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

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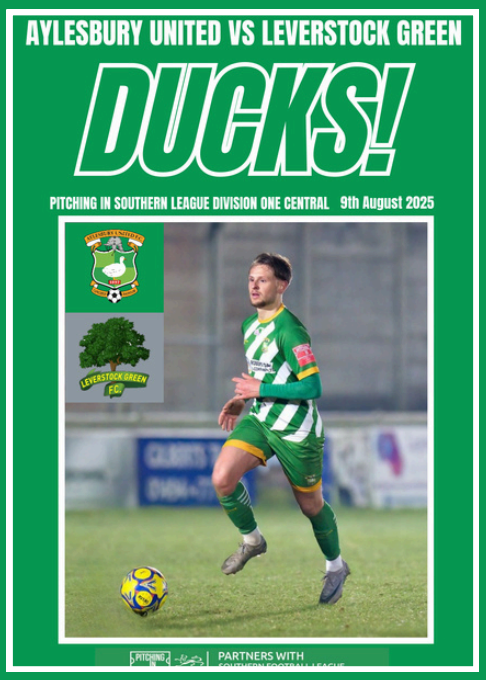

Today's opponents

Founded in 1921, when the town itself was in its infancy (the first house was completed in December 1920), Welwyn Garden City FC began by playing friendlies (the first being against Lemsford Reserves in September 1921, a 3-1 win) before being admitted to the Mid-Hertfordshire League (Division IIa) for the 1922/23 season, with home games played at Parkway and our first opponents Markyate FC at home on the 26th August 1922, a 4-0 defeat (in fact they didn't register a single competitive win all season, drawing one league game, losing the other 21 and losing two cup ties).The club then moved to the Bedfordshire & District League for one season - 1926/27 (finishing 9th of 11 teams) before joining the Spartan League for season 1927/28, where we stayed until the end of the 1934/35 season. Our first outing in the FA Amateur Cup, 1926/27, saw us lose to Wood Green after a replay in the 1st Qualifying Round. After being beaten in the final of the Perry Cup by Ware at the end of the 1926/27 season, the following season we gained our first honour, winning the Hertfordshire FA Charity Shield, beating Hoddesdon Town 5-2. We also entered the FA Cup for the first time, losing 7-4 away to Hampstead in the 1st Qualifying Round having previously knocked out Hitchin Blue Cross and Ware.

In July 1934 the club announced amalgamation with local rivals Shredded Wheat FC. This was due to the club's poor financial position (a deficit of £12 was reported by the Treasurer) and the Spartan League's refusal to admit Shredded Wheat as it would admit no more works teams. It was believed that this merger would prevent competition between the clubs for players and increase gate receipts. The terms of the amalgamation were that City would be regarded as the team representing the town and would play in the Spartan League and have first call on players whilst Shredded Wheat FC (each team retained its own name) would play in the South Midlands League. Separate committees would be retained and both teams would play at Shredded Wheat's ground, which was adjacent to the works in Bessemer Road.

However, following a very successful 1934/35 season, where we achieved our highest ever league position to that time of third place in the Spartan League Division 2 East (out of 14 teams), the club was forced to resign from the league just nine days before the League AGM as use ofthe Shredded Wheat facilities was withdrawn "... owing to extensive programmes that are being arranged for the Wheat teams."(quoted from The Welwyn Times)and no other suitable ground in the town was available (the Club needed an enclosed ground to enable it to collect gate money, without which it was unable to cover running costs and our former Parkway ground had by then been redeveloped). As a consequence the club was formally wound up in July 1935 with debts of just over £20.
This situation lasted until May 1937 when Shredded Wheat FC was wound up by the company management who finally lost patience at the team not being allowed to compete in higher level leagues. Shredded Wheat management then took the generous decision of making their football facilitiesavailable for the re-establishment of a Welwyn Garden City team and in addition included a donation to help establish the new team. This enabled the newly-established team to re-join the Spartan League for the 1937/38 season where we finished bottom. The use of the Shredded Wheat ground only lasted for that one seasonand during the 1938/39 season we ground-shared with Murphy Radio FC at theirHandside Playing Fields ground. Following repeated requests to the local authority, a permanent home was found in Springfields in time for the start of the 1939/40 season.

However, in common with all leagues, the Spartan League was suspended in August 1939 due to the war, the club only playing one league fixture and an FA Cup tie. For the remainder of the 1939/40 season we competed in the Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire Combination. However, the club committee was finding it increasingly difficult to raise a team and so, at a meeting held in August 1940, they decided, "to carry on with the club with the present committee".

Our next recorded action on the pitch is from the 1944/45 season with the club competing in the Mid-Hertfordshire League. Things returned to normality for the 1945/46 season with the club once again competing in the Spartan League, where we remained until joining the London League for the 1950/51 season. Our three season stay in the London League lasted until the end of the 1954/1955 season, when we re-joined the Spartan League, where we stayed until 1959.At this time the Club were managed by Harry Hibbs, theformer England goalkeeper (25 caps), Harry being one of two ex-internationals to be in charge of The Citizens, the other being Alex Massie who was capped by Scotland. In 1956 we were elected Associate Members of the Football Association.

After finishing 15th (out of 16 teams) in the Spartan League (1958/59 season) our next stop was county football with a move to the Hertfordshire County League for the 1959/1960 season, where we stayed until the end of the 1969/1970 season. During this time we moved to our present home, HernsWay, in 1968 and staged our first fixture at senior level, against Knebworth in the Aubrey Cup, on the 16th November that year.

In 1970 the club joined the London League for the second time in our history. The following season - 1971/72 - the club became a founder member of the Metropolitan London League, where we remained for two seasons. In 1973 we merged with local rivals Welwyn Garden United to form Welwyn Garden FC. The merged club took over Welwyn Garden United's place in the South Midlands League for the 1973/74 season, winning the Premier Division championship at the first attempt - the first championship win in our history (Welwyn Garden United reformed as a separate club for the 1974/75 season and took up a place in the Hertfordshire County League). Here we stayed for 24 seasons – our longest uninterrupted period in one league to date.

During this time, in the 1974/75 season, we reached the final of the South Midlands League Challenge Trophy, only to be beaten by Barton Rovers 3-1 on aggregate.1976/77 saw us lose our top-flight status and there began a five-year battle to reclaim it. During these First Division years the club was to finish no lower than 5th. In 1981/82 we won the First Division title and changed our name back to Welwyn Garden City prior to the 1982/83 season. In that league-topping year we also reached the final of the South Midlands League Challenge Trophy but once again had to settle for runners-up, this time losing 3-0 on aggregate to Stotfold.

