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WELCOME TO WANTAGE TOWN FC

FROM OUR CHAIR, LESLEY FURNIVAL



Good afternoon,

I extend a warm welcome to Thornbury Town to Alfredian Park, their committee, management team, players and supporters.

2024 has been a busy time at the Club, with plans to improve our facilities now becoming a reality. This will start with new changing rooms and refurbishment of the existing ones. Construction of our new 3G pitch is due to start in the off season, hence our Club is in a promising place at the moment. This is all thanks to the continued support and hard work of our committee members and volunteers – without them we could not move the club forward.

These improvements will help make the Club more financially sustainable for the long term, which is vital for the future of grassroots football and other sports clubs in our communities.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our loyal fans who continue to support our 1st Team, despite the challenges we have had this season. In particular those who make the long journeys to away games, but also the continued support and great atmosphere they provide when we play at home.

In the last couple of games we have picked up well deserved points and so hope to keep the momentum going this afternoon.

I sincerely hope that everyone enjoys their visit to Wantage Town FC today and has a safe journey home.

Lesley Furnival

FROM THE DUGOUT

MEN'S FIRST TEAM MANAGER, DANIEL BARRY



Good evening everyone and a very warm welcome to the management, players, officials and fans of Thornbury Town FC. We hope you enjoy your stay with us and wish you a safe journey home after the game.

Lots of positive things are happening at the Football Club and work behind the scenes has been non stop. Further information and news will follow very soon now that we are in the final stages of a number of processes. I know I keep repeating this but we will be able to share more news very soon.

It feels like we have really turned the corner and all the hard work is now starting to show on the pitch. It's been a very long and hard season but I can't fault the attitude and commitment of the group who have stuck together and are now being rewarded for this.

It was so nice to be driving home on a Saturday after securing three points. It was not one of our best performances but as a team we stuck together and dug in to come away with the points. We are looking forward to the games ahead with belief and we won't give up. Once again I would like to close by saying thank you to each and every one of you, your support is outstanding. The club continues to grow, thanks to the hard work from the committee, the volunteers and those behind the scenes.

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HELLENIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION:

- WINNERS - 2010-11, 2013-14, 2018-19
- RUNNERS-UP - 2012-13

HELLENIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE EAST:

- WINNERS - 2003-04
- HELLENIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE:
- WINNERS - 1980-81
- RUNNERS-UP - 1969-70, 1987-88, 1991-92, 1995-96

NORTH BERKS FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE:

- WINNERS - 1919-20, 1921-22 • RUNNERS-UP - 1920-21
- SWINDON AND DISTRICT LEAGUE:
- WINNERS - 1907-08, 1933-34, 1952-53, 1955-56

CUP HONOURS

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- WINNERS - 1954-55

HELLENIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CUP:

- WINNERS - 1980-81, 1991-92

HELLENIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE FLOODLIT CUP:

- WINNERS - 2006-07
- RUNNERS UP - 2012-13, 2013-14

NORTH BERKS CUP:

- WINNERS - 1919-20, 1920-21

READING SENIOR CUP:

- WINNERS - 1982-83

SWINDON ADVERTISER CUP:

- WINNERS - 1903-04, 1907-08

HUNGERFORD CHALLENGE CUP:

- WINNERS - 1993-94

NEWBURY GREYSTONE CUP:

- WINNERS 1991-92, 1998-99

FARINGDON THURSDAY CUP:

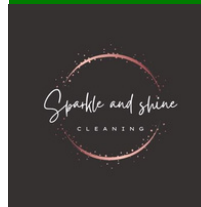
- WINNERS - 1958-59

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LEWIS REEVE

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LEAST FAVOURITE: ANFIELD

FOOTBALLING IDOL: EDEN HAZARD

FAVOURITE FOOD: PASTA

FAVOURITE DRINK: FANTA FRUIT TWIST

BEST MATE IN THE FRED'S: LUCA RENNIE

FUNNIEST TEAM MATE: OWAIN

TEAM MATE LEAST LIKELY TO BUY A ROUND: FELIX

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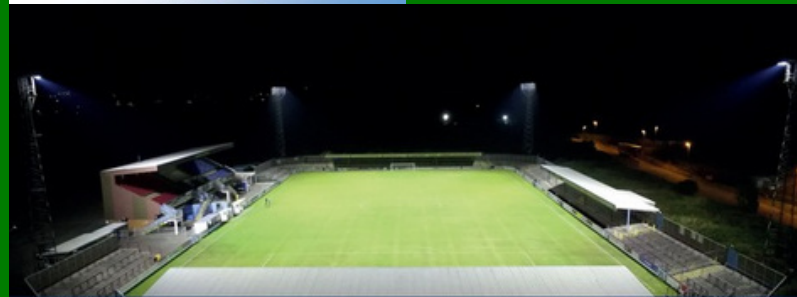


