sports, Wingate & Finchley and Marlow. He won the coveted Players' Player of the Year award in 2022 and was virtually ever-present in the Woods midfield, with over 100 appearances before spending a season at Harrow Borough, returning in July 2025.

Chama Torsiello – Young, 20-year-old defender who has joined the Woods in July 2025 from Essex Senior League side Buckhurst Hill having previously played for Harrow Borough's Under-23 side and Spartans Youth when they played here at Northwood. He will be looking to make the step up to Step 4 football this season and has earned that chance with some solid performances in pre-season.

Devonte Totesaut - Striker who returned to the Woods in February 2025 having had a previous spell in the Covid-hit 2020-21 season where he made 11 appearances and scored three goals. After a few years out of the game he returned to play for Yaxley and AFC Peterborough earlier last season. Now 30, previous clubs include Chesham United and Brunos Magpies in Gibraltar, amongst others.

Dan Williams – Dan has returned to Northwood for a third spell at the club in September 2025. He was the Woods Golden Boot winner in 2023-24 but left to join Harrow Borough and then moved on in January to help Bedfont Sports to promotion from the Combined Counties League. The 28-year-old striker has also played for Chalfont St Peter, Tooting & Mitcham United and Uxbridge.

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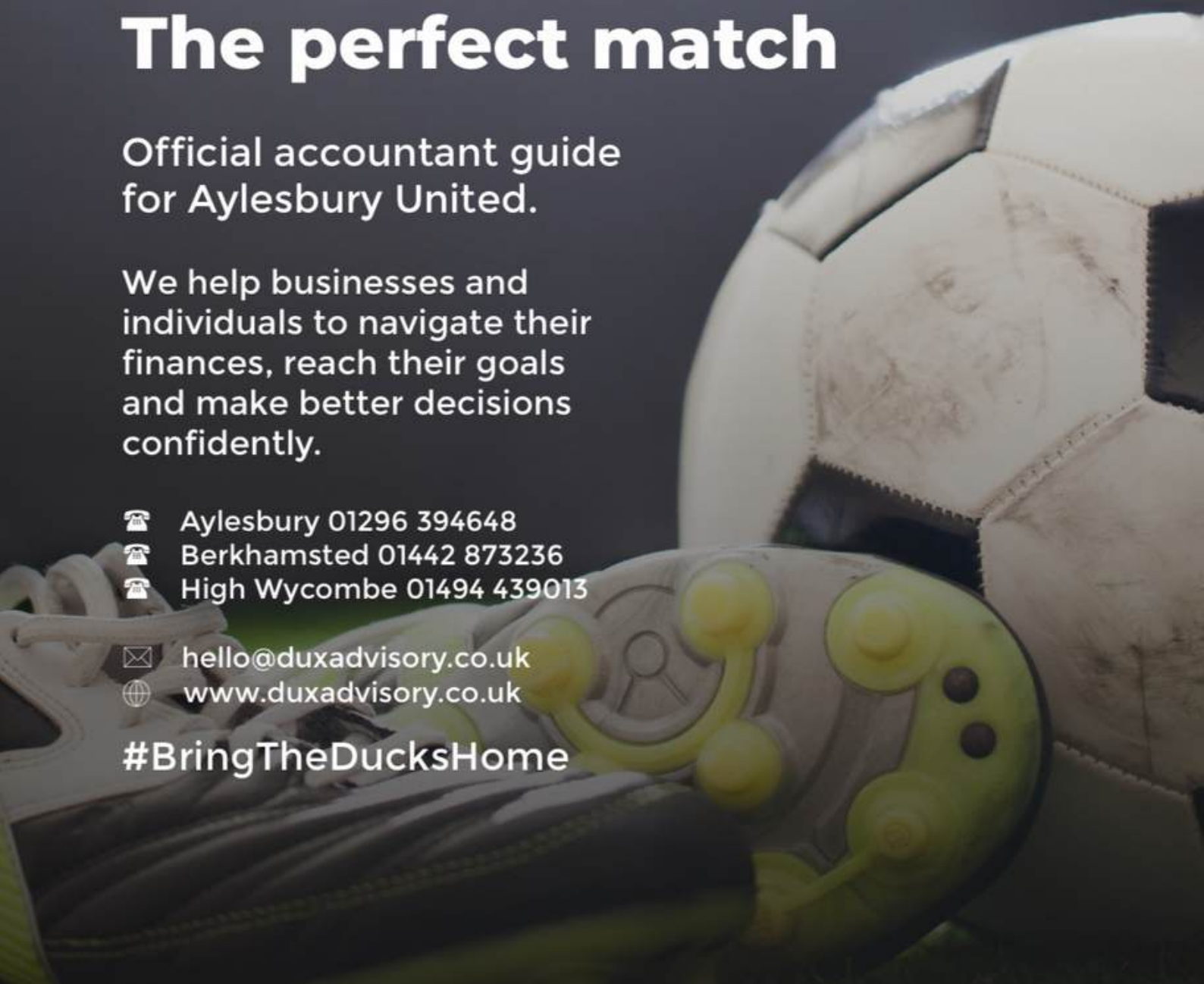