The season 1984/85 brought us cup success for the first time since the club was reformed, when under the management of John Sneddon we beat Pirton 2-0 to lift the first ever Hertfordshire FA Senior Centenary Trophy. At the end of the season John decided to call it a day and he was replaced in the close season by ex-Sudbury Court boss, Ray Sullivan, whose first task was to rebuild the side. Twelve months later we finished runners-up, missing out on the Premier Division title by four points (2 points for a win) to Selby FC,due to some erratic form in the closing games.

In 1986/87 and 1987/88 we lifted the Hertfordshire FA Charity Shield, making us only the sixth team to retain the Shield. The close of the 1986/87 season also saw floodlights installed at the HernsWay ground. This was celebratedwith a match versus Tottenham Hotspur.

In 1988/89 we gained a top six league finish along with an appearance in two cup-finals, the South Midlands League Challenge Trophy and the Hertfordshire FA Senior Centenary Trophy. However these were both lost in the space of five days. The 1990/91 season saw yet another cup final loss, losing on penalties in the final of the Hertfordshire FA Charity Shield.

Ray Sullivan stepped down as manager in 1990 and so followed a lean spell during which we tried several managerial combinations, including Dave Lawrence, John "Jock" Bruce, former player Pat Maslen and Ian Priest. The closest we came to winning anything was another Hertfordshire FA Charity Shield Final appearance, during Pat Maslen's reign. However, this was lost onpenalties.

In 1996/97 the club looked as manager to local man Malcolm Doctor, who the previous season had guided our arch-rivals Hatfield Town to second place in the South Midlands League. Everyone at the Club was optimistic about glory days returning to HernsWay. Two cup-finals were reached, the South Midlands League Challenge Trophy and the Hertfordshire FA Charity Shield but once again we missed out at the final stages.

1997/98 saw the merger of the Spartan League and the South Midlands League to form the Spartan South Midlands League, with the club joining the Premier North Division and finishing high enough (6th) to qualify for the Premier Division the following season.

In 1998, following the departure of Malcolm Doctor, we forged a link with near neighbours Stevenage Borough FC and strengthened our squad with Boro's EFCO youngsters along with the management pairing of Dave Bullock and Bill Bannister. However despite reaching the 3rd Qualifying Round of the FA Cup for the first time, losing 4-2 to Ford United after a 2-2 draw at Herns Way (the furthest the Club has ever progressed in the competition to date),the season collapsed midway through and with the break-up of the squad a battle with relegation followed.

1999/2000 saw a rebuilding process with former Somersett Ambury V&E boss Dave Steadman being appointed manager and being given the task of leading the Citizens into the new millennium. However the Club's downward trend continued and at the end of the 2000/01 season we were relegated to the First Division, thus ending one of the longest unbroken spells in the Premier Division. Guillermo Ganet was appointed manager in 2002 with the task of restoring the glory days back to the club and after two seasons steered the club back to the Premier Division. Our first season back saw us finish in a very creditable third place. However, the end of the campaign saw the manager and most of the playing squad depart for Berkhamsted Town.

Howard Cowley was given his chance as manager in 2005/06; he brought a wealth of experience from not only the Spartan South Midlands League but also all divisions of the Ryman League. During his tenure the teamachieved a 19 game unbeaten run in all competitions and also equalled our best ever FA Cup run when losing narrowly 2-1 away to the then Conference South leaders Histon in the 3rd Qualifying Round. The team also exceeded its best ever run in the FA Vase by reaching the 5th Round only for an administrative error to deny them the chance to go even further.

The 2006/07 season saw the club achieve fourth spot in the league, becoming the only side to beat eventual League and Cup champions Edgware Town at their White Lion ground whilst doing the double over local rivals Hertford Town with two fine victories.

Following the departure of Howard Cowley, a quick succession of managers tried to revive the fortunes of the club. However this did nothing to ensure success; in fact it had the opposite effect with relegation back to the First Division at the end of the 2009/10 campaign.A feature of the 2009/10 season was the forming of an 'A' team (the Reserve team having relocated to Arlesey Town), managed by Simon Braine who was assisted by Mark Zienkowicz and which won the North & Mid-Hertfordshire League Division 1 title.

2010/11 saw our poor form continue, against a background of severe financial struggle which at one time threatened the survival of the club. This wasn't helped by having three managers during the season, Phil Read, Rob Pattwell and Simon Braine. The latter, with the help of assistant manager Adam Fisher, helped to steer the club away from potentially ruinous relegation. Adam then moved on to Barton Rovers FC as their Assistant Manager.

2012/13 sawmanager Scott O'Donoghue working alongside Pablo Ardiles as his assistant. Scott left at the end of the season and was replaced byour former player and assistant manager Adam Fisher, assisted by another former player,Richard Teixiera.

In his first season in charge in 2013/14, Adam led us to a highly creditable fourth place in the First Division, having challenged for promotion until the final run-in.A feature of the season was 51 goals from striker Jason Caswell, a new club record, outstripping Terry Hayes' previous best of 47 from the late 1980s. Jason was ably assisted by strike partner Joel Norris, who scored 33 goals as the side topped 100 goals for the season.

The 2014/15 season was one of the most successful for many years with a First Division Championship and Cup 'double'.We won the division title by seven points, ahead of FC Broxbourne Borough – who were promoted alongside us–and took the Division 1 Cup for the first time - thanks to a 2-0 final victory over Crawley Green at Langford FC.Joel Norris surpassed his 33 goals of the previous season by scoring 41 in the campaign and was deservedly voted player of the season by both the management and his fellow players.

The highlight of the following season was winning the Spartan South Midlands League Challenge Trophy for the first time, having lost in the final of this and its South Midlands League equivalent on four previous occasions. We were also runners-up in the Dudley Latham Memorial (Premier Division) Cup. The following season, 2016/17, was one of consolidation on and off the pitch as extensive ground improvements were completed, necessary for us to compete at a higher level.

The 2017/18 season was one that supporters will remember for a long time. A club record of 25 consecutive games unbeaten in all competitions was set as well as going 18 consecutive league games unbeaten, also a club record. On the 12th November 2017 Tottenham Hotspur Ambassador and World Cup winner OsvaldoArdiles unveiled stadium upgrades – which included two turnstiles from the old White Hart Laneground donated by Tottenham Hotspur - after we had received a Premier League grant.The league championship was won for the first time since the merger of the Spartan and South Midlands leagues and wasonly the second title ever for the club at this level. Even the disappointment of yet another defeat in the final of the Hertfordshire FA Charity Shield – our sixth defeat in nine finals –and another loss in the final of the Dudley Latham Memorial (Premier Division) Cup couldn't overshadow the achievement of Level 4 football in the Southern League for the first time in our history.

