



Official Match Day Programme



Carterton vs Shortwood United

Hellenic League Division One



Saturday 14th September 2024
KO 15:00

Admission: Adults £6.00 Concessions/OAPs: £3.00 Under 16s: Free



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Imogen Hooper - Assistant Referee

Gavin Anderson – Assistant Referee

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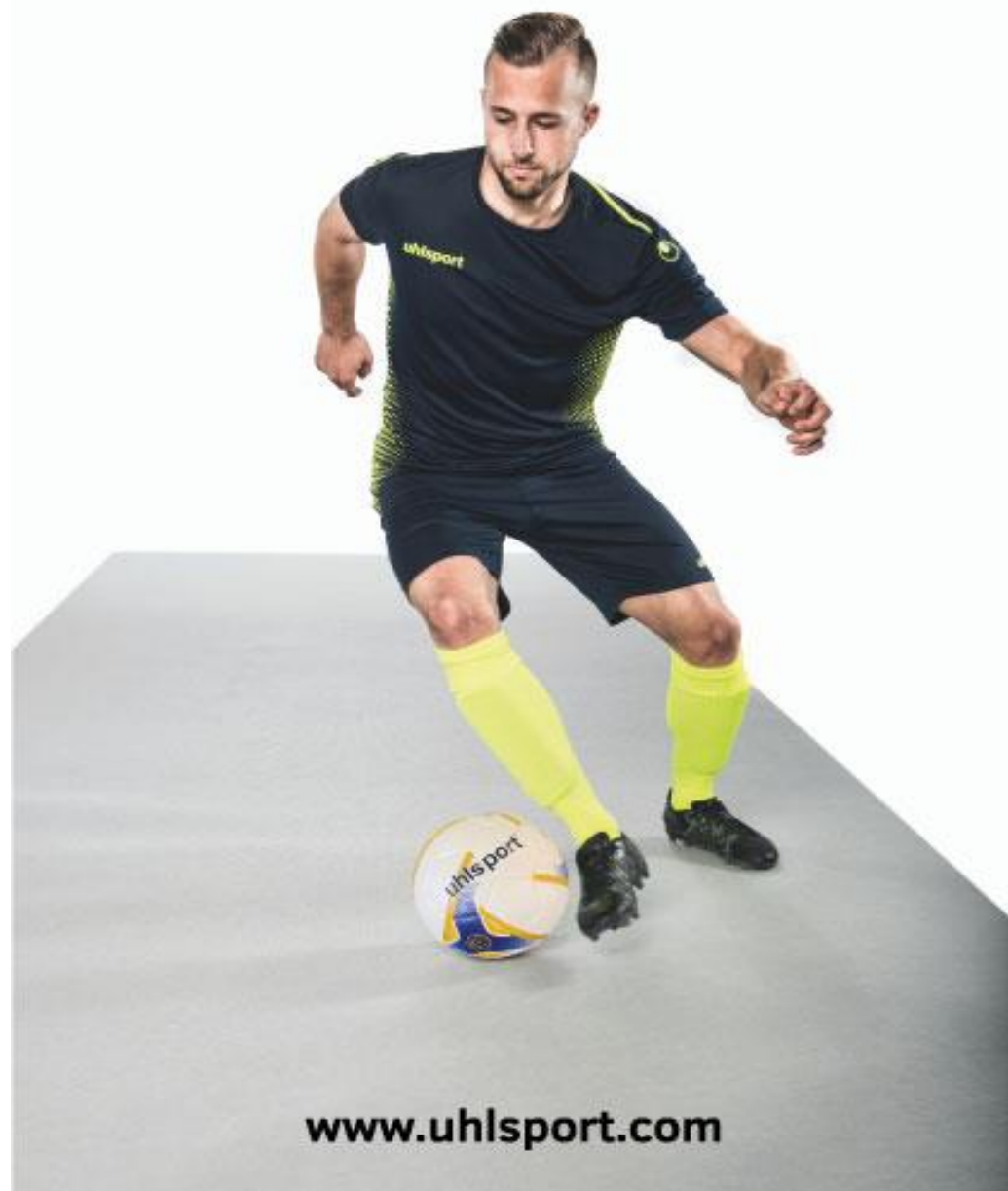


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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the officials & players from our Gloucestershire neighbours Shortwood United. Last week we managed to turn around a series of lost matches with a well-deserved win over Swindon Supermarine in the Marsh Cup, and that has given the team some new confidence for our forthcoming league schedule.

