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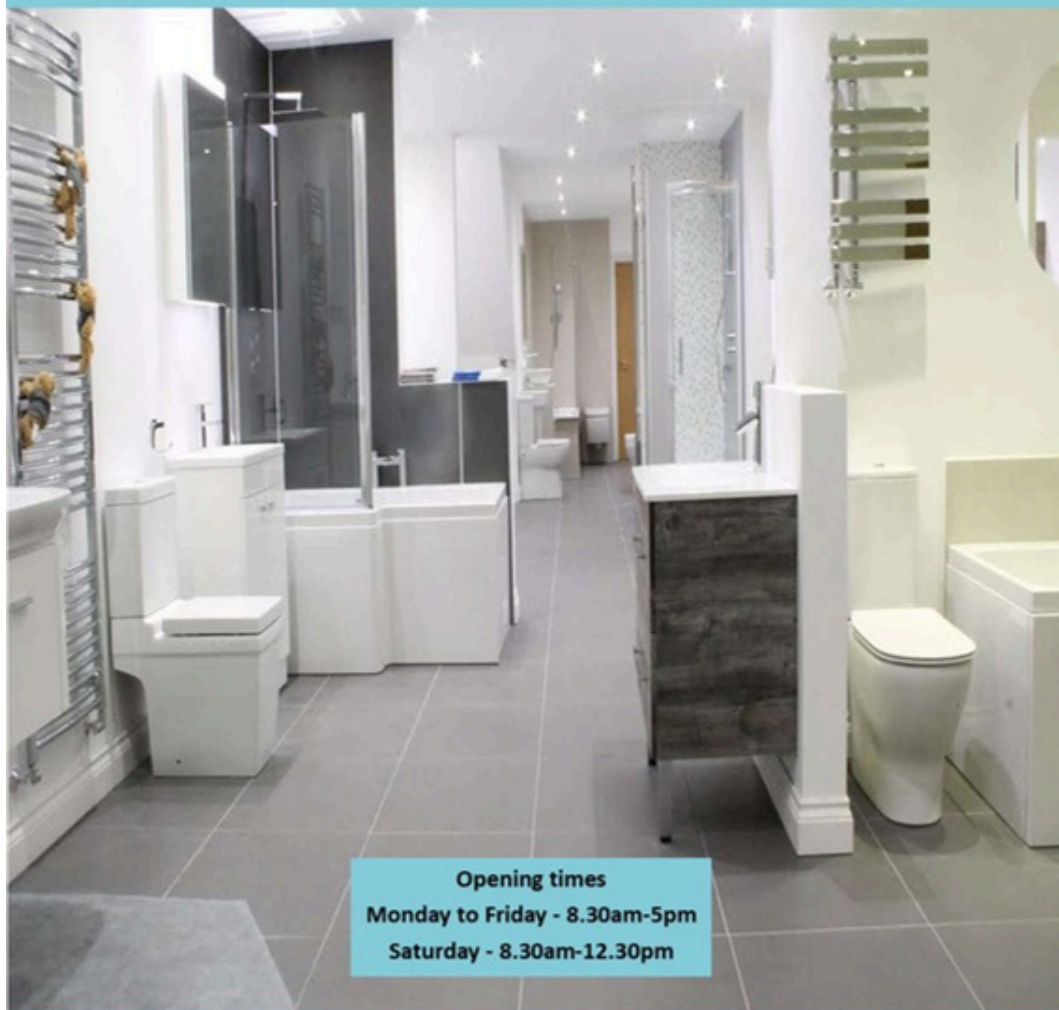
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# Welcome

Firstly, Cribbs FC would like to extend a very warm welcome to the visiting players, team management, supporters and officials of Tytherington Rocks. Warm greetings also, for today's match officials. We hope you all enjoy your visit.

## Match Reports & Preview

Here we are, back at the South West Pitch-Side Trauma Care Stadium for our first Gloucestershire County League home match of the season.

We welcome a new but very familiar management team to the dugout. Manager Andy Sledge steps up from managing our A Team in the Bristol Premier Combination. Joining him as assistant managers are the experienced former 1<sup>st</sup> XI striker partnership Andy Capon and Paul Westwood.