The 2018/19 league season began well but exits from the FA Cup and FA Trophy at the first hurdle were disappointing. Crisis struck in January when manager Adam Fisher was suddenly dismissed for persistently exceeding his playing budget. This led to an immediate walkout of almost the entire squad and backroom staff. Only players Jonny Sexton, Jay Rolfe and David Keenleyside remained for the rest of the season. Thanks to quick action by the club's football committee, Fisher was quickly replaced by Dean Barker who worked tirelessly to put together a backroom team and a playing squad at extremely short notice. Having been given the job on the Thursday there was not enough time to have a team ready for the home tie with eventual league champions Peterborough Sports the following Saturday, for which the club was later fined. The next fixture was three days later but the battling drawagainst Aylesbury United by the hastily put together teamwas later cancelled out when the club was fined and deducted the hard-won point by the league for playing an ineligible player (the club played three work experience players when the limit is two). Four draws and eightdefeats in Barker's first twelve games in chargesaw the team drawn into the battle to avoid relegation. However, a rally of three wins – two of which were away from home - and a draw in the final five games ensured survival with a game to spare and ensured a comfortable 14th place finish.

Barker was given the manager's job on a permanent basis shortly after the end of the season and he spoke with optimism about his plans for the future. However, a few days afterwards the ambitious Barker accepted the manager's job at Step 3 club Kings Langley. The club then appointed Nick Ironton as his replacement. Whilst not enjoying any notable cup success, Ironton's team was challenging strongly for a play-off place when the 2019/20 season was declared null and void due to the COVID 19 virus. COVID 19 was again responsible when the 2020/21 season was curtailed in March 2021. Welwyn Garden City had only played six games when this decision was taken but a magnificent run to the third round proper of the FA Trophy – the furthest we have reached in our three attempts - was a small consolation.

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From the Ducks - A message to Woody

Mr Reliable, Mr Dependable, Mr Loyalty; words don't do you justice Jack. Your unwavering commitment to Aylesbury Utd should never be underestimated or undervalued. A true legend for whom a statue should be commissioned when the club eventually has a ground back in Aylesbury. Thank you Jack.

Dan Harvey & family.





Legend and Greatest Of All Time are overused terms but when it comes to Jack Wood and his dedication to AUFC both terms are more than fitting! Well done Jack on achieving this magnificent milestone!

We've Got Wood!

Andy Martin (& Emma)



Amazing achievement Jack and a huge amount of dedication and love to our great club. Appreciate everything you've done for the Ducks.

Cheers, Mark ' Butch' Rickard



Woody, what can I say! I can count on my fingers the amount of games you've missed since I came to my first game when I was eight! It's a pleasure to work alongside you every week. A massive congratulations on your record, one which will surely never be beaten. Thank you Woody you legend!

Will Harvey



Thank you Jack for all you have given the club and its supporters over the years. Such an amazing achievement and very much deserved. Here's to more appearances in a Ducks shirt!!

Well done Woody!

From all members of 21CD



Woody, congratulations on this massive feat, 670 not out. You are an outstanding servant, an even better person, and your loyalty has been second to none. Thanks for your continued service to the ducks and long may it continue! Legend!! #WeveGotWood

Dan Cadwell

Jack, very few people in either the professional or the semi professional game have the loyalty you do and your reward is that you will forever be regarded as an Aylesbury United great. There is a whole generation that have only ever known United with you in it and we will all be forever grateful for all you've done for this club. Congratulations





Congratulations Jack on your remarkable achievement of breaking the all time record number of games for the club. This is all the more remarkable given the trying times experienced by the club without a home of our own. You have served with dignity and always to the high standards set by yourself. The fans appreciate that you have turned down offers from other clubs with bigger budgets to continue wearing the club shirt with pride. As a Ducks supporter for 64 years, it has always been a pleasure to watch your dedicated and fully committed performances.

Roger Simmons

I would personally like to congratulate Jack on his record-breaking achievement. It is unlikely that this will ever be seen again at the Club and is indicative of his commitment, quality, passion, and immense loyalty. Jack is a good example of what young players should be trying to emulate.
My personal thanks go to him and Carla for the support we have been lucky to benefit from. Well done and here's to 700!!

Bob Moody





Woody!!! Where do I start mate unbelievable player and even better person you are a legend of a club that has gone through so much through the years and you are one of the shining lights and one of the only players that has played for the badge and kept faith and all of the fans I know appreciate you and you kept a lot of them going by being the leader that you are!
On a personal note I would like to thank you for helping me as a youngster trying to find his way in the game, being 16 and stepping into the men's game is intimidating but you not only made me feel welcome you encouraged me and pushed me to be better and I can not thank you enough mate!
Congratulations on this massive achievement and you deserve it for your loyalty throughout the years for my hometown club officially legend status my mate and here's to many more appearances

Jamie Jellis

Congratulations on an unbelievable achievement mate, never in doubt and thoroughly deserved! It was a pleasure sharing the pitch with you for those 4 years at the ducks, not only one of the best players I've been lucky enough to play with but also a great lad too. Top man mate, still got another 200 appearances in you for sure!

Mark Riddick



Jack, huge congratulations on breaking the club appearance record! Your loyalty, resilience, and passion for the club have been nothing short of inspirational in what have been some very trying circumstances over the seasons. You've led by example both on and off the pitch, and your commitment over the years has left a lasting legacy that will never be beaten, despite numerous offers to leave for more money. It's been a privilege to watch your journey; you truly embody what it means to be a Ducks legend. Well done, mate!

Ian Pluck



Congratulations Woody, hell of an achievement mate, been a pleasure to of played in 50 odd of those games with you! Here's to another 600!

Charley Tuttle



Woody breaking the all-time appearance record for Aylesbury United is a remarkable achievement that reflects his exceptional dedication, loyalty, and consistency.

It cements his place in the club's history but also serves as an inspiration to teammates and future generations of Ducks players.

Batch



I had the pleasure in playing alongside Woody when I returned to the club for my second spell in 2012. From the first training session you acknowledged just how good he was as a player but also such a nice guy too.
He has demonstrated over the course of his career at the ducks how to be a great captain, a quality centre half and how to be an honest and committed individual. Woody could have gone to play with other clubs and potentially earn more money but the fact that he bleeds green and white is a testament to his loyalty and in turn has enabled him to dislodge Hercy as the highest ever appearance maker for such a great club. I take my hat off to you Woody and it has been a pleasure to play along side you for so long. I was fortunate to play with and against some real top players and can safely say you are up there. Well done Jack and good luck on setting your next goals for the remainder of your career. Top man. Love The Leader.

Greg Williams

Woody unbelievable achievement to become the all time appearance record for this fantastic club. To stay at one club shows something that has been forgotten and that's LOYALTY.

Truly a great player and leader and someone who future players should and will look up to.

Woody deserves his place as a true club legend.

