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PREMIER DIVISION NORTH 2024/25

VWFC VS AMERSHAM TOWN

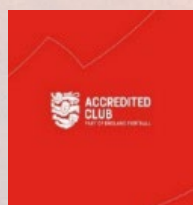
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A very warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Amersham Town FC. Welcome to Arbour Park, I hope you enjoy our facilities.

We are very close to finalising the content for our club shop, and will be aiming for it to go live in February. The shop will be managed by KS Teamwear, and accessed via our website www.vwfc.co.uk, so you know where to go for your Waters' branded budgie smugglers for the summer 😊.

Up the Waters!!



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WE ARE THE WATERS



Virginia Water Football Club was formed during the 1919-1920 season, and celebrated its centenary in 2020. During the reign of King Edward VIII, Waters gained financial support (Royal Patronage) from the Crown, in the sum of £2 per annum. This continued throughout the reign of King George VI, who actually 'gifted' VWFC their current ground. Until 1964 Waters were part of the Woking & District League, at which time they joined the Surrey Intermediate League, moving on to the Spartan League soon after.

In 1969 the clubhouse at the Timbers was erected and opened by Sir Stanley Rouse, CBE, who was then President of FIFA. The Timbers was given this name after the late Harry Timbers, one of the founder members of our Club. In 1970 Waters gained promotion from the Spartan League to the Combined Counties League, and steady progress saw them gain entry into the FA Vase. The 1980's were a disappointing period in our history, that saw successive relegations to the Surrey South Eastern Combination Intermediate League. The 1990/91 season proved a turning point, with Waters winning the Surrey Intermediate Cup, beating Colney Hall 3-0 in the final. This was followed with promotion to the Surrey Premier League and Combined Counties League, but we were only allowed to stay there for one season due to league ground grading rulings.

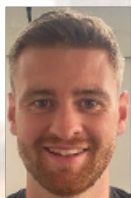
Despite that relegation, Waters won three Surrey County Premier Cups in 1995, 1996 and 1997, the latter being part of a historic League and League Cup Treble! With league name changes the norm, in 2000 the Surrey Premier League became the Surrey Senior League, where Waters stayed until 2002, before joining the Surrey Intermediate League (Western), for three seasons before another relegation and immediate promotion. In 2010 Waters won promotion to the Surrey Elite League. Despite winning the County and League Cups, further promotion proved elusive.

Ceri Jones was appointed manager in 2015-16, finishing fourth in his first season in charge. The following season he appointed Richard Banks as Head Coach, and Waters duly won back-to-back promotions to the Hellenic League Division One, then Premier (competing at Step 5 for the first time in the club's history) - including a cup double in 2016-17. After a period of consolidation in the Hellenic Premier Division, there was to be another FA National League System adjustment, that saw Waters moved across to the Combined Counties Premier League (North).

At the end of the 2021-22 season, after 7 successful years as manager, Ceri became Director of Football, and appointed Adam Bessent as his successor along with Jake Bessent as Assistant Manager. The 2022/23 season saw us reach the Senior County Cup final, finishing second to Met Police in the final, and also our highest ever league position - a respectable 7th place. The Bessent's sadly resigned their positions early in to the 2023/24 season. An internal promotion saw Adam Sams take over the reins as the new First Team manager, ably assisted by Ben Warren as first team coach, and successfully lead the club to another 7th place League finish and reach the Combined Counties Premier League Cup Final where we were narrowly beaten by Burnham FC 2-1 to be Runner's Up. The club still aims for continued success, both on and off the pitch, in the future and the move, under a new Ground Share arrangement, to the great facilities at Slough Town is seen as a step forward for the 2024/25 Season.

Waters also have a youth section at the club (VWFC Youth), which the club proudly aspires to, and uses as a direct pathway to adult football. The Youth Section continues to flourish; it now stands at 19 teams and growing rapidly, especially our girls program, in partnership with the FA Wildcats scheme, which will see 4 Girls Teams (U9, U10, U11 and U13) play under the Waters Banner in the 2024/25 season.