Last week saw their first match in charge as the lads travelled to Wick who will no doubt be challenging for the league title this season.

In the early stages of the match, Wick enjoyed a lot of possession without unlocking the Cribbs defence.

On fifteen minutes our keeper Corey Weir saved well and soon after, he was lobbed but good defending saw the ball cleared off the line.

Just after the half an hour mark Wick took the lead when George Lloyd shot home from a fine angle.

Cribbs were in the match at the break but Wick came out quickly in the second half with prolific scorer Cory Langdon striking after two minutes. He extended that lead further on sixty-five minutes.

Debutant Kai Shellard sealed the Owls victory with a fourth goal.

A tough match first up but a creditable performance for our fledgling side.

Today's opponents earned a point last week in a nil-nil draw with Hanham Athletic.

We look forward to another tough match.

# Cribbs Football Club



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**We are based at the Lawns, Station Road, Henbury, Bristol, BS10 7TB**

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## Club Honours

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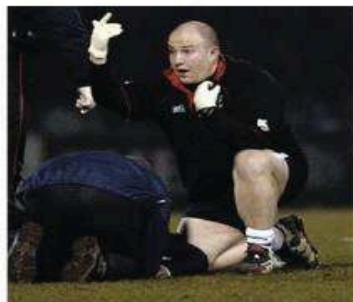
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# Our History

Cribbs Football Club was founded in London in 1958 as Sun Life Assurance. The Bristol team was established in 1976 when Sun Life first relocated to Bristol. Initially, two teams were run, participating in the Bristol and Avon League, playing at Dundridge Farm. However, when the Cribbs Causeway ground was opened in 1978, the first team were promoted straight to the Avon Premier Combination League (later renamed Bristol Premier Combination) where they stayed for 20 years until they eventually won promotion to the County League in 1999-2000.

In the summer of 2011, the club changed its name from AXA to Cribbs Friends Life FC ready for the 2011-12 season. The season was Cribbs' most successful season to date as the club claimed its first Gloucestershire County League title on the way to an unprecedented League and Cup double. The team later adding the Les James League Cup to the League Championship and in the process becoming the first and only side to achieve this feat.

As a result of winning the league, the club earned promotion to the Western League Division One for the 2012-2013 subsequently changing their name to simply, Cribbs FC.

Cribbs were promoted into the Western League Premier Division for the commencement of the 2015-2016 season and obtained numerous top half finishes until at the end of the 2020-21 season the club were transferred to the Premier Division of the Hellenic League.

Under the stewardship of Richard Luffman, Cribbs in his first full season in charge, recorded a best ever Step Five position of fourth in the Hellenic League. They also were winners of the League Cup defeating Hereford Pegasus 1-0 through a George Kellow goal.

Cribbs gained Southern League status in 2023 after becoming champions of the Hellenic League, clinching promotion with a 1-0 win over Wantage Town with a match to spare.

2023/2024 was the first season in the Southern League and saw a third placed finish and a play-off for promotion to the Premier Division, where we lost 2-1 against local rivals Bristol Manor Farm.

Our second season at Step 4 proved a tougher proposition to the first, finishing in relegation places and as a result returning to the Hellenic League.

Since its inception the club has run multiple sides across the Bristol Premier Combination and Bristol & District League. The Reserve Team won the Premier Combination in 2021/2022 season and did so in numerous seasons prior. They were granted entry to the Gloucestershire County League for 2022/2023.

In their first season in the GCL they finished six points in front of Bromley Heath United to clinch the title and earn promotion to the Toolstation Western League Division One.

The Reserves finished sixth in the Western League Division One in 2023/2024 and twelfth in 2024/2025. For 2025/2026 season they return to the Gloucestershire County League, keeping the requisite number of divisions between themselves and the 1<sup>st</sup> XI.