Danny Gray



670 appearances not out is some achievement, one of the best defenders in Non League and an even better bloke to go alongside that. Could have easily played at a much higher level which makes his achievement even more astonishing, well in Skip here's to many more appearances 👏

Jack Hopwood



Congratulations Skip, What a great achievement. I've been lucky enough to play with you for a small part of your 670 appearances and It's been an absolute pleasure. Not only a great player but a brilliant person aswell.

Ben Peters



Woody I've only known you for a short period! But well done it's unbelievable achievement

What I've seen so far it's well deserved, great player, leader on and off the pitch

Matt Kelloway



Congratulations Woody mate, fantastic achievement, great commitment to a great club. Been a pleasure sharing a pitch with you for so long, hopefully you've got few more left in the tank yet. Well done.

Sonny French





The definition of Jack Wood is legend! The best player I've had the pleasure to play alongside, top lad off the pitch as well.
Jack Wood is my hero!
Up the ducks!

Stacey Field



Congratulations Skip! A pleasure to have played together as many times as we did, countless tackles, blocks and goal line
clearances kept me in a job!
I've always said you'd tackle a transit van for the club and your teammates and to get a result and you wouldn't think twice about it. Your commitment is incredible as this achievement shows. Roy Keane says if you want loyalty get yourself a dog, well Aylesbury United have Jack Wood and that's loads better in my opinion. You deserve all the accolades you'll get for this achievement, I know you're proud but I also know all your teammates, past and present are proud to have been part of the journey which says a lot about you.
Well done Woody

Jack Sillitoe

Firstly an unbelievable achievement to surpass Cliff's long standing record so a massive well done and congratulations to you. I remember when you first came to the club as a freshly faced youth and straight away thinking who's this lad here!!
Coming into a senior environment at such a young age didn't seem to bother you and the consistency in your game for someone so young was incredible (I don't remember you ever having a bad game) you became an integral part of the team a good mate and very quickly became our captain and still are to this day. Your loyalty and dedication to the club through highs and lows is very rare nowadays and you should be immensely proud of all you have achieved with the club. Let's hope one day when the club gets back to the town the new ground will have something to recognise your achievements, who knows you may even still be playing!!
Well done again my man- Up the ducks

Dan Jones





It was a pleasure to share the pitch with Jack Wood and have the confidence knowing he's playing in front of you every week! His loyalty to the club is something you don't see anymore. A great teammate, and an even better bloke! Congratulations on breaking the record mate, although there's still plenty more to come!

Archie Davis



Big congratulations to Woody. A huge achievement, and one that you won't see often in non-league. Young players around these levels can learn a lot from him - not just for his loyalty, but the consistency he has shown through the years, the way he always does things properly and the standards he sets every week. It's been a pleasure to play on the same pitch as him over the years. A true Aylesbury United legend, but more importantly a top, top guy.

Lee Stobbs



Woody, massive congratulations on equalling (and breaking) the appearance record for the club mate, a ridiculous achievement that will never be broken again. An unbelievable player and even better guy. Enjoy all the plaudits, you deserve them all! Congrats again mate.

Jake Bewley

An absolute pleasure to share a changing room and play alongside you for a few seasons along the way.
Says it all when the only time I recall you being out injured was courtesy of a bouncer on a team night out!
Congratulations on a remarkable achievement, Woody, up the Ducks!

Jordan Jenkins



Woody/Skipper congrats on the unreal achievement mate. The thought of that many games makes my back and knees quiver.
Being a defender myself I came into men's football and I was always looking for that player/ role model who I could look up to and compare myself to and see what it took to be one of the best at this level, and you were that for me. Then the fact you took me under your wing and acted like my big brother in the game, I will be forever grateful for that and to add to that the impact you had on me on and off the pitch, and I'm sure you've had that on the hundreds you've seen come and go over the years. Congrats mate see you soon,
Bally

Anthony Ball





Congratulations on breaking the long standing appearance record at the ducks! Well deserved and hopefully you can celebrate it with a typical woody header!
Much love, Seats

Ben Seaton



Huge congratulations to my old mate and skipper Jack Wood.
Unbelievable achievement and a reflection of years of hard work, commitment and loyalty to the club. A record that might never be broken, well done mate!

Ollie Gurney



Congratulations Jack on an unbelievable achievement. You personify what the modern day Aylesbury United is all about
- strong and inspirational in the face of adversity. You are a true leader and a club legend. I look forward to the day you break Cliff's goal scoring record as well

Lee Cotton



Jack, massive congratulations on passing the record appearances for The Ducks, would've expected more goals though, still plenty of years left in the tank too

Ross Giles



What a wonderful achievement. Even from when I played with Jack it was something had his eyes on and I'm delighted for him that he's finally done it.
What can I say about my pal Woody? Body wise he shouldn't have played 1 game at centre half let alone nearly 700, but that shows the character of him and how good a player he was and still is. Had the same haircut for 669 of those games aswell!!!!
On top of the football thing and more important he's a great lad and liked by everyone. Plus he'll be a wonderful Vets team signing for me very soon.
An absolute Aylesbury Utd legend

Lee Bircham



Not only did I manage to play 90+ games for the ducks I also had the pleasure of doing so alongside my brother who I'm sure didn't miss a single one of those games. Jacks dedication and loyalty to the ducks knows no end which is not only admired by myself but everyone associated with the club. Personal highlights for me are lifting the cup alongside you at Berkhamsted FC against Hadley and the 2015 end of season trip to Benidorm where his dance floor skills failed to match the standard he sets on the pitch. Here's to the next 100 games.

Shane Wood



Jack's loyalty and ability are born from a humble inner steel. He doesn't seek the limelight despite being more deserving than most. He leads by example and rises above the rest in all ways. I feel very fortunate to have shared the same pitch with this man who understands what Aylesbury United means. Enjoy all the accolades and kind words Jack. You deserve them all and more for this unbelievable achievement.

Ollie Stanbridge

WHO'S WHO?

