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Football Secretary: Dave Colbert

Club Secretaries: Dave Colbert

Club Welfare Officer: Arron Coulson

Football Development Officer: Daniel Fletcher

Treasurer: Kelly Harley

Media & Marketing Officer: Tom Lilley

Groundspersons: Ken Fairbrother & Jimmy Hudson

Fundraising Officer: Shaun Harley

CLUB HISTORY

Whittlesey Athletic Football Club was formed in 2014 as a result of a merger between two long-standing clubs, Coates Athletic (1957) and Whittlesey United (1950).

At the time the clubs merged they both had first teams playing in the Premier Division of the Peterborough and District Football League and a reserve team each as well.

Shortly after the initial merger another local club Whittlesey Blue Star also came on board creating the club that we know today.

Currently the club has 3 Senior Men's Saturday teams (ECL Div 1, PDFL Prem and 2), 1 Men's Veteran team, 3 Youth teams (u12s, u15 & u16) and 1 Ladies Team (Cambs Div 1).

Significant investment has been made (and is ongoing) in developing our ground at Feldale with new training floodlights, a new PA system and a new 100 standing only stand the latest additions. We continue to invest in the playing surface at Feldale a.k.a. The Danzen Logistics Stadium and the new lawn-mower and other equipment will hopefully allow this to continue.

The next projects at Feldale include the desire for an additional set of changing rooms (including officials) which will help us utilise both pitches at Feldale as often as we can/need to, improved internal fencing to control/restrict access and movement within the site and lastly and general improvements to the site as a whole.

Our long-term aims and aspirations for Feldale include a 4G Floodlit pitch, offering an all year round surface for the whole community to use for matches and training and the addition to Feldale of other sports and organisations.

From 23/24, we're also welcoming Whittlesey Warriors Netball & Whittlesey Tennis Club to call our ground their home.

During the 2022/23 season, we played our best football to date, finishing 5th in the Thurlow Nunn Division One North and losing the semi-final playoff. In addition, we equalled our best ever FA Vase run reaching the 3rd Round.

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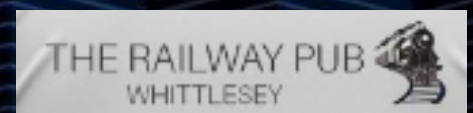
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Despite their tender years, Holland F.C. have already made a considerable impression On the local game, not only in their Tendring base, but throughout the county Of Essex.

The club currently boasts one of the best youth set-ups in the district, running a dozen Teams across eight age groups as well as the first and second elevens, a veteran's team And the under 18's, and a successful Holland ladies team.

It all started with the demise of St. Johns (Clacton) during 2005-06 left a significant football gap in the east end of Clacton, with their former clubhouse and pitch standing idle on Saturday afternoons.

This was quickly addressed by Mark Sorrell and a group of colleagues, including some Former St. Johns men, who got together to form Holland F.C., with a view to bringing Border League football back to the East cliff Sports Ground, while also providing youth Football for the area. The major task in front of them was the refurbishment of the Ageing clubhouse at the end of Dulwich Road, and a substantial amount of money, and Hard work had to be spent to rejuvenate the building in time for the 2006-07 season.

Officers, Mark Sorrell, Vic Webb and ex-St. Johns stalwart, Dave Aldred, got the First season off to a steady start, but the Jaffa's stepped up a gear following the Introduction of Neil Hammond as manager, winning the Tommy Thompson Cup in the first season, while scoring over a hundred league goals. The youth teams also did Well, with teams in the Under 8, 9 and 10 sections of the Colchester Youth League.

After a season of consolidation, Holland really hit their stride in 2008-09, under the Managerial guidance of Tony Davis Baker, and assisted by Charles Wray. They bagged a superb treble of trophies, with their newly formed reserve side winning the Reserve Division 1, while the first team won Division I along with the star prize of the Essex Premier Cup, the latter is the Holy Grail for Border League clubs, Lee Nash scored the only Goal against Maldon St. Mary's, as Holland became the sixth Border League side to win it since its launch as the Essex Intermediate Cup in 1950.

Holland began playing in the Essex & Suffolk Border Premier Division with their reserves in the Reserve premier Division in 2009-10, a year in which the club took another step forward with the leased acquisition of the part of the former St. Osyth Training College ground in Gainsford Avenue that backs onto their clubhouse, Holland had big plans for this site, and have now transformed it into a facility fit for senior and community football, Which is a great testament to all those involved at the club.

While the lengthy process of the new ground development was being developed Holland agreed a 3 year ground-share arrangement at their neighbours, F.C. Clacton's Rush Green Bowl stadium.



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The First Team had been managed by Rob Batten over this period, during which time they achieved their highest finish in the Essex & Suffolk Border Premier Division and reached the Border League Cup Final, losing on penalties to Coggeshall Town after a 0-0 draw.

Rob then asked former Gas Recreation FC boss Glenn Cowen, along with his Gas ally Paul Abbott to join Holland!, Promotion to the Eastern Counties Thurlow Nunn Division One was achieved at the first attempt in 2015-2016, this was a Great achievement for such a young club.

Glenn and Paul decided to step down at the end of the season and Ray Turner joined Rob Batten at the helm as joint Managers for the 2017-18 season, after a good start to the season results didn't go as planned and Ray Departed. Youth Director of Football Jon Willis filled the gap for a brief spell but returned to his youth roll for the 2018-19 season, leaving Rob Batten at the helm for his final season, Assisted by a coaching team of Calvin Allen, Richard Downes and Dave Aldred, that management team lead Holland to the Divisional Cup Final a fitting way for Rob Batten to bow out after 8 seasons.

Ex Haringey Borough & Concord Rangers Manager Paul Phelan took the helm in 2019/20 season, promotion it looked on the cards in the 2020 season before Covid 19 interrupted, Holland sitting 5th in the table and on a rich vein of form, but it was not meant to be, as the enforced break put paid to all football!! The following season 20-21, was a good year for the boys, even though the season was cut short due to covid again, we reached the Len Cordell Cup Final beating numerous step 4 & 5 clubs along the way, but the Final was not meant to be!!, when 30 seconds from glory we conceded a penalty, we eventually lost a titanic battle 1-2 after extra time.

Last season was a transition one and we finished a creditable 8th position after numerous comings and goings, but we finished strongly and looked forward to this new season.

Paul Phelan has subsequently resigned his roll for the 2022-23 season, the club moved quickly to acquire the services of Shane Coldron.

Unfortunately Shane's time did not last long, after a very good start results dropped off, so the club moved in-house to Promote First team coach "Luke Watts" as Manager, Luke steadied the ship and a mid table finish was achieved, this season Luke has already managed to identify some player targets and added them to the Holland squad, so moving forward the Management team will consist of Luke Watts, Jamie Shaw along side John Watkins, Rob Batten & Dickie Downes, we wish them all luck.



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