There is no doubt that our honeymoon period in UHL Division 1 is well and truly over and, after a bright start, we find ourselves at the wrong end of the league. We know this first season is going to be tough, but we said from day one it was all about 'staying there' and developing the squad. It is truly amazing to see some youngsters breaking into the first team and we hope the blend of youth & experience will help us climb up the league.

Please continue to get behind the team today - I know the players really value your support. Let's keep the September winning start going. Our First Team Manager and Coaching Staff have a great relationship with the players, and we know the results will come.

Shortwood are going to be another big test for us today. They held a very respectable top 9 spot in Division 1 last season, and I am sure they will be looking to least achieve that again this season.

A special thank you to all of our club sponsors and in particular our First Team sponsors - Fleet & Commercial Insurance and MHW Windows. Finally, a big thank you to all the supporters here today. Enjoy the match and, as always, our social club will be open during the match and afterwards.

Andrew

Andrew Walton

First Team Squad



Our squad is continually growing as we bring in new players attracted by our management team experience, our facilities and the opportunity to have playing time at a higher level in the game.

Gary Brown – Manager

Davey Hamill - Assistant Manager

Ben Pearce – Coach

Jordi Mulvany - Coach

Scott Perkins - Goalkeeper Coach

Tracy McCue - Physio & First Aid

1. Josh Cullen - Goalkeeper

2. Corey Kelly - Goalkeeper

3. Joseph Langdon - Defender

4. Ryan Moore – Defender

5. Jack Smith – Defender

6. Harris Kilburn - Defender

7. Woody Casciaro - Defender

8. Joshua Gibbens – Defender

9. Michael Duerden – Defender

10. Ciaran McGarry – Defender

11. Kyle Allsworth – Defender

12. James McCarthy - Midfield

13. Redd Pratley – Midfield

14. Kieran Day – Midfield

15. Aaron Lewis – Midfield

16. Rory Linford-Pill - Midfield

17. Liam Day - Midfield

18. Jordi Mulvany – Midfield

19. James Hunt - Midfield

20. Ben Brown - Striker

21. Conner Townsend - Striker

22. Washington Kuzakwawo - Striker

23. Josh Crossman – Striker

24. Oliver Fox – Striker

25. Ryan Sagar – Striker

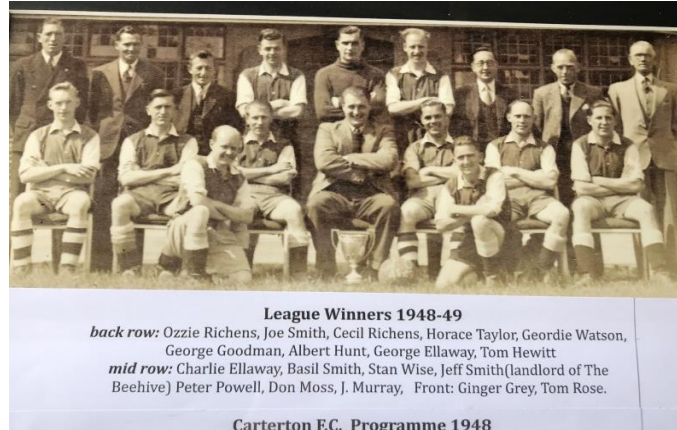
26. Martin Ikerionwu – Striker



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Carterton Football Club: Our History



Carterton Football Club was founded in 1918, and initially played in the Witney & District League. It won the Premier Division title in 1960–61, 1965–66, 1976–77 and again 1984–85. The Club was Division One champions and won the Oxfordshire Junior Cup in 1985–86.

The Club then moved up to Division One of the Hellenic League and after winning Division One in 1989–90, it was promoted to the Premier Division. Carterton was relegated back to Division One at the end of the 1991–92 season but won the division again in 1993–94 and returned to the Premier Division. In 1998–99 the Club finished as Premier Division runners-up and went on to win the league's Supplementary Cup in 1999–2000 as well as the Challenge Cup in 2000–01. The Club remained in the Premier Division until being relegated to Division One West at the end of the 2010–11 season and won the league in 2015-16.