At Aylesbury United FC

Manager- Paul Batchelor
Assistant Managers- Danny Gray & Matt Kelloway
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- Graham Read, Alan Sherwell, 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



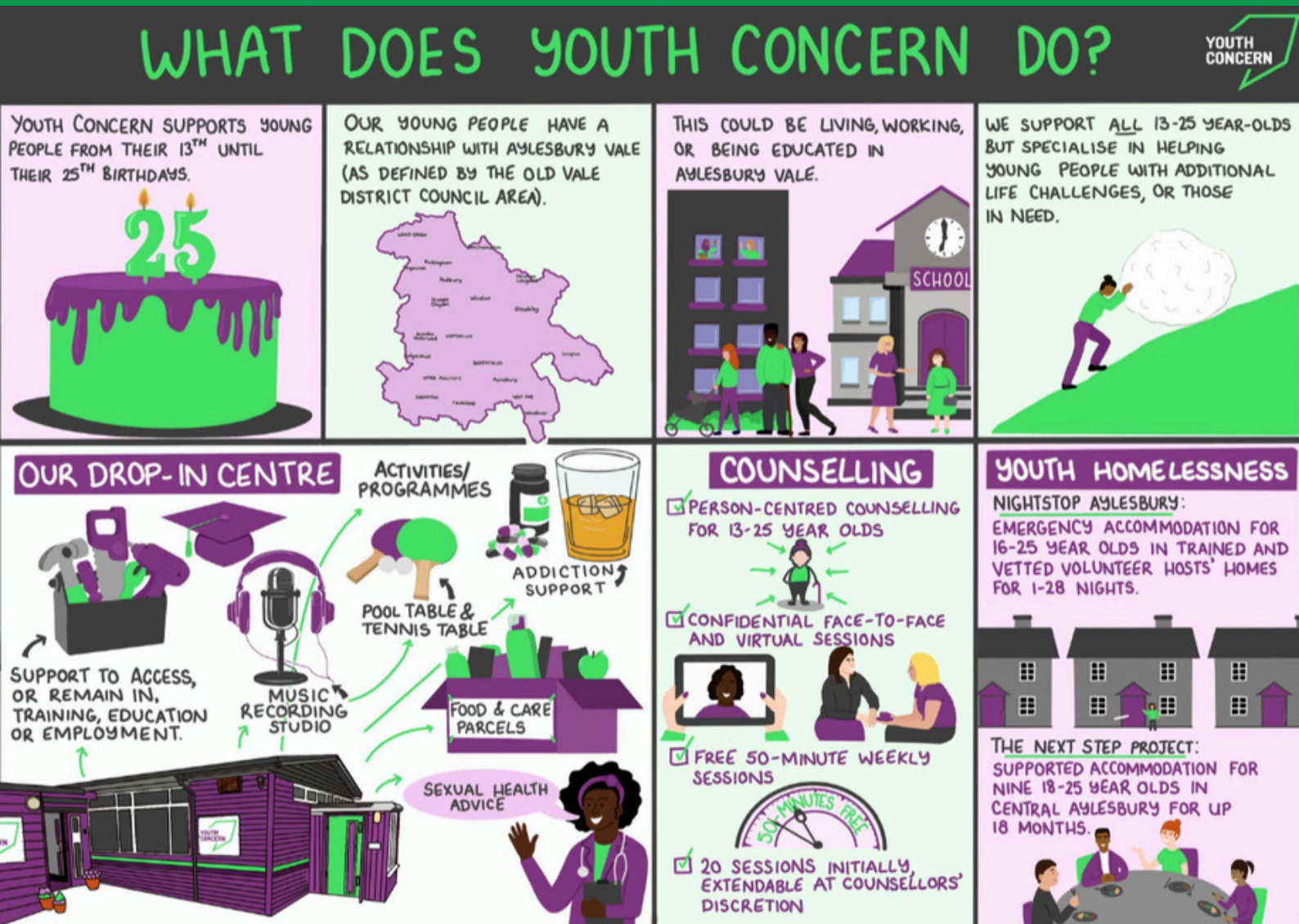
Each season Aylesbury United partners with a local charity to raise funds through various activities associated with the club

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."*



The skipper

on his record and the importance of the fans

First and foremost I just want to say what an honour it is to have equalled the record number of games for this fantastic football club! Hopefully tonight I can go one better and beat the record.

I just want to give another mention to the brilliant fans we have at Aylesbury United, your support for us doesn't go unnoticed and all the players and management really appreciate the support you give us both home and away. We haven't given you much to cheer about so far this season and we are doing everything we can to put that right and hopefully can start that with a win tonight.

Up The Ducks!

Woody

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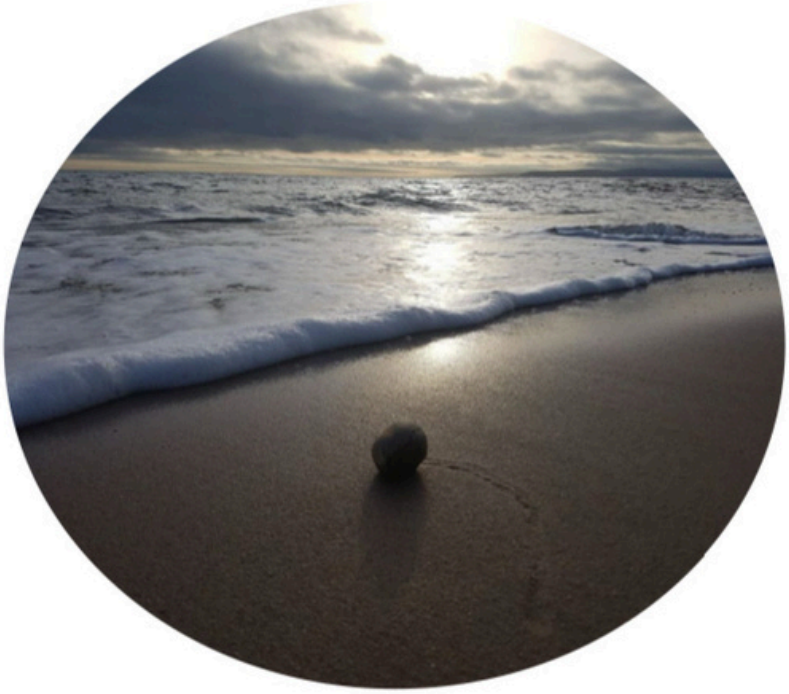

25/26 FIXTURES

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) 2-2 D- Raposo 14' Layman 85'
27/9/25- Enfield (A) 3-0 W- Raposo 33' Bewley 65' Larwood 87'
1/10/25- Leighton Town (H) 1-0 L
11/10/25- Biggleswade (H) 3-2 L Tuttle 43' Kakembo 79'
15/10/25- London Lions (A) 4-1 L Kakembo 27'
18/10/25- Hertford Town (A) 5-1 L Garcia 8'
21/10/25- AFC Dunstable (A) 2-0 L
29/10/25- Beaconsfield Town (A) 3-2 W OG, 71' Larwood 81', 87'
2/11/25- Biggleswade Town (H) 3-0 L
8/11/25- Ware (A) 2-0 L
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15/11/25- Leverstock Green (A)
19/11/25- Hadley (H)
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)
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31/12/26- London Lions (H)
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14/2/26- Beaconsfield Town (H)
21/2/26- Biggleswade Town (A)
28/2/26- Ware (H)
7/3/26- Welwyn Garden City (A)
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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 Paul Batchelor.

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 19 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:
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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.

Paul Batchelor- Manager



'Batch' rejoins the club where he began his management career in the managerial role, he started the season with Aylesbury Vale Dynamos. Paul emphasises opportunities for young players to come through into the first team and will bring the ducks an exciting style of play.