# From The Gaffer

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**Good afternoon,**

**Welcome to The Lawns, we hope you all enjoy the afternoon and the first home game of the 2025/26 season for the new look Cribbs Reserves.**

**With players progressing to the first team and others seeking new ventures the Reserves will be a much changed outfit this season. We have a group of young hungry players alongside some real experience so hopefully we have the right blend, but it will no doubt take some time to gel. It's definitely a work in progress so I'm realistic as to the aims and objectives for this season but we will give everything we have.**

**Last week's visit to Wick was a tough start for us. With 8 players making their debut, we competed well in the first half and just a goal down felt we were in the game. We conceded early in the second half and it was uphill from then on against a strong side. Despite defeat on the road, we still took some positives out the game and learnt a lot about ourselves and what it takes to compete in this division.**

**It certainly doesn't get any easier as today we welcome the players, staff, supporters and committee members of Tytherington Rocks for what will be another tough game.**

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GFA=GFA Cup, LJC=Les James League Cup				
2025		goalscorers		
AUG Sat 9	Wick	A	L 0-4	
Sat 16	TYTHERINGTON ROCKS	H		
Sat 23	Broadwell Amateurs	A		
Sat 30				
SEP Wed 3	RUARDEAN HILL RANGERS	H		
Sat 6	Tytherington Rocks (LJC1)	A		
Sat 13	Quedgeley Wanderers	A		
Sat 20	Patchway Town (GFA1)	A		
Sat 27	HANHAM ATHLETIC	H		
OCT Sat 4	Totterdown Utd	A		
Sat 11	Bishops Cleeve Development	A		
Sat 18				
Sat 25	FILTON ATHLETIC	H		
NOV Sat 1	Bromley Heath Utd	A		
Sat 8				
Wed 12	FRAMPTON UTD	H		
Sat 15				
Sat 22	Sharpness	A		
Sat 29				
DEC Sat 6	Stoke Gifford SGS Utd	A		
Sat 13				
Wed 17	TEWKESBURY TOWN	H		
Sat 20	HENBURY & ROCKLEAZE	H		
2026				
JAN Sat 3	WICK	H		
Wed 7	CHALFORD	H		
Sat 10	Tytherington Rocks	A		
Sat 17	BROADWELL AMATEURS	H		
Sat 24	Ruardean Hill Rangers	A		
Sat 31	QUEDGELEY WANDERERS	H		
FEB Sat 7	Hanham Athletic	A		
Sat 14	TOTTERDOWN UTD	H		
Sat 21				
Wed 25	BISHOPS CLEEVE DEV.	H		
Sat 28	Filton Athletic	A		
MAR Sat 7	BROMLEY HEATH UTD	H		
Sat 14	Frampton Utd	A		
Sat 21	SHARPNESS	H		
APR Sat 4	STOKE GIFFORD SGS UTD	H		
Sat 11	Tewkesbury Town	A		
Sat 18	Henbury & Rockleaze	A		
Sat 25	Chalford	A		

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		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	WICK	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
2	FRAMPTON UNITED	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
3	BROMLEY HEATH UNITED	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
4	QUEDGELEY WANDERERS	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
5	BISHOPS CLEEVE DEV.	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
6	TOTTERDOWN UNITED	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
7	FILTON ATHLETIC	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
8	HANHAM ATHLETIC	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
9	HENBURY & ROCKLEAZE	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
10	TYTHERINGTON ROCKS	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
11	CHALFORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	RUARDEAN HILL RANGERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	SHARPNESS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	BROADWELL AMATEURS	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
15	TEWKESBURY TOWN	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
16	STOKE GIFFORD SGS UTD	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
17	CRIBBS RES.	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0

## Today's Fixtures

		Home Team			Away Team
L	16-Aug	BISHOPS CLEEVE DEV.			WICK
L	16-Aug	CRIBBS RES.			TYTHERINGTON ROCKS
L	16-Aug	FILTON ATHLETIC			CHALFORD
L	16-Aug	HANHAM ATHLETIC			BROADWELL AMATEURS
L	16-Aug	HENBURY & ROCKLEAZE			BROMLEY HEATH UNITED
L	16-Aug	STOKE GIFFORD SGS UTD			SHARPNESS
L	16-Aug	TEWKESBURY TOWN			FRAMPTON UNITED
L	16-Aug	TOTTERDOWN UNITED			QUEDGELEY WANDERERS

## League Review

### 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025 - **Bromley Heath win at Tewkesbury Town**

Mark Simpson

Here we go again, summer still with us, stiflingly hot, and grassroots football underway. Some interesting matches to start with none of the new Clubs able to win, showing the strength of the League. Wick started looking ominously good as did most of last seasons' challengers.