Matt Jones **Goalkeeper**
Product of the QPR academy and an ever present in goal over the past 9 seasons. Consistently impresses



Finn Evered **Defender**
Towering centre back, returning to the club after a 2-year hiatus. Commanding and calm, a big presence at the back



Ryan Blake **Defender**
Stalwart of the Waters defence, with football league pedigree at Brentford. Loyal and committed individual



Sean McGuinness **Defender**
Summer signing from 23/24
Champions Flackwell Heath, Sean brings a experience of Step 4 football to the side



Sam Blakebrough **Midfielder**
Signed from Chalfont St Peter having previously played for Wealdstone. Technical player who likes to get on the ball and impressed when playing against us last season



James Goodey **Midfielder**
An energetic midfielder and a 2022 signing after impressing in pre-season. Previous step 5 experience with Ascot



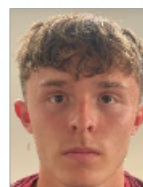
Jack Simmons **Midfielder**
Back at Waters after spending two seasons playing college football in the USA. All-rounding midfielder



Saaïm Rafi **Midfielder**
Returned to Waters after his spell at Loughborough University. Will add some control and quality in the centre of the park



Turnell Sinclair **Forward**
Signed from Molesey in 21/22, he has consistently been the club's top scorer in each season since joining Waters



Freddie Solly **Defender**
A young full back signed from Slough Town's Elite Development Squad. Brings youth and enthusiasm to the side



Chris Ellis **Defender**
Top signing for the club from close rivals Ascot United. Has a long throw in his armoury, the envy of many



Ash Hitchinson **Defender**
In his second season with VW. Accomplished at Centre Back, full back or central midfield. Big team player



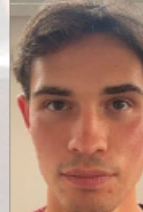
Harrison Marquez **Defender**
Another signing from the Slough Town Academy. Comfortable on the ball at centre back or left back



Jack Mills **Midfielder**
Signed from Spelthorne Sports in 2022. A quality, experienced midfielder whose previous clubs include Hayes & Yeading and Bedfont Sports



Josh Andrew **Midfielder**
Recently signed from the emerging Slough Town Academy. Versatile on the wing or at Left back



Cal Hamilton **Midfielder**
Great signing for the Waters, having returned to the area after graduation from Loughborough University. Energetic and quality midfielder



Billy Blake **Midfielder**
Younger brother of Ryan, joined us a couple of seasons ago from Ashford U18 Allied Counties. Terrific energy in midfield



Mark Bitmead **Forward**
Experienced and proven goal scorer at various levels of football. An excellent signing for the club from Bedfont Sports

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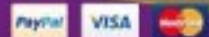
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TODAY'S OPPONENTS

A BRIEF HISTORY OF AMERSHAM TOWN FC



Amersham Town FC was formed in 1890. An inaugural meeting took place at the Crown public house, now a hotel, on 10 October 1890. The Chairman was a local headmaster who was very friendly with W. G. Grace and was, in fact, recommended by that great cricketer.

Among the original rules were no bad language on the pitch, that no player should wear any nails, an annual subscription of 1/6d (or 7.5p) and an agreement that the club colours would be black and white.

The club originally played at Barn Meadow, down the road from the current ground. Amersham Town moved to Spratleys Meadow in 1920, thanks to the generosity of a local entrepreneur - a Mr Brazil - who founded the famous sausage and pie company bearing his name.

Amersham joined the Hellenic League in 1952 and then the Spartan League in 1972. The Clubhouse, a former school room, was erected in 1968 and extended to its current size in 1983. New floodlights were installed in 1977. In 1998 the Club secured a ninety nine year lease on Spratleys Meadow and built a new stand. In 2000, new pitches were provided across School Lane for the Youth Section.

In 2006/07 the club enjoyed a major refurbishment. The original changing rooms, which were commandeered in the war as an emergency mortuary in the event of an air raid on Amersham, were demolished and modern facilities constructed. The pitch, which had a slope of 11ft 4 inches from touchline to touchline, was levelled and now provides an excellent playing surface. In 2022 the clubhouse was comprehensively remodelled and modern floodlights installed for this season.. Amersham Town was granted Charter Standard Club status in 2013.

The club moved to the Cherry Red Combined Counties League in season 22/23 and was promoted to the Premier Division North for this season. The team is managed by Stuart Atkins and the club has developed close links with Kings Church FC, a well organised local club which runs more than twenty junior teams.