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Danny Gray- Assistant manager

A former Aylesbury United player, Danny joins the ducks as an assistant manager.

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Matt Kelloway- Assistant manager

Matt has previously worked with Batch, as U23 manager at Aylesbury Vale Dynamos. He joined the ducks along with Batch and Danny in October 2025.

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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 joint-first on the list of all-time appearances for the Ducks after equalling the record vs Ware, and has made more than 650 appearances for the club. He continues to display incredible loyalty to the club despite several offers to ply his trade elsewhere.

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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.

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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.

Sponsorship available

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.

Sponsorship available

Brandon Green- Midfielder



Midfielder who joined the club in summer 2024, but suffered an injury early in his Aylesbury career and subsequently dual-registered with Buckingham FC.

Sponsored by Niamh Seeley

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.

Sponsored by Alex Pluck

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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Finlay Reeves- Midfielder



17 year old winger who impressed on his debut against Beaconsfield, Fin joins the ducks from Aylesbury Vale Dynamos, where he scored in their FA Cup tie against St Albans City.

Sponsorship available

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.

Sponsored by Rob Waller

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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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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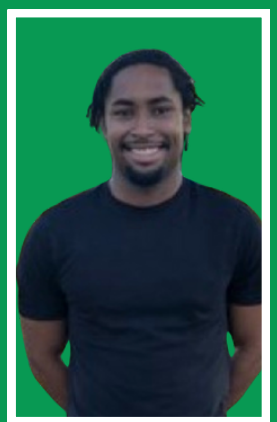
Jed Layman- Winger



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

Sponsored by Paul Seeley

Opposition Profiles

Layne Eadie (defender): Appointed club captain late in the 2024-25 season, when predecessor Brad Wadkins opted to rejoin Berkhamsted, just prior to their promotion. Vastly experienced attacking full-back, who has seen service with St Albans, Hitchin and Potters Bar.

Jack Green (midfield/defender): Tough, tigerish defender or midfielder who joined the Citizens after spending the 2023-24 campaign with promotion winning Bedford Town. Prior to that played at Hitchin Town, for whom he played 130 times, after starting his career with St Albans City. Missed most of the 2024-25 season with a serious injury, but fully fit for the new campaign.

Lewis Taaffe (midfield): Re-joined the club at start of 2025, after a couple of months with Premier Central Bedford Town, where he found it difficult to gain regular football. Was originally on dual registration at WGC, while with National League South Enfield Town, but now starting his second full season with the Citizens.

Eddie Corbit (midfield): Returned to his home-town club, where he has family connections last season, having spent the previous two seasons with Real Bedford, helping them win the Spartan South Midlands title in 2023-24. Can play was an attacking wing back or in midfield. Spent a decade in Luton Town's Academy.

Panny Boxer (midfield/defence): Joined at the start of 2025 from fellow Div 1 Central club Hadley. Adaptable midfielder, who can also play in the back-line. Has previous experience with FC Romania, New Salamis and St Neots Town of the Eastern Counties League, as well as a previous spell at Hadley, as a young player.

Carlos Velasco (midfield/defence): Stylish Spanish defender or midfielder, who re-joined WGC at the start of 2025, having played on dual registration with them at the end of the 2023-24 season from National League South Enfield Town. Returned to the UK, after a year back in his home country.

Bradley Gothard (defender): A capture from Bourne Town of the then United Counties League North division, who enjoyed a long run in the FA Vase in 2024-25 and who subsequently won promotion to the Northern Premier League. The 22-year-old left sided central defender was in League 1 Peterborough United's Academy for four seasons and has proved himself a real rock in the Citizens' defence.

Donnabhan Green (goalkeeper): Began his career with National Leaguers Borehamwood. Originally joined the Citizens three seasons ago. Left for a short spell with Edgware & Kingsbury, but returned to understudy Joe Welch, but likely now be first choice after the latter's retirement.

Jed Ejjayha (defender): Determined young defender, who is just 19, and in his second full season with the club, who he joined from SSML Colney Heath, where he was a regular. Has impressed when called upon as defensive cover.

Ryan Kirwan (defender): Skilled full-back, who rejoined the club a month into the 2023-24 season, after a brief spell with Hanwell Town. Found opportunities hard to come by with the west Londoners, so returned to WGC for a second spell. Formerly played with Enfield Town and Brightlingsea Regent, having begun his career with North Greenford United.

Lewis Jones (midfield/forward): Vastly experienced performer, who is at home in either midfield or attack and is now on the club coaching staff. A former teammate of manager Marc Weatherstone at Wingate & Finchley for many seasons, who has weighed in with some vital goals for the club. Joined the Citizens from FC Baresi.

Steve Cawley (forward): A landmark close season signing for the Citizens from step three neighbours Potters Bar, where he was top scorer last season with 18 goals. Previously played over 200 times for Concord Rangers in their rise up the non-league ladder and for Hitchin Town.

Ethan Rookard (forward): Another close season capture, who also top scored for his club. He was leading marksman at Cockfosters of the SSML last season with 17 goals, the seventh best strike rate in that league. He was previously with Ware and Hoddesdon Town.

Bailey Stevenson (forward): Has returned to the club this summer after leaving Herns Way in November 2024 to join Potters Bar of the Isthmian Premier. He was the Citizens' top scorer with 15 goals at the time and still leading marksman at the club at the end of the campaign.

Charlie McDonald (midfield): Recently returned midfielder, who has rejoined having started the season with Hitchin Town. Spent the last two seasons with WGC, on loan from St Albans City and is a former QPR junior. Can also play in defence, if required.

Lamar Johnson (goalkeeper): Vastly experienced keeper who joined WGC a couple of months into the 2025-26 season from Essex Senior League Barking FC. He has two international caps for St Lucia and numbers Aveley, Grays Athletic, Hertford Town, Waltham Abbey, Canvey Island and Enfield FC among his former clubs, having begun as a junior with Charlton Athletic.

Adam Pollock (midfield): Australian midfielder, who first played for the club two seasons ago, after being recommended to manager Marc Weatherstone by a leading Aussie coach. Has had a season away from WGC, but has now re-joined for the 2025-26 campaign.

Aiden Read (defender): Strong central defender signed from Cockfosters of the Spartan South Midlands League last season. Settled with the Citizens well and played fairly regularly in the centre of defence throughout the 2024-25 season.

Nick Ralfe (forward): Recent capture from St Albans City, where he had played all his football, he joined the Citizens on loan last season,
scoring five times in 10 games, before injury ended his loan spell. Now with WGC permanently to reinforce their forward options.