At Northway Playing Fields **Tewkesbury Town** met the challenge of **Bromley Heath United**. It was a close game with few chances at either end for the first 40 minutes. It was Bromley Heath who took the lead with Mason Lewis given a bit too much space and shot over Isaac Parry's head. The equaliser wasn't long coming when a Lee Llewelyn corner picked out Tony Hosking to head in at the back post. Shortly after the interval a mix-up in the Tewkesbury box saw Mitch Greenaway put the visitors in front. From then on Bromley stifled Tewkesbury's play and held on for a good first win by 2-1.

At the Bellfield **Frampton United** hosted **Stoke Gifford SGS United** in a rematch of last weeks Ron Holpin Trophy game, and it looked like it was going to be a similar result as well, with Stoke Gifford starting brightly and they were in the lead within five minutes through Patryk Kosciolek. Frampton slowly got into the game and equalised on 32 minutes, Theo Brown chasing a through ball down, beating the keeper to the ball and crossing for Manolo Marquez to tap home. After a good spell of play from the hosts a Freddie Porter shot was cleared out to Harry Churchley who fired home for 2-1. On 77 minutes Tyler Jagger was brought down outside the box and from the resulting free-kick Marquez sealed a 3-1 Frampton win.

At Hardwicke Playing Fields **Tytherington Rocks** played their first game back in the County League against **Hanham Athletic**. Both teams started slowly looking not to concede early on. Hanham created the first chance but were denied by a good save by the home keeper Billy Pullin. Tytherington made chances but strong Hanham defending kept chances to a minimum. Rocks were denied two goals from Toby Waterman firstly for a foul on the keeper and the second for offside. Hanham thought they had scored but were denied by a Jack Pullin goal-line clearance, but overall neither side did enough to win the game and a 0-0 draw was a fair result.

**Filton Athletic's** first game back at Elm Park against **Henbury and Rockleaze** was arguably the match of the day. The first big chance of the day fell to Filton, Fraser Venables winning a header in midfield finding Kieran Cooper who fired wide of Harry Trett's goal. Shortly after Venables' free kick caused Trett a few problems but he cleared for a corner. In the 24<sup>th</sup> minute H&R's Kai Elliott cut in from

## League Review cont.....

the right and shot over Tom Bradley's goal, then Cameron Tarr had an effort from distance narrowly over. The home side finished the half strongly with Cooper playing Dan Payne in who tried to lob Trett who made the save and the same two combined again but Payne couldn't finish. The second half had both teams cancelling each other out. H&R had a couple of chances Elliott's shot saved by Bradley and the Tasman Rook was denied by the keeper. On 71 minutes Fraser Venables had a free kick in a good position but Trett saved well, and then Kyle Thomas came on to try and win it, and in the last few minutes Venables found him but he shot straight at Trett. A good game ended 0-0.

The seasons opener saw **Wick** welcome **Cribbs Reserves** to the Nest. Wick started brightly with their passing game, keeping Cribbs on the back foot for long periods. Despite having a lot of the ball it wasn't until the 15<sup>th</sup> minute that Wick had a shot on goal which was well saved by Corey Weir, and a minute later Weir was lobbed and a great clearance kept the scores level. On 30 minutes Keeper Kai Wilson punted long for Cory Langdon who laid back to Louis Short to shot over. Just after Wick got their reward for their possession when George Lloyd fired in from an acute angle for 1-0. Cribbs were still very in touch with things at the break but Wick started the second half as they had done in the first pushing forward and two minutes in Short was away down the middle but shot wide. A minute later the goal machine Langdon latched on to a loose ball to put Wick two in front. On 65 minutes Langdon made no mistake in front of goal for Wick's third. Wick were now full of energy and a great ball pit Freddie Mogg through on 75 minutes but his effort was well saved. Wick got their fourth when Kai Shellard scored on his debut. Cribbs never gave up and forced Wilson into two fine saves to keep the score 4-0 to Wick.