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CLUB HISTORY

WANTAGE TOWN FC

Wantage Town FC (the Freds) has been affiliated to the Berks and Buck FA since 1892. Prior to this, they played in the Swindon & District North Berks and Reading & District Leagues, achieving success in 1903-04 in the Swindon Advertiser Cup, which they repeated in 1907-08 as well as becoming the League Champions. After the 1st World War, the Freds briefly played in the North Berks League, winning the North Berks Cup in 1920 and 1921 and the Championship in 1921-22. After a brief period playing in the Reading & District League with no success then re-entered the Swindon & District League, winning the title in 1933-34.

The Freds was the most successful period for the Club, winning the League in 1952-53 (without losing a game) and again in 1955-56, while in 1954-55, the Freds won no fewer than five cup competitions, including the Berks & Bucks Intermediate Cup. Since joining the Hellenic League in 1956, Wantage have spent most of their seasons in the Premier Division, Their best finish in the Premier Division had been third place on three occasions - 1973-74, 82-83 and 93-94 but have won promotion from Division 1 on six occasions - as runners-up in 1969-70, 1987-88, 1991-92 (where they set a club record of 32 games unbeaten) and 1995-96, and as Champions in 1980-81 and 2003-4.

Season 2003/2004 was one of the Freds most successful. The First Team won Division One East to regain its position in the Premier League of the GLS Hellenic Football League, and the Reserves finished top of their league, also winning promotion. The Reserves success was repeated in 2004/2005 as they secured the Reserve Division One title. The First Team consolidated their Premier League status, finishing in 10th place. In 2010-11, the Freds won the Premier League title, but despite great effort on the part of the Club management, they were not promoted to the Southern League due to grand grading criteria not being achieved. In the 2012-2013 season, the club achieved the Southern League Ground grading, but finished runners-up to a very strong Marlow, and again missed out on promotion.

The 2013-2014 saw a great season for the Freds - The First Team won the UHlsport Hellenic Premier league title, and with the appropriate ground grading in place, promotion to Division One (South and West) of the Southern League. The Reserves, as Runners Up, were promoted to Division One (West) of the UHlsport Hellenic League, and the 'A' Team squad also gained promotion from the North Berks League to Division Two (West) of the UHlsport Hellenic League. Despite the turbulent start of season 2014-15, which saw a change of management in the First Team and a number of key players depart, the First Team retained their position in Division One (South and West) of the Southern League, and the Allied Youth team win the Allied County Cup.

The Freds remained in the Southern League for three years, before seeing relegation back to the Hellenic League at the end of the 2016-17 season. In 2018-19, the Freds won the UHlsport Hellenic Premier title for the third time and regained their place in the Southern League, this time in the Division 1 Central section. The Reading Senior Cup was won for a further two times, in 2017-18 and 2018-19.

The following two seasons at the higher level were not completed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but they finished bottom at the end of 2021-22 and were relegated back to the Hellenic Premier League for the 2022-23 season. Following the installation of the floodlights in 1996, the Club has continued to invest in the upgrading of the facilities at Alfredian Park. In the past sixteen years the main pitch has been renewed and a training pitch has been established. Two new and additional pitches have been formed north of the Clubhouse, enabling five full sized pitches (including the adjacent School pitches) to be used by the growing number of teams supported by the Club. The old stands have been replaced with a new stand.

With sound management in place throughout the Club, on and off the pitch, and with growing support from the local community, the Club has a unique opportunity to put in place the foundation upon which it can establish itself at a higher standard of football, at each level within the Club. This is reinforced with the maintenance of the F.A. Community Charter Standard, which recognises the levels of care, coaching and management, within the Club. The Club also continue to invest in Youth football, including an Allied Counties team, a Junior section, as well as supporting Nursery football (4 to 6 years old), and teams from under 7 to under 15 for boys and girls thus cementing the Club's growing involvement with football at all levels.