Marc Weatherstone (manager): Took over the reins at Herns Way from Max Mitchell in December 2022, just two months after leaving Wingate & Finchley, whom he managed for 15 months. A legend at the north London club, for whom he played a record-breaking 457 times, as well as spending two seasons each with Enfield Town and Dulwich Hamlet, whom he helped win promotion to the National League South. Has taken WGC to top 10 finishes, in all of his three seasons as manager of the club.

Josh Urquhart (Head of Football Operations): Joined as number two to Marc Weatherstone, having retired from playing at 32, through injury, following a period with Enfield Town, where he previously played alongside the WGC manager. Had a varied non-league career with spells at Billericay Town, Harlow Town and St Albans City among others, having been a youngster on both West Ham and Northampton Town's books. Appointed as the club's first Head of Football Operations during the 2025-26 close season.

Ronnie Jones (assistant-manager): Joined the Citizens last close season as first-team coach having worked with National League South outfit and near namesakes, Welling United as both a coach and a scout. Has also worked in Premier League Tottenham Hotspur's Academy. Played regularly in then Football League Southend United's Academy and Junior sides, until injury brought a premature end to his promising career.

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Please remember the following activities are illegal, dangerous, have serious consequences and have no place in our game:

- **Carrying or using smoke bombs or pyros**
- **Invading the pitch or entering the pitch without permission**
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- **Drug use within the football ground**
- **Discriminatory behaviour**

For everyone's safety, we will report anyone carrying out these offences to the police, which can result in a criminal record.

Anyone who enters the pitch without permission and those carrying or using smoke bombs or pyros will now receive an automatic club ban. These measures could also now apply to the parents or guardians of children involved in these activities.

This reflects the seriousness of the risks to fans and staff – pyros can burn at 2000 degrees Celsius and cause life-changing injuries, while entering the pitch endangers players, managers and match officials.

It also impacts the hard working volunteers, who ensure that our special part of the game continues to run.

We know those who commit these illegal acts do not represent the majority of supporters. Please work with us to call out the risks.

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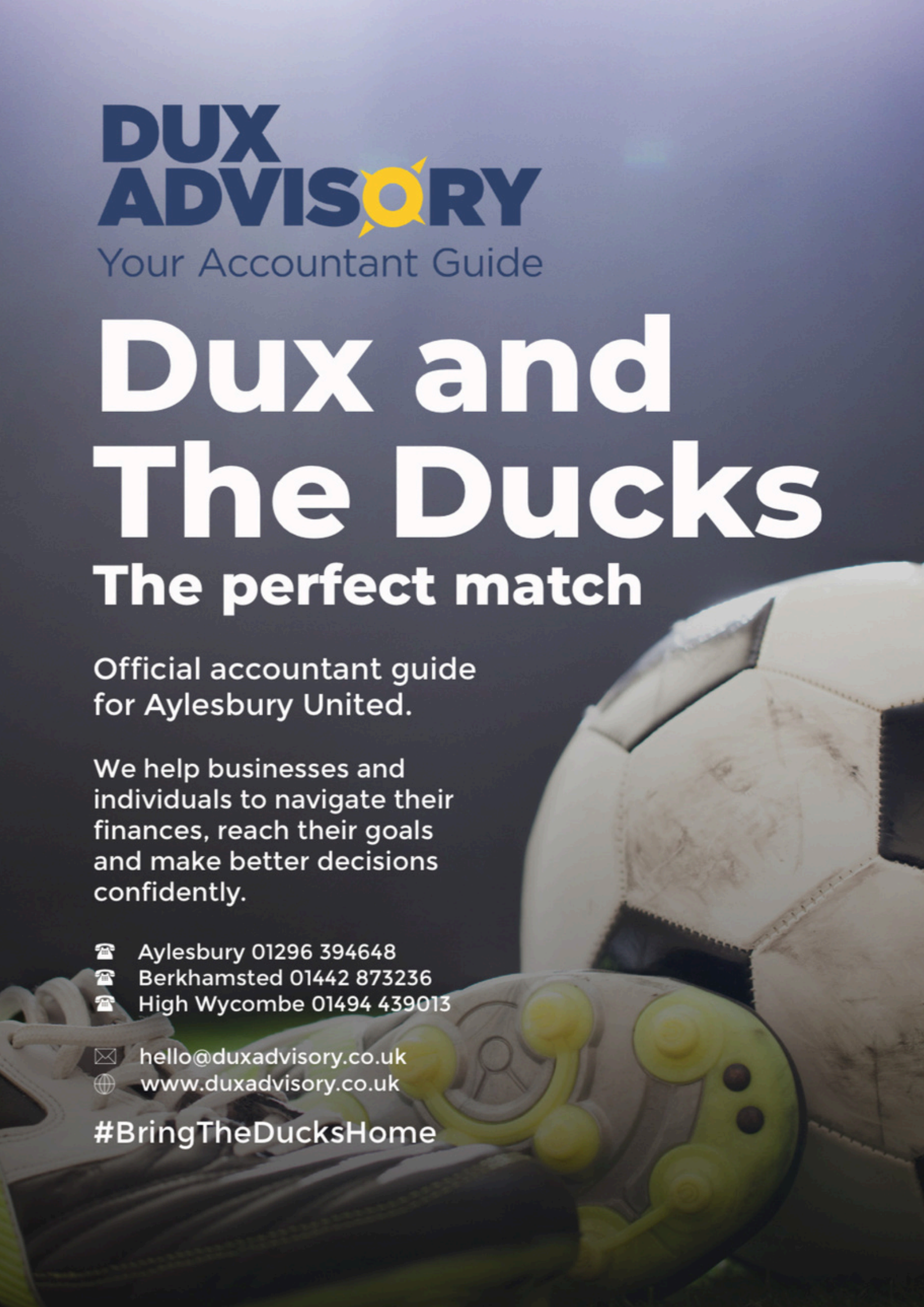