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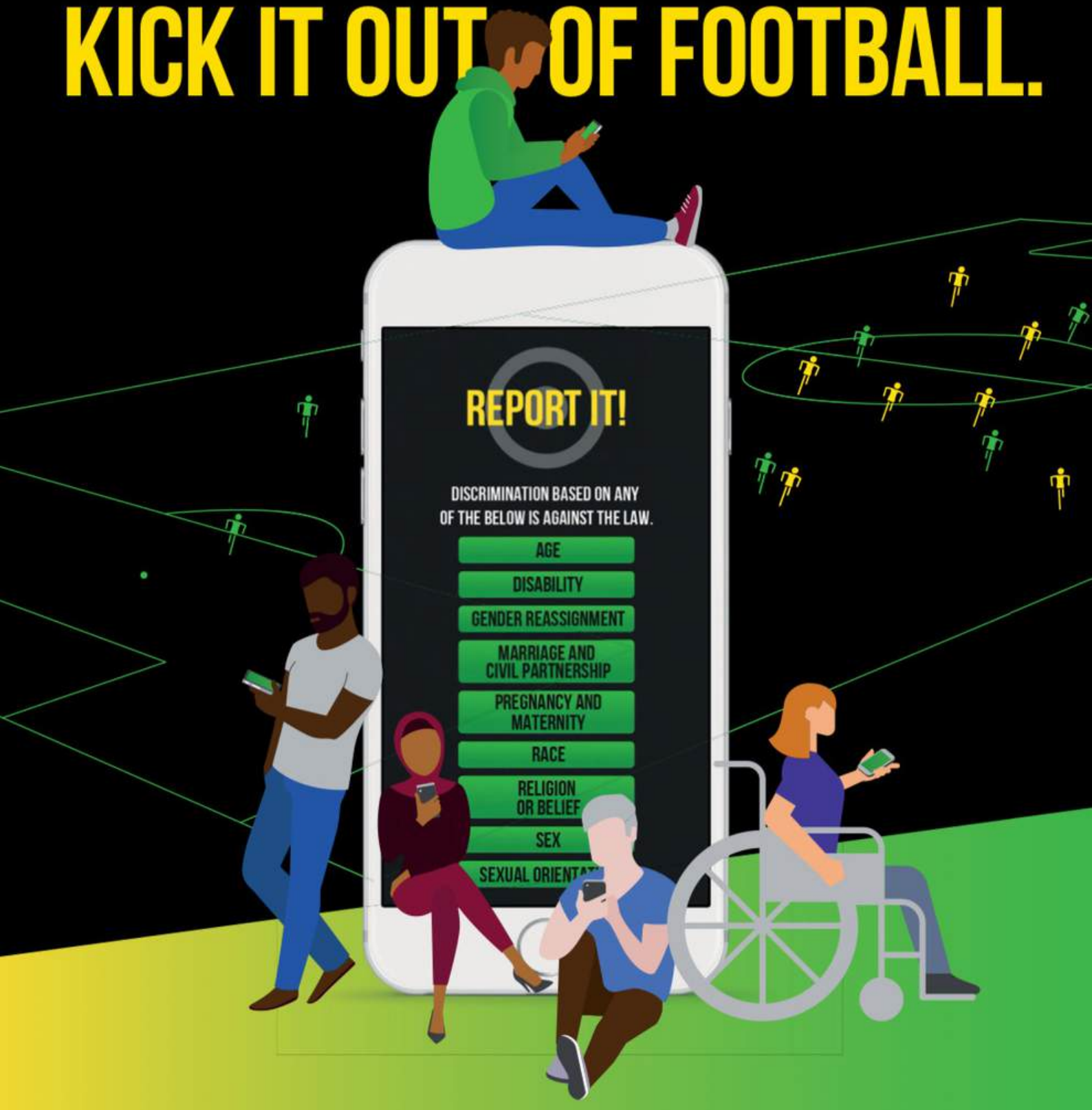