CLUB HISTORY

THORNBURY TOWN FC

Thornbury Town History

It is understood that football has been played in Thornbury from around 1898 and formerly known as Thornbury Sports became Thornbury Town FC in the early 1970's.

1968-69 we became founder members of the Gloucestershire County League and spectator figures in excess of 500 were regularly recorded. In 1971 the club finished third in the Gloucestershire County League and was accepted into the Western League. However, due to difficulties in bringing the facilities up to the leagues required standards were unable to take the next step up. Relegation to the Bristol Premier Combination League unfortunately followed in 1976-77.

The following 20+ years saw Thornbury Town strive to regain their former status, never really threatening to take the Premier Combination title. The only success during these lean years was reaching the final of the GFA Senior Amateur Cup in 1985-86 and 1989-90 unfortunately on both occasions loser's medals were received.

During the late 1990's, the Club maintained its strong focus on developing local talent and this eventually bore fruit in 1999 when the final of the Stroud Charity Cup was reached, losing narrowly to Dursley Town. 2001-02 season saw the management team of Dave Willifill and Steve Burbage take the reins, which brought instant success winning the Bristol Premier Combination title by 13 points and a return to the Gloucestershire County League. This followed a run of thirteen consecutive league wins a club record, which still stands to this day. The league and cup double eluded the club when they were defeated by Sea Mills in the League Cup Final.

In preparation for the return to County League football the summer of 2002 saw a lot of hard work undertaken on the Mundy facilities with the building of dug-outs, improved drainage and revamping of the dressing rooms. All this work appeared to have been worth while with the club establishing itself back in the Gloucestershire County League with a creditable 7th league position for the next three seasons. Silverware did come our way in 2003-04 when we defeated Taverners on penalties, after a 2-2 draw, to lift the Stroud Charity Cup. The 2003-04 season, also saw the formation of an Under-18's side in order to maintain Youth development within the club and they gained entry to the Gloucester County Youth League.

Following a number of indifferent seasons when relegation back to the Bristol Premier Combination league was only just averted in 2006-07, a new management committee and first team management were appointed. Dave Lippiatt took over as first team manager, coming to the club from Sea Mills Park bringing with him Carl Derosa as his assistant. With an initial three / four year strategy, which came to fruition during the 2009-10 season when after a steady first half to the season a tremendous winning run of ten league games saw the Surridge Gloucestershire County League title won for the first time in the clubs history. 2010 also saw the milestone achievement of the long awaited coming together of the two local football clubs "Thornbury Town FC" and "Thornbury Falcons FC" now under one club management umbrella of Thornbury Town FC without losing the heritage and identity of Thornbury Falcons. This will further enhance the long term development within the local community for junior, youth and senior football.

In the 2010-11 season the final of the Les James Cup Final was reached, which resulted in a penalty shoot-out disappointment against Henbury Town. 2013-14 saw the U18's in their highest league position in the Gloucestershire County Youth League finishing runners-up, which was a tremendous achievement for the team and managers Simon Pirie and Mark Franklin. The 2014-15 season was a very successful season finishing 4th in the league and winning the Les James Cup for the first time in the Club's history. Andy Davies continued to produce a team of quality which resulted in a third 4th-place in a row in Season 2016-17. 2017-18 saw the club finally succeed in their quest win the Gloucestershire County League. After a lot of work behind the scenes to gain planning permission for the required ground improvements, the club were accepted into the Hellenic League for the first time in our history.

Our first season in the Hellenic League saw us finish a creditable 3rd in Div 1 West and win the Supplementary Cup. 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons were ruled null and void due to the Coronavirus pandemic with the team poised to gain promotion. A restructuring of the football pyramid has placed us in the Hellenic Premier Division. With a management team of Richard Joyce and Gary Kemp in place we look forward to the season ahead and wish all teams the best of luck in their endeavours.

TODAY'S TEAMS



COLOURS:
GREEN & WHITE
GK: PINK OR YELLOW



COLOURS:
RED/WHITE

TOMMY REES (GK) 1
LUKE BALLARD (C) 2
KYLE DOWNIE 3
WILLIAM EDWARDS 4
ASHLEY FOWLER 5
CAMERON SANCHEZ 6
NELSON ERO 7
ALFIE TOMLIN 8
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LUKE MCCORMACK 22
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COACH	MATTIE CLARK
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