A hard copy or an on-line booklet recording the club's history, prepared for its 125th anniversary in 2015, can be obtained by emailing Mike Gahagan on michaelgahagan89@gmail.com



Sponsorship Opportunities

Adult team sponsorship (30 players)

- 1st Team kit sponsorship, your name and logo on back or chest of kit - £2000
- All Senior teams Warm up tops, your name and logo on back or chest - £2000
- Youth section sponsorship (>110 players)
- Youth Team Kit sponsorship, your name and logo on back or chest of kit - £500
- Youth Team Kit and Tracksuit sponsorship, your name and logo on back or chest of kit - £900
- Youth Section training jackets sponsorship (12 Teams every player will get a jacket with your company name on the back) - £2000

Various availability for 24/25 seasons depending on team requirements – please enquire with the club for specific team contacts

Pitch-side banners

- 2m x 600cm Banner pitch side at the Timbers - £500
- Web banners
- Your company banner on the Virginia Water FC website (1000 hits per month) - £500

Matchday programme

- Printed and online for 1st team for all home games
- Quarter page advertisement £250 for a season
- Half Page advertisement £500 for a season
- Full Page advertisement £800 for a season

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NAME: Turnell Sinclair

POSITION: Striker

NICKNAME: T or Tony

FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF: I can do 65 push ups in a minute

- 🏆 What is your day job?
Plumber
- 🏆 Best player you've played with?
Steven Caulker
- 🏆 Previous clubs played for?
Hartley Wintney, Spelthorne Sports, Molesey and the rest
- 🏆 What 3 words would describe your football playing style?
Goals, eager and passionate
- 🏆 What's been your best football moment to date?
Won the best youth player and Edgar Davids awarded it to me
- 🏆 Matt Jones is buying the drinks, what are you having?
Pornstar Martini
- 🏆 If you were stuck on a desert island, what 3 things would you have to have (no mobiles!)?
Food seasoning, comfortable clothes and music
- 🏆 The team get a last minute penalty, who are you trusting to take it?
The one and only Jack Mills
- 🏆 What's the best food you've ever had?
Pepper steak, rice and peas (Caribbean food)
- 🏆 Being honest... what's your keepy up record?
100+



IN PROFILE

FROM THE BOSS

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to today's match officials and everyone associated with Amersham Town FC.

We've started the month unbeaten gaining 2 points from a possible 6. With other teams having games in hand on us it's important we try and pick up 3 points - but we're progressing every week and the boys are working hard in training.

Hilltop straight after the Christmas break was a challenge, as they are a very random team in that you never know what Hilltop team is going to turn up. But you know they will always have energy and a threat towards goal. We didn't really create enough quality chances in the final 3rd to make it count.

Wallingford away last week was better, the lads had to roll their sleeves up and dig out a result as the pitch was difficult to play on. It was another good point, but we did have chances in the 2nd half to win the game.

Today we play the league leaders and the away fixture was not one that we would want to remember. But it's important we learn from it, and I know as a squad we are in a far better place now than we were then, so I'm looking forward to seeing today how far we have come since that game. It is another massive game today and let's see if we can cause an upset!

UP THE WATERS!!

Adam

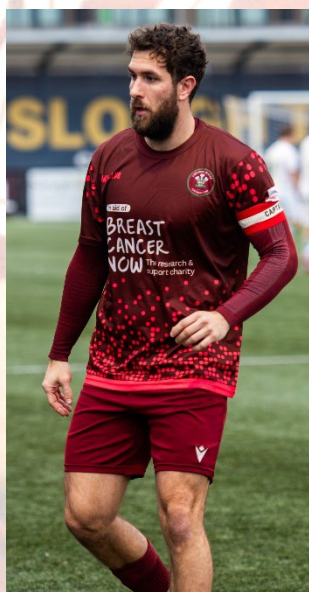


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6 DEGREES OF SEPARATION

Inspired by our friends over at Horsham FC, who have this feature in their programme, we thought we'd give it a go! Six degrees of separation is the idea that all people are six or fewer social connections away from each other. As a result, a chain of "friend of a friend" statements can be made to connect any two people in a maximum of six steps. The rule is that the two connecting people have to know each other. It's not enough for them to just link – for example, two people supporting the same football team.

So... skipper **Jack Mills** runs the Waters midfield, and his favourite player is Kevin De Bruyne. There's kind of a playing style similarity... set pieces, eye for a pass, good technique. Mills just wasn't lucky enough to be spotted by the right people! But, we will see if we can link the two of them in any case!



1

Another well connected player is our skipper. He noted in his profile earlier in the season that the best player he's played with is Jonjo Shelvey

2

Jonjo Shelvey, or Lord Voldemort as he is affectionately known by opposition fans, has played for some big clubs. Most notably Liverpool, where he was a teammate of Daniel Sturridge



3

Daniel Sturridge was of course, once of Manchester City. But he didn't play there at the same time as KDB. But he did play alongside Vincent Kompany for a few games

4

The current Bayern boss was a stalwart in the City defence for the majority of their trophy successes, and also integral to that team, was his teammate...



5

Chelsea outcast and winner of every club trophy possible... Kevin De Bruyne!