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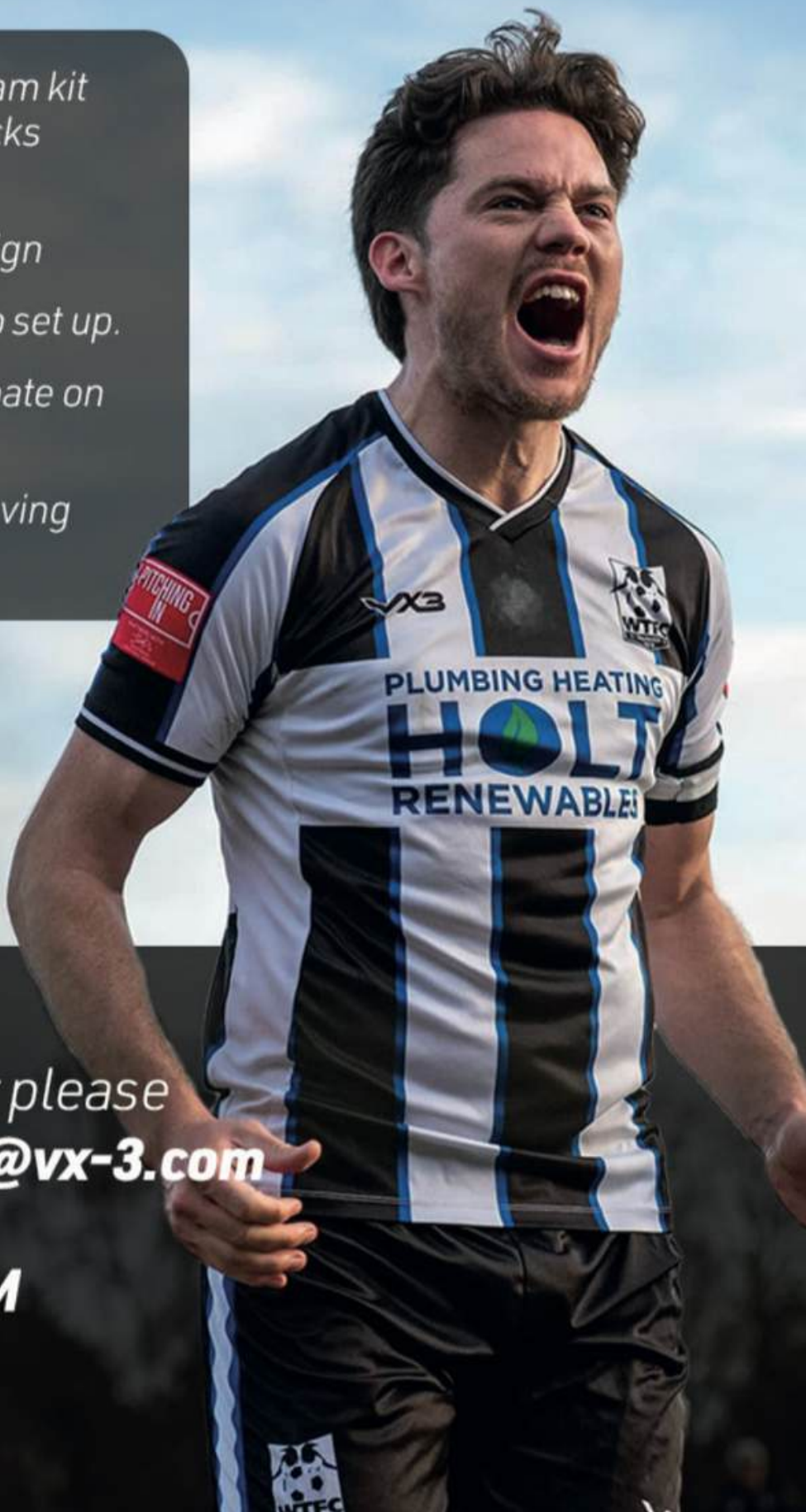

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