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The official programme of Virginia Water FC



VWFC vs Hilltop

Tuesday 12th August 2025

Arbour Park, kick off 7:45pm

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Combined Counties Premier Division North



Club Info

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The Timbers
Crown Road
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First Team Playing Address:

Arbour Park
Stoke Road
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To enquire about advertising in the programme, or club sponsorship, please use the above contacts

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**

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- Youth Team Kit sponsorship, your name and logo on back or chest of kit - **£500**
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- 2m x 600cm Banner pitch side at the Timbers - **£500**
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Digital Matchday programme

- Quarter page advertisement £250 for a season
- Half Page advertisement £500 for a season
- Full Page advertisement £800 for a season

Please contact the club for more information:

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Chairman's View

A very warm welcome to the players, staff, officials and supporters of Hilltop Football Club. Welcome to Arbour Park, I hope you enjoy our facilities.



I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dan Bailey as our new First Team Manager. This is Dan's first managerial role so we will all be doing our best to help him find his feet. Dan is not ready to hang up his boots just yet, so he will operate as a Player-Manager.

This comes on top of the recent arrival of Dan's first child, so we look forward to fighting off Ascot United when the time comes for Jack's signature! Congratulations Dan on both counts.

Enjoy the game, up the Waters!!

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Our History

Virginia Water Football Club was formed during the 1919-1920 season, celebrating its centenary in 2020. During the reign of King Edward VIII, the club received financial support from the Crown, amounting to £2 per annum. This support continued through the reign of King George VI, who gifted VWFC their current ground. Until 1964, the team participated in the Woking & District League before joining the Surrey Intermediate League, followed by a move to the Spartan League soon after.

In 1969, the clubhouse at the Timbers was erected and opened by Sir Stanley Rouse, CBE, then President of FIFA. The Timbers was named in memory of Harry Timbers, one of the club's founders. In 1970, the club was promoted from the Spartan League to the Combined Counties League and subsequently qualified for the FA Vase. The 1980s were challenging, leading to successive relegations to the Surrey South-Eastern Combination Intermediate League. However, in the 1990/91 season, Waters won the Surrey Intermediate Cup and earned promotion to the Surrey Premier League and Combined Counties League but stayed there for only one season due to league ground grading rulings.

Waters won three Surrey County Premier Cups in 1995, 1996, and 1997, with the latter being part of a League and League Cup Treble. Following league name changes, the club joined the Surrey Senior League in 2000 and stayed until 2002. After a period in the Surrey Intermediate League (Western), the club faced another relegation and immediate promotion. In 2010, Waters was promoted to the Surrey Elite League but despite winning the County and League Cups, further promotion remained out of reach.

Ceri Jones was appointed manager for the 2015-16 season, finishing fourth in his first year. The following season, Richard Banks was appointed Head Coach and successfully led back-to-back promotions to the Hellenic League Division One and then Premier, including a cup double in 2016-17. After consolidating in the Hellenic Premier Division, the club moved to the Combined Counties Premier League (North) due to a National League System adjustment.

At the end of the 2021-22 season, Ceri Jones became Director of Football, appointing Adam Bessent as his successor. The 2022/23 season saw the club reach the Senior County Cup final and achieve its highest-ever league position of 7th place. The Bessent's resigned early in the 2023/24 season and Adam Sams was promoted to First Team manager, assisted by Ben Warren, leading the club to another 7th place league finish and the Combined Counties Premier League Cup Final, where they finished as runners-up.

For the 2024/25 season, the First Team entered a ground share arrangement to play their home games at Slough Town's excellent facilities, achieving a 9th place finish in the league and reaching the First Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, where they were defeated by Isthmian Premier Division Champions, Horsham FC.

The club is striving for success both on and off the field and are currently seeking planning approval for a new ground development back in Virginia Water. Meanwhile our rapidly growing Youth Section will have 27 teams (20 boys and 7 girls) with over 300 players next year and on Saturdays we will be offering three joiner classes: Wildcats (girls), Squads (teenage girls), and Football Fanatics (boys), enabling a further 50 players to start their football pathway with the Club.



You think you know...