**Totterdown United** welcomed **Bishops Cleeve Development** to Norton Lane for the League opener. Both teams started in a positive manner but it was Totts who took an early lead when George Saunders made a run in behind and cut the ball back to Ollie Lovell who danced through a few Cleeve defenders before slotting home. Shortly after Totterdown doubled their lead with a well worked short corner and Lovell's shot was directed in by Aaron Thorn. Cleeve hit back ten minutes later with a scuffed shot falling at Dan Beasley's feet who dispatched it well. Two minutes later Cleeve were awarded a penalty for a challenge by Frazer Clarke. Kian Gardiner dispatched the spot kick for 2-2. The second half saw both sides huff and puff in the heat on a very dry pitch. Totts edged it missing three great chances and 2-2 it finished and Cleeve happy with their point on the road.

In the other match at The Hawthorns **Broadwell Amateurs** slipped up against **Quedgeley Wanderers** by 2-1. Dan Brain scored for Broadwell with Henry Miles and Finlay Jenner on target for Quedgeley.



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# Chairman's Update

Firstly, I would like to extend our thanks to everyone at the Pitching In Southern League for their assistance, along with all our fellow clubs who offered us their kind hospitality during our time in the league. We very much enjoyed testing ourselves at the higher level.

The same sentiments very much apply to all at the Western League for their hard work during our Reserves period in the league.

The pre-season friendlies and a new season now approach. Everyone involved is keen to get going again, we have some fresh faces rejuvenating us both on and off the pitch along with a new side to introduce.

Our 1st XI and Reserves now look forward excitedly to their coming seasons in the Hellenic League and Gloucestershire County League.

Both Ryan Crouch and Andy Sledge are working hard to ready their sides for the fresh challenges ahead. The players are back in training, and we look forward to seeing both new and old players in action during July with their programme of pre-season friendlies.

Our Bristol Premier Combination side is under new management and will be led by Andrew Billitteri. We are all pleased to welcome Andrew on board, he is a great appointment for us, fitting straight in and bringing some fresh ideas. His first challenge will be managing our side in the prestigious pre-season Fry Club Cup.

Our Under-18s offering has expanded for the new season as we enter a side into the Western Counties Floodlit Youth League, where they will compete in the North Division. The side will be managed by last season's Under-18s boss, Dan Williamson, alongside Jamie Dawson, who joins us from Shine Saints.

We continue to offer weekend youth football through our team on the Bristol U18 Football Combination League, managed by Tiriell Lovejoy.

This exciting development strengthens our longstanding partnership with Shire Colts, giving their players even more opportunities to progress into adult football. The new midweek team, a joint initiative with Shire Colts and Shine, creates a clear pathway from youth football into the adult game.

We cannot wait to kick off this new chapter and continue to support young talent on their footballing journey.

On Sunday mornings, the Vets will be looking to build on last season's impressive efforts, and we wish them well in the new season.

Finally, but not least, a big thank you to all who continue to support the club through volunteering and sponsorship, without your support we would not be able to provide these footballing opportunities for the community.

#UTC

Nick Veale - Chairman

**By Jon Couch**

WHEN Stuart Fleetwood dusted down his scoring boots to turn out for hometown club Newent Town last week, he was preparing for his 23<sup>rd</sup> season in senior football.

It's a career which has taken the 39-year-old striker to a whole host of clubs, from League One down into Non-League, even managing Swindon Supermarine for past two seasons.

Fleetwood, the former Hereford, Forest Green Rovers, Luton, Eastleigh and Sutton United striker, revealed to The NLP this week that he even had to borrow his son's shinpads to turn out for the Hellenic League Division One Daffs, the club where he played most of his youth football before he was spotted by Cardiff City.

"I feel good in my body, I feel pretty fit and it's the club I used to play youth team football for so I've done a complete full circle," Fleetwood told us.

"Until any coaching jobs come up, I just want to go out and play on a Saturday. That's why I'll never retire – I'll probably always be knocking around looking for a game.

"I've actually had to borrow my son's shinpads for this week. Sonny is with the Under 12s at Forest Green. He's lent me his shinpads for the first game and told me to sort myself out after that."