6

Look at that, we did it in less than 6 steps again. So here's more Mills



YOUTH UPDATE

Kit Donations!

Our youth section, as whole, gathered all of their unwanted kit (some last century strips!) and boxed them all up for collection by the Raphael Akowe Foundation. The kit has sent to Nigeria, to be used in schools and clubs who need kits but cannot afford them.

Raphael and Laurabeth Jackson visited the Timbers, before collecting 5 large laundry sacks, full to bursting of old strips.

We are happy to donate to a great cause, and we look forward to supporting them again in the future.

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21/01/25

PDN Milton United 4-0 Reading City

23/01/25

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Fixtures Today

PDN Ardley United v Hilltop

PDN Bedfont Sports v Holyport

PDN Berks County v Harefield United

PDN British Airways v Wembley

PDN Edgware & Kingsbury v Wallingford & Crowmarsh

PDN Egham Town v Burnham

PDN Milton United v Wokingham Town

PDN North Greenford United v Broadfields United

PDN Risborough Rangers v Reading City

PDN **Virginia Water** v Amersham Town

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Amersham Town	26	18	4	4	38	58
2	Egham Town	24	16	5	3	58	53
3	Bedfont Sports	24	14	4	6	35	46
4	North Greenford United	24	14	3	7	26	45
5	Virginia Water	27	11	8	8	10	41
6	Holyport	27	11	8	8	1	41
7	Ardley United	25	12	2	11	-3	38
8	Burnham	23	11	4	8	16	37
9	Harefield United	20	11	3	6	15	36
10	British Airways	24	8	8	8	-4	32
11	Milton United	21	9	4	8	7	31
12	Wokingham Town	24	9	2	13	-15	29
13	Hilltop	26	8	4	14	-33	28
14	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	25	7	6	12	-11	27
15	Broadfields United	23	7	6	10	-13	27
16	Reading City	22	7	5	10	-11	26
17	Berks County	28	7	5	16	-33	26
18	Risborough Rangers	23	4	10	9	-18	22
19	Wembley	25	6	2	17	-28	20
20	Edgware & Kingsbury	23	4	3	16	-37	15

Team Form: WDWWD

10/12/24	H vs Bedfont Sports	W 3-1
14/12/24	A vs Broadfields	D 3-3
21/12/24	H vs Holyport	W 6-1
28/12/24	H vs N. Greenford	W 3-0
11/01/25	H vs Hilltop	D 0-0
18/01/25	A vs Wallingford	D 1-1

Top Scorers (all comps)

Turnell Sinclair	12
Mark Bitmead	8
Jack Mills	8
Guy Davies	5
Sean McGuinness	4
Cal Hamilton	4

THE TEAMS



Virginia Water FC

Kit:

Maroon Shirts

Maroon Shorts & Socks

GK: Turquoise

Manager: Adam Sams

Assistant Manager: Ben Warren

Coaches: Dave Atkins, Dan Bailey

Physios: Elisha Timms, David Cole

Squad:

Josh Andrew | Dan Bailey | Mark Bitmead | Billy Blake | Ryan Blake | Sam Blakebrough | Andrio Brandao | Guy Davies | Jamie Di Giuseppe | Chris Ellis | Finn Evered | Lewis Flatman | James Goodey | Cal Hamilton | Ash Hitchinson | Guy Hollis | Matt Jones (gk) | Jehovany Kinzonzi | Krystian Komosinski | Kweku Lucan | Harrison Marquez | Sean McGuinness | Pierce McNamara | Jack Mills © | Albie Nolan-French | Ryan North (gk) | Saaïm Rafi | Owen Rennie | Jack Simmons | Turnell Sinclair | Freddie Solly | George Tims | Sam Yabani



Amersham Town FC

Kit:

White Shirts

Black Shorts & Socks

GK: Orange

Manager: Stuart Atkins

Assistant Manager: Richard Pacquette

Coaches: Louis Stead, Terry Welch, Mark Bonnick

Scout: Gary Burkett



Squad:

Dante Baptiste | Adeymi Adewale | Kylron Pierre | Louis Stead | Kyle Clifford | Austin Schofield | Harley Sells | Luke Preedy | Reece Cameron | Louis Bircham | Jake Tabor | Charlie Robertson | Luke Peerless | Deago Dunbar-Bonnie | Bradley Sweeney | Jamie Speer | Sidney Gueye

Match Officials

Referee: Samuel Palmer

Assistant Referee: Steve Conway

Assistant Referee: Bailey Wood

Observer: Steve Daly

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