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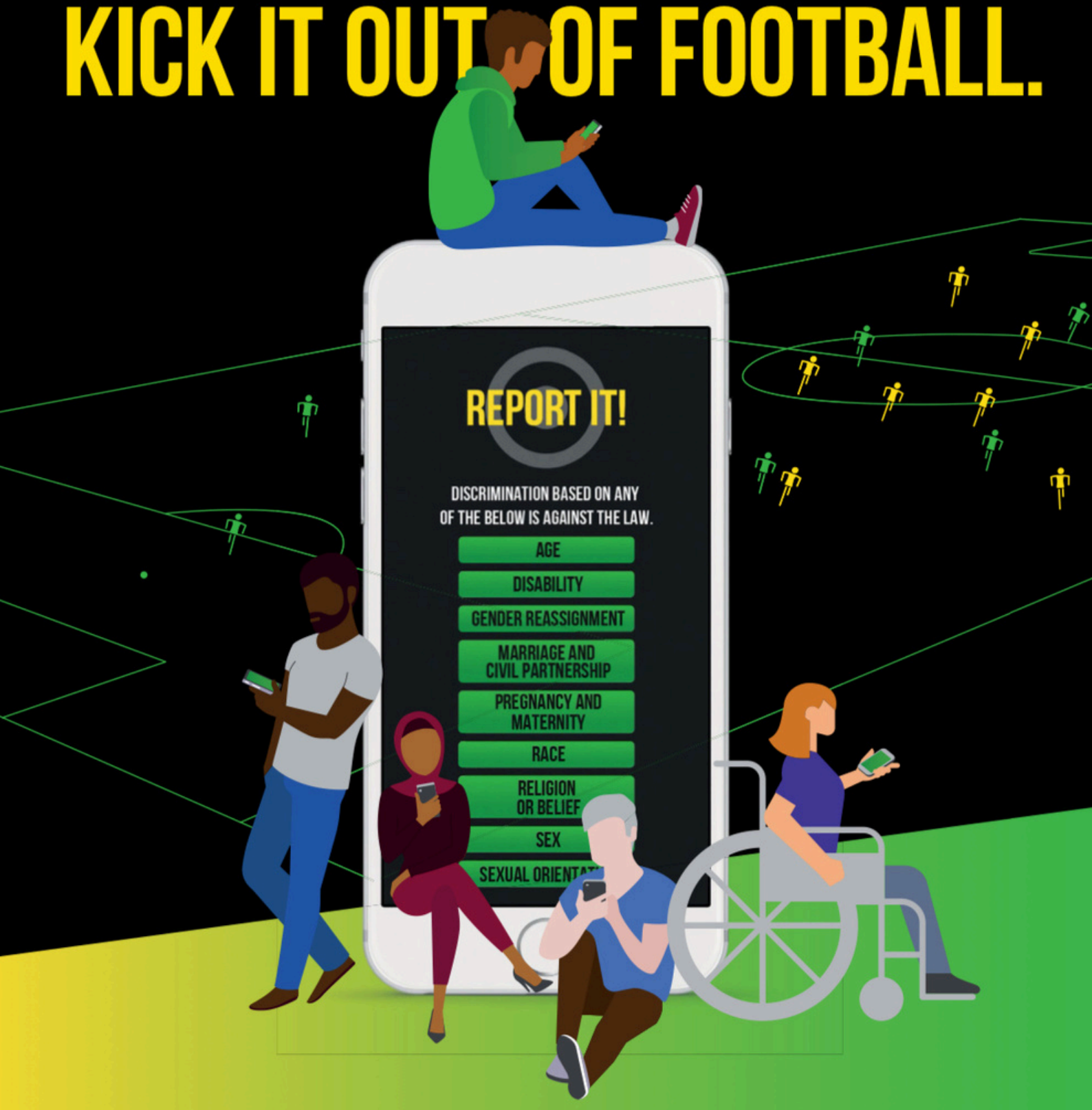

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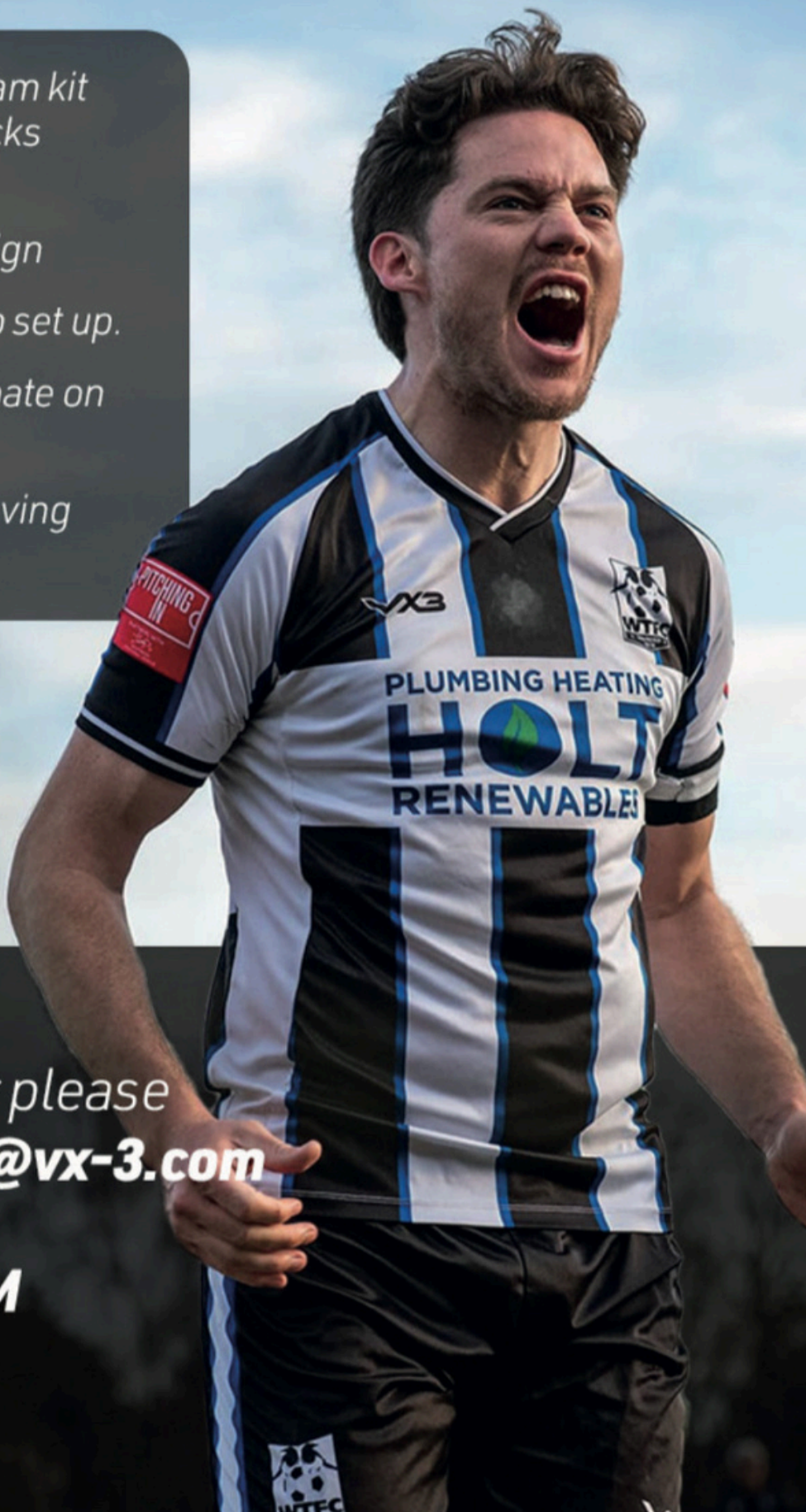

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