Carterton FC played in the Premier Division of the Witney & District League from 2019 until 2021 when they entered Division Two of the Hellenic League and then entered the Oxford Senior League Premier Division in 2022.

Most recently, Carterton FC won the Oxford Senior League season 2023-24 and made a double season running out winners of the Presidents Cup.

For season 2024-25, Carterton FC is part of the Hellenic League with the First Team in Division One and a Development Team in Division Two.



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Shortwood United Squad



Marcus Foxwell - Manager

Andrew Moody - Coach

1. Joe Wright

2. Tom King

3. Joe Williams

4. Connor Stalley

5. Ollie Whelan

6. Joe Tryner (Capt)

7. Fin Byrnes

8. Travis Cooke

9. Tyler Jagers

10. Elliot Martin

11. Dom Kent

12. Harry Duncan

13. Jordan Molyneux

14. Martin Smith

15. Will Davis

16. Ollie Elliot

17. Jack Gardner

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21. Tom Kaye

22. Kieran Mace

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The History of Shortwood United



Shortwood United Football Club was formed in 1900 and since then have played at 4 different grounds, Nailsworth Playing Field, Table Land, Wallow Green and finally at our current ground, Meadowbank.

The club has been at Meadowbank since 1972, and includes an all weather training area opened by the late Ted Croker. Gradual improvements over the years culminated in a major enhancement in 2009 to meet ground grading criteria for any future promotions.

League football was commenced in the Stroud League where following continued success during the 1970s promotion was gained to the Northern Senior and then the Gloucestershire County League. Promotion to the Hellenic league was achieved in 1981 only to be relegated in our first season but finishing runners up the following year ensured promotion straight back. In 1983 we won the Hellenic Division One Cup and GFA Trophy and in the following year won the Hellenic League. It was a further six years until success was realised again when the treble of League winners, GFA Trophy and Stroud Charity Cup was completed.

The 2007/08 season started a resurgence in Shortwood's fortunes in finishing 5th in the league and winning the supplementary cup, defeating Ardley 4-2 in the final. The subsequent season pushed our success even further when following a good run in the FA Cup and semi finalists in the League Cup, we pressed the eventual Champions Hungerford to the final day of the season where we lost out on goal difference after amassing 99 pts and scoring 99 goals. Shortwood's fine form continued into the next season when they again finished second in the league to Almondsbury, and runners up in the GFA Trophy again to Almondsbury, had good FA Cup and Vase runs and reached the final of the Floodlit cup. Having lost the away leg 3-0 to Reading Town they produced one of the most exciting comebacks and entertaining matches ever seen at Meadowbank where the score remained at 0-0 till the 67th minute when the deadlock was broken and Shortwood ran out 5-0 winners (AET).

Shortwood's league campaign in 2011 was a disappointment by their own high standards, but more silverware was added in the shape of the GFA Trophy after a 1-0 win over Tuffley Rovers in the final.

2011-12 season, however, was pivotal in the Club's history! Not only did they reach the quarter final of the FA Vase, they also reached the final of the Hellenic League Floodlit Cup and the GFA Trophy Final. Most important was their league position where they finished 2nd by 1 point behind Oxford City Nomads. With Nomad's not applying for promotion, and with Shortwood filling all the relevant criteria, they were promoted to the Southern League for the first time in their history!

The 2012-13 season was again a successful one. Following a disappointing early exit from the FA cup the club had a good run in the FA Trophy including a magnificent away victory at premier league side Weymouth on the way. In their first season in the Southern League they finished a creditable eighth position.

The 2013-14 season saw Shortwood progress further in the FA Cup than ever before! Early wins over Egham and Aylesbury put them up against Conference South outfit Dorchester and a 1-0 away win, and a further 1-0 win at Didcot put them into uncharted waters of the fourth qualifying round where they drew Conference side Aldershot at Meadowbank. A late, but deserved, equaliser gave them a replay and a heroic 2-1 win sparked wild celebrations. A home draw pitted Shortwood against League 1 side Port Vale in front of a record crowd of 1,247 plus a live television audience courtesy of BT Sport. Shortwood bowed out – but with the plaudits their cup run earned ringing in their ears.