Name: Shuaib Jalloh

Position: Centre Mid

Previous clubs played for: Burnham FC



Do you have any nicknames?

SJ

What's your day job?

Compliance Officer

Which pro team do you support?

Man United

Who's the best player you've played with?

Jay Matete – plays for Sunderland

Who has been the biggest influence on your football development?

My coach at college level, Ricky Machel

What is the best ground you've played at?

The Emirates Stadium

What was the last live game you went to?

Arsenal v Bolton Carabao Cup

What's been the most embarrassing thing to happen to you playing football?

Getting nutmegged in the middle of the pitch

Do you have any pre-game rituals or superstitions?

Don't believe in that nonsense

What boots are you wearing this season?

Nike Mercurial Vapour 15

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Today's opponents

Hilltop Football Club | History of the Club



Hilltop Football club is based in Stonebridge and was founded in 2005. They are currently members of the Combined Counties League Premier Division and groundshare with Hillingdon Borough at the Middlesex Stadium. The club was named after a road in Stonebridge called Hilltop Avenue, where most of the players lived at the time when the club was formed.

In 2007, they joined Division Three of the Middlesex County League and gained promotion to the second division at the first attempt. Then, after just two seasons playing in Division Two, the club left the league. Hilltop eventually re-joined the Middlesex County League Division Two in the 2014/15 season, and the following season were relegated to Division Three having finished bottom of the league. However, the club's management was reformed at this point in their brief history, and success followed. After finishing second in the league, the club was promoted back to Division Two and has since enjoyed a series of triumphs. They won the league at the first attempt and, with it, earned promotion to the Middlesex County Leagues Division One.

The 2018/19 season was another turning point for the club. At the first attempt, Hilltop won the league without losing any games and only conceded 13 goals over the whole season. They also won the Middlesex County Junior Cup, defeating Western Athletic 6-1 in the final, but were denied a treble as they lost the final of the Jim Rodgers Presidents Cup to Clapton CFC. After the reconstruction of the non-league football pyramid, Hilltop were promoted to the Combined Counties Football League Division One on the back of winning the 2019/20 Middlesex County League Premier Division on points-per-game after a season that was ended early due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

In their first season as semi-professional club, Hilltop surprised many with their style of football and managed to finish 2nd in the Combined Counties Football League Division One and losing the playoff final, missing out on promotion to Combined Counties Premier Division. However the club was promoted to the Combined Counties Premier Division, having been offered the vacancy left by

Staines Town. This makes it back-to-back promotions for Hilltop, who continue to go from strength to strength. As the first team has risen through the leagues, the wider club has developed too.

In the 2021/22 season, they launched a reserve team who competed in Division One of the Middlesex County League, as well as a women's team who compete in the Greater London Women's Football League, not to mention a number of youth teams. Last season the first team finished 13th in their first season as a step 5 club, Reserves won the Middlesex County Division 1 League and gained promotion to the Premier Division. The Women's also gained promotion to Division 1 North of Greater London Women's Football League after finishing 2nd in the Division 2 North.

Hilltop draws many of its players from the Somali community in London, and from time to time enters Somali tournaments around the world, having done so in Canada and Somalia. They also participate in the Somali British Champions league, of which they are the current holders. The team's success in recent seasons, and their exciting brand of football, has not gone unnoticed. Hilltop manager Abdullah Mohammed was recently appointed as the assistant coach of the Somali national team, and forward Ali Mohamed received a call-up to the senior Somalia side for the first time in 2021 as well.

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JUST FOR FUN...

Name: Jojo Kinzonzi | **Position:** Striker

Would you rather...

- 👑 Be famous for something extremely embarrassing, or live a quiet anonymous life?

Live a quiet anonymous life

- 👑 Sign for the Premier League champions and hardly play, or play in the Championship and be a star?

Be a Championship star

- 👑 For the rest of your film-watching life, watch nothing but rom-coms or horror films?

Rom-coms

- 👑 Your country wins the World Cup or your team win the treble?

Treble

- 👑 Be stranded in the desert, or the arctic?

Desert

- 👑 Have a free season ticket for life but go to all the games wearing full kit, or never go to a live game again?