Fleetwood may be settling back into the old routine he knows so well – but there are a number of Golden Oldies out there, still playing, who can relate to the thrill of being put through their paces for another season.

Indeed, also in last weekend's edition, we reported on former Premier League striker Charlie Austin preparing for a fresh start at Southern League Premier South club Basingstoke Town and scoring on debut last Saturday at the age of 36.

Alongside that on the NLP's back page, we run a story on former Charlton, Nottingham Forest and Birmingham City striker Lyle Taylor following his move into National League South with Chelmsford City.

Also this week, we've seen another former top-flight big gun, Grant Holt, earn himself a new deal. At the ripe age of 44, the former Norwich City and Forest front man has teamed up with Eastern Counties Premier division side Dereham Town.

Indeed, 40-plusses are commonplace in Non-League these days it seems.

Carlos Edwards, the former Sunderland and Ipswich wide man, is now 46 but turning out regularly for Hadleigh United, also in the Eastern Counties, similarly the great Kevin Ellison, an EFL stalwart with Tranmere Rovers and Morecambe who is leading Vauxhall Motors' front line at the same age, and Chris Dickson, now at Step 3 Cray Wanderers and proving that life does indeed continue to flourish at 40.

But perhaps the oldest playing regular still currently turning out is Jamie Cureton, player-manager at Isthmian North side Cambridge City who turns 50 later this month.

As someone just a few months older than Jamie and who gets tired just watching the game at that level, I'm amazed how that's even possible.

Cureton now will have the record of another veteran top-flight frontman, Barry Hayles, in his sights having played Step 6 football at Windsor FC at the age of 51 before the club resigned from the Combined Counties League this summer.

Elsewhere, strike pair Matt Rhead and Tom Pope hold joint player-manager roles at Kidsgrove Athletic at the ages of 41 and 39 respectively, while the effervescent Jon Challinor is beginning his 13<sup>th</sup> season at Southern League Premier Central side Stamford at the age of 44.

The former York City and Aldershot midfielder led the England Over 40s side to World Cup glory earlier this summer.

And talking of club legends, Ian Henderson is still banging in goals at Rochdale at the age of 40. After a decade at Spotland, over two separate spells, Henderson is quite easily Rochdale's record goalscorer and has been rewarded for his loyalty with a new deal from Dale boss Jimmy McNulty, his former teammate.

All of these Golden Oldies, and many more still turning out in the Non-League game, continue to put their bodies on the line purely to ignite their passion for the game they have loved their entire careers.

They really are an inspiration to us all.

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# The History of Tytherington Rocks F.C.

Tytherington Football Club was formed in 1896 by local Headmaster, Mr Emanuel, and others including the Rev John Bingley. Rev. Bingley stipulated that, to gain his support, the club should play in amber and black, his old college colours at Brasenose, in Oxford.

The club played in the Wotton-Under-Edge League and travelled to away matches by waggonette, a four-wheeled horse drawn cart, with seats along both sides. The club played at many different grounds in the early days, including Mill-Leaze Fields behind the village shop. They eventually found a permanent home at the Hardwicke Playing Fields. The club used the Swan Inn as their changing rooms until a new pavilion was erected by the Parish Council, on the playing fields in 1938.

In the 1920s the club was suspended by the Gloucestershire Football Association for non-payment of a fine. The fine followed a referee being jostled into an adjoining brook after what the home side felt were some dubious decisions! No pay - no play, so Tytherington disbanded until 1932 when Tytherington Rocks FC was formed, joining the Bristol & Suburban League. War disrupted the local leagues and Rocks re-joined Division 1 in 1947. The same year a youth team called the Pebbles was formed and played in the Gloucestershire Junior Boys' League.