The league season was also highly successful with a sixth placed finish, one point outside the play-off positions.

2014-15 failed to reach the heights of the previous season with many players moving on to higher things but for most of the season a play-off place looked possible until a decline in form towards the end of the season resulted in an 11th place finish.

2015 -16 continued Shortwood's continued stability in the Southern League as they finished the season 7th in the table with 78 points and the end of the season saw the end of an era as joint Manager John Evans retired after 20 seasons involvement with Shortwood – and the club moved forward with Alex Sykes now in sole charge.

2016-17 was a strange season with the Wood exiting the FA Cup and the FA Trophy at the first hurdle and showing inconsistent league form but despite that they managed to finish a more than respectable 9th.

Paul 'Des' Meredith took over the management reins at the start of season 2017-18.

In 2017 -18 the club had an excellent run in the FA Trophy and produced some excellent results in the league interspersed with some heavy defeats but this was only to be expected with a very young side – but throughout the year they strived to play football the Shortwood way. After Christmas Shortwood faced a difficult dilemma. The ever increasing demands of the FA around ground gradings and the loss of their major sponsor left the club with no choice but to resign from the Southern League and they applied to the FA to be placed in the Toolstation Western League and they were successful in that application. Des Meredith did not feel that he could carry on with a complete rebuild of the side and departed and the club moved on with Jason Scrivens and Joey Tustain taking the helm. They did a tremendous job getting a squad together in next to no time in almost impossible circumstances.

Shortwood finished bottom of the Toolstation Premier in 2018-19 and we were relegated and moved to the Hellenic Div 1 West, but the future is more optimistic than for a very long time. Shortwood's two youth sides enjoyed an incredibly successful season and with the reintroduction of a Development side for season 2019 / 20 the club was building and giving young local players a complete chance to progress. Mat Blythe was added as joint manager with Jason Scrivens, and Simon Blythe was added as 1st team Coach. While Chris Hicks and Shane Mathews took the reins of the Development side.

The COVID pandemic saw the cancellation of the season 2019 20 in March 2020 with the first team lying in a healthy 4th place in the league and the development team beginning to show some late form. During the enforced break Mat Blythe became sole first team manager, while Jason Scrivens took the reins of the now Shortwood Reserves side with Will Dunn coming as Coach. Season 20-21 was also curtailed and hardly ever got going. Shortwood retained most of last season's squad and added a few exciting additions. They also strengthened the Management team with Neil Long coming in as number two and Josh Loveridge as 1st Team Coach. Rich Cullimore took the reins as Reserve team manager. With the club also starting an Under 18 side in the floodlit league Jason Scrivens moved up as Director of Football overseeing the whole club. In 21-22 Wood never fulfilled their potential and towards the end of the season Wood made the decision to replace the first team management and Ian Soule came in with a wealth of experience behind him and Lewis Fogg came in as his number two.

With Ian and Foggy departing at the end of season 22 – 23 the club wasted no time in appointing Dan Gillespie, Matt Tunley, Andrew Moody and Marcus Foxwell and are delighted to have done so. They recruited well and with skipper Joe Tryner and Wood faithful Fin Byrnes and Keegan Bowes staying the squad is looking fresh and ready to go. The club appointed Will Dunn, Matt Fanstone and Tim Butler to run the Reserves and the Club moved the Reserves to the Stroud League division one and again this is a positive step with the Reserves playing more locally and in a more competitive league. Last but not least the club appointed Toby Colliver and Ollie Elliott from last seasons U18's to run this years U18's. The Club took every step with care and consideration and under the watchful eye of Jason Scrivens there is a real optimism around the Club. When Dan Gillespie left unexpectedly to take up a place at Supermarine the club moved quickly to promote from within with Marcus Foxwell taking the manager role with Matt and Andrew remaining with him. Matt Tunley left at the end of the season to take up a position with Ledbury Town and Matt Fanstone took on the role as Manager of the Reserves for 2024/25 as continuity was the key as the club moved forward into the new season.

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