Wear a full kit

- 👑 Never have a mobile phone or never watch tv?

No mobile phone

- 👑 Do 100 x 100 metre sprints, or 1000 burpees?

100x 100 metre sprints

- 👑 Never have your favourite drink or never eat your favourite food?

Never have my favourite drink

- 👑 Score from inside your own half, or an acrobatic bicycle kick?

Bicycle kick



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Competition Info

Recent Results

09/08/25

PDN	Amersham Town 3-0 Wokingham Town
PDN	British Airways 3-2 Abingdon United
PDN	Burnham 1-0 Kidlington
PDN	Edgware & Kingsbury 1-2 Holyport
PDN	Harefield United 3-4 Milton United
PDN	North Leigh 1-3 Hilltop
PDN	Reading City 1-1 Ashford Town (Middx)
PDN	Virginia Water 1-2 North Greenford United
PDN	Wallingford & Crowmarsh 2-0 Broadfields United
PDN	Windsor & Eton 1-0 Ardley United

Fixtures Today

PDN	Broadfields United v Harefield United
PDN	Virginia Water v North Greenford United

League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Burnham	3	3	0	0	3	9
2	Windsor & Eton	2	2	0	0	3	6
3	Milton United	3	2	0	1	1	6
4	British Airways	3	2	0	1	1	6
5	Amersham Town	2	1	1	0	3	4
6	North Greenford United	3	1	1	1	-1	4
7	Ardley United	2	1	0	1	3	3
8	Harefield United	2	1	0	1	1	3
9	Wokingham Town	2	1	0	1	1	3
10	Abingdon United	2	1	0	1	1	3
11	Broadfields United	3	1	0	2	1	3
12	Kidlington	2	1	0	1	1	3
13	Hilltop	2	1	0	1	0	3
14	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	2	1	0	1	-2	3
15	Holyport	2	1	0	1	-3	3
16	Ashford Town (Middx)	2	0	2	0	0	2
17	Reading City	2	0	1	1	-1	1
18	Virginia Water	2	0	1	1	-1	1
19	North Leigh	2	0	0	2	-4	0
20	Edgware & Kingsbury	3	0	0	3	-7	0

Top Scorers

Alfie Grant	2
Jojo Kinzonzi	2
Aiden Payne-James	2

The Teams

Virginia Water FC

Kit:

Maroon Shirts

Maroon Shorts & Socks

GK: Purple

Player/Manager: Dan Bailey

Asst. Manager: Ben Warren

Coaches: Dave Atkins, Chris Ellis

Physios: Elisha Timms, David Cole



Squad:

Dan Bailey | Josh Baines | Pacey Jacob Bean | Ryan Blake | Emerson Butcher (gk) | George Butler | Firas Chniba | Jamie Di Giuseppe | Chris Ellis | James Goodey | Alfie Grant | Cal Hamilton | Noah Henry | Ash Hitchinson | Shuaib Jalloh | Matthew Jones (gk) | Jehovany Kinzonzi | Darnell Lemar | Logan Lowes | Harrison Marquez | Ollie Mason | Joe McBride | Jack Mills © | Albie Nolan-French | Aiden Payne-James | Turnell Sinclair | Freddie Solly



Hilltop FC

Kit:

Blue Shirts

Blue Shorts & Blue Socks

GK: Yellow

Manager: Abdullah Mohamed

Coach: Gino Venosi



Squad:

Aarush Yogarajan | Abdishakur Mohamed | Abukar Mohamed | Ahmed Omer | Alan Demiri | Ali Mohamed | Anis Assoweh | Arale Mohamed | Arieeg Yakinya | Benet Hashani | Drilon Krasniqi | Hassan Omar | Hossam Hassan | Hussein Hussein | Ibrahim Salih | Jibril Mahdi | Kamaal Nur | Kieran Marshall | Luqman Ibrahim | Mohamed Ali | Mohamed Hussein | Nadeer Kahssay | Qusey Yislam | Salman Abdullahi | Samim Rahmani | Sharmake Ali

Match Officials

Referee: Ryan Jones

Assistant Referees: Brian Capel, Steve Conway