The 1960s were spent between Division 3 and Division 5. Facilities were upgraded in 1979-80, with new showers and toilet block together with electricity! The Reserves reformed in Division 7 and the first team reached Division 1 for the 1987-88 season. 1987-88 saw the formation of the third team joining Division 7 and at the same time Streamside Juniors were adopted as Tytherington Rocks Juniors. A floodlit training pitch was opened in 1988. Rocks entered Premier Division 2 and by 1993 arrived in Premier Division 1. Ground improvements continued with dugouts and perimeter fencing. As Champions of the Bristol & Suburban Premier League in 1997, it was shock and disappointment when an application to the Gloucestershire County League was rejected. Following rejection, a new bar, separate changing facilities, referees room and a spectator stand raised the profile of the club and, in 1998, the County League application was successful.

The team survived a difficult first season but, during the next four years, enjoyed top half finishes and were GFA Challenge Trophy Finalists, League Cup Finalists and, in 2004, were County League Runners-up. Hellenic League football and Hellenic League status Division 1 [West] arrived in 2004-05. Season 2011-12 was to prove to be the first of three outstanding years for Tytherington Rocks. The 1st team finished 18 points clear to win the UHlsport Hellenic League Division 1 [West] title, followed by a 3rd place and then champions again in 2014, this time by 5 points. Following this success, a transfer request to move to the Toolstation Western Premier League was rejected by the FA. This refusal had a devastating effect on the club with players and team management of both 1st team and Reserve teams leaving in their numbers.

History will record that several managers and committee members worked tirelessly to ensure the survival of the club during the following four seasons.

The 2018/2019 season ended with all three teams (U18, Reserves and 1st team) all completing their programmes, although they all finished in the penultimate positions in their respective League divisions. Between August 2019 and now, Rocks have experienced major changes both on and off the field including the seasons destroyed by Covid-19.

Reserve sides have folded mid-season, an U18 team had run its course and a Ladies team arrived and left. Numerous committee, management, and playing staff departures and arrivals took place during the two seasons destroyed by the Coronavirus.

One welcome achievement did however materialise. Rocks won the Beaufort Cup, an end of season competition run by the Bristol Premier Sunday League.

In recent years, the club joined the Toolstation Western League, achieving respectable finishes, including 13th place in the 2021/22 season. After an unconsulted transfer to the Hellenic League, the Rocks spent several seasons in mid-table, regularly traveling for away fixtures across Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Shropshire, and Oxfordshire. However, due to restrictions imposed by the landlords, the club was unable to carry out necessary stadium improvements. As a result, the Rocks have chosen to compete in the Gloucestershire County League for the 2025/26 season — a league fondly remembered for its local derbies during the 2000s.

# Tytherington Rocks FC

## 2025-2026 Squad



### **Billy Pullin – Goalkeeper**

A talented young goalkeeper with bags of potential. At just 16 years old, Billy shows maturity beyond his years with sharp reflexes and confident distribution. One to watch for the future.



### **Jon Morgan – Captain**

Jonathan leads by example with his tough tackling, strength in the air, This seasons club captain will be great leader on and off the pitch.



### **Nathan Croot – Defender**

Experienced and composed, Nathan offers leadership and versatility. Whether anchoring the defence or shielding the back line from midfield, he brings calm and confidence.



### **Connor Davey – Defender**

An experienced and dependable centre back, Connor is a vocal presence who reads the game superbly. Strong in the tackle and dominant in the air.





#### **Kian Watmough – Defender**

Commanding and assured, Kian is a natural leader at the back. With strength, positioning, and a winning mentality, he marshals the defence with authority.



#### **Mathew Sumner – Defender**

A solid and reliable defender who's equally comfortable at fullback, Mathew provides consistency and defensive discipline – always tough to beat.



#### **Ben Cook – Defender**

Ben's first season at senior level, has proved in pre-season he can hold his own. Excellent defensively, good communicator, should thrive at the Rocks picking up experience.



#### **Jack Pullin – Defender**

A true utility man, Jack's versatility is invaluable. Comfortable in midfield or defence, he brings reliability, strong positioning, and team-first mentality wherever he plays.





**Jake Haynes – Midfielder**

Powerful and skilful, Jake dominates the midfield with his physicality and flair. Combines box-to-box energy with technical quality – a key engine in the middle of the park.



**Stuart Nelson – Midfielder**

A dependable presence with excellent awareness. Stuart keeps things simple and effective, contributing with disciplined positioning and sharp passing.



**Max Wilding – Midfielder**

A tireless worker with great heart, Max is the engine room of the side. Known for his work rate and determination, he always gives 100% and covers every blade of grass.



**Jason Nderemani – Midfielder**

Calm and composed under pressure, Jason brings balance and control to midfield. His measured style helps dictate the tempo and keep the team ticking over.





#### **Ali Al Fadhli – Striker**

A tricky, skillful frontman who can turn defenders inside out. Ali thrives on the unpredictable, using quick feet and sharp movement to unlock defences. Always a handful for opposition back lines.



#### **Tom Bidder – Striker**

Lightning quick and dangerous in one-on-one situations, Tom is a pacey wide player who loves taking on fullbacks. Whether cutting inside or whipping in crosses, he's a constant threat in the final third.



#### **Ollie Briggs – Striker**

An imposing figure up top, Ollie brings physical presence and no-nonsense finishing to the forward line. Strong in the air and clinical in the box – a classic striker with modern instincts.



#### **Ryan Sims – Striker**

Creative and unpredictable, Ryan's tricky playing style makes him a nightmare to defend against. Always looking to make something happen.





### **Blaine Skuse – Striker**

A forward-thinking player with great awareness in attacking areas. Blaine combines sharp movement with intelligent link-up play, offering both goals and assists.



### **Toby Waterman – Striker**

Toby brings an unorthodox edge to the attack. His movement and decision-making catch defenders off-guard, making him a unique and often decisive player in the final third.





# Player Profiles

**Corey Weir** - Goalkeeper who joined us in the summer.

**Toby Stocks-Hayward** - Strong, tenacious fullback, came through U18s and A Team and progressed to the Reserve squad for this season.

**Luke Wilcox** - Joined Cribbs A Team 3 years ago having played youth football with Mangotsfield, progressed to Reserves squad this season.

**Max Wiltshire** - Imposing centre half, joined from DRG in the summer.

**James Pellowe** - Experienced defender, made over 400 appearances for the club.

**Dan Monk** - In his 10th season with the club, wand of a left foot.

**Aquila Olaleye** - Played amateur football in Nigeria before moving to the UK. Strong, quick full back.

**Jesse Otoo** - Quick and strong full back joined the club in the summer.

**Ollie Dunleavy** - Team Captain, Mr Reliable, can run all day and made over 500 appearances for the club.

**Andy Forward** - "Mr Forward" brings vast experience and technical ability to the midfield.

**Andy Capon** - "Capes" takes up a Player Coach role for this season, still got the magic touch, you can't lose pace if you never had it!

**Bryson Ladip** - Strong, quick, dynamic, joins up with the squad following a spell at Tytherington last season.

**James Carolan** - Very technical player and has a work rate to match, moves up this season from the A Team.

**James Capon** - Capon Junior has plenty offer anywhere across the midfield.

**Tom Headford** - Made over 500 appearances for the club and score plenty of goals down the years. Looking to provide the fire power this season.

**Adam Mugondi** - Young striker, come up through U18 and A Team before making an impact with Reserves last season, a real handful for defenders.

**Alex Craig** - Can play on either flank, makes dynamic runs and eye for a goal, last season A Team POY, progressed to Reserves squad for this season.

**Louie Paulson** - Came through the Cribbs youth system and regular for A Team, progressed to the Reserves squad for this season

**Jake Harris** - Came through the Cribbs youth system and after a short break from the game joins up with the Reserves for this season.

**Lucas Morgan** - Played for the UI8s and rejoined the club last season having had break from the game, plays mainly down the right hand side and has a trick or two.

**Barney Hawker** - Baby of the squad, Mangotsfield youth product given the opportunity in A Team last season, very promising future at left back.

**Kian Smith Lawrence** - Promising youngster who has impressed in preseason, playing anywhere in the midfield.

**Tai Gray Chung Young** tough tackling midfielder, first season in mens football having come through the UI8s.

**Jude Brown** Joined in the summer having moved to Bristol, young keeper with a great future.

**Harvey Jasper** - Midfield - Age 20 - talented young player who has worked his way from our A team to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI squad. Versatile player who can operate across the midfield or at fullback.





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