

WATERS

The official programme of Virginia Water FC



VWFC vs Windsor & Eton

Saturday 4th April 2026

Arbour Park, kick off 3pm

Cherry Red Records

Combined Counties Premier Division North



Club Info

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- Quarter page advertisement £250 for a season
- Half Page advertisement £500 for a season
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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 Windsor & Eton Football Club. Welcome to Arbour Park, I hope you enjoy our facilities.



Today sees us welcome our former landlords to Arbour Park. That might not be technically accurate, given the transitions in the early stages where there were effectively two Windsor clubs, but you get the gist. WEFC are a club that has gone through a well-publicised face lift over the past few seasons and with Mark at the helm they are heading in the right direction. Let's hope we can give them a little detour today.

We do have a few more games left before the season is over, but as this is the final home game of the campaign, on behalf of everyone at the club, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. Enjoy the summer, and we will see you next season at Always Lane.

Enjoy the game, up the Waters!!

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Our History

Founded in the 1919–1920 season, Virginia Water FC celebrated its centenary in 2020, marking 100 years of grassroots football. In its early days, the club received royal support from King Edward VIII and King George VI, who gifted the club its current ground—a legacy that continues to inspire.

Starting in the Woking & District League, the club progressed through the Surrey Intermediate and Spartan Leagues. A milestone came in 1969 when Sir Stanley Rouse, CBE, then FIFA President, opened the clubhouse at The Timbers, named in honour of founder Harry Timbers. Promotion to the Combined Counties League followed in 1970, along with qualification for the FA Vase. The 1980s brought challenges, including relegation, but the club bounced back in 1990/91, winning the Surrey Intermediate Cup and earning promotion. The mid-90s were a golden era, with three consecutive Surrey County Premier Cup wins and a League and League Cup Treble in 1997.

After stints in various Surrey leagues, the club joined the Surrey Elite League in 2010. Despite cup success, promotion remained elusive until the arrival of Ceri Jones in 2015–16, who guided the team to a fourth-place finish. Following Richard Banks being appointed as Head Coach together they led the club to back-to-back promotions into the Hellenic League Division One and then the Premier Division, capped by a cup double in 2016–17. Following consolidation in the Hellenic Premier, the club moved to the Combined Counties Premier League (North) due to league restructuring. In 2021–22, Ceri Jones became Director of Football, appointing Adam and Jake Bessent. Under their leadership, the club reached the Senior County Cup Final and achieved its highest-ever league finish of 7th place.

The 2023–24 season saw Adam Sams take over as First Team Manager, assisted by Ben Warren, leading the club to another 7th place finish and a League Cup Final appearance. In 2024–25, the team entered a ground share at Slough Town, finishing 9th and reaching the FA Cup First Qualifying Round, narrowly losing to Horsham FC.

At the end of July, Adam Sams stepped down, and Dan Bailey was promoted to Player Manager, supported by Ben Warren, Chris Ellis, and Dave Atkins. On 21 October, Dan Bailey and Chris Ellis stepped down from their roles. The club is now excited to welcome Paul McCarthy and Ryan Parsons as the new management team, supported by Dave Atkins and Ben Warren. Paul brings a wealth of non-league experience, having managed Ashford Town and worked with Chertsey Town, and is known for his strong leadership and success.

Off the pitch, Virginia Water FC continues to thrive. Plans are underway for a new ground development back in Virginia Water. The Youth Section is booming, with 27 teams (20 boys and 7 girls) and over 300 players. On Saturdays, the club runs three joiner classes—Wildcats, Squads, and Football Fanatics—welcoming 50 new players to begin their football journey.



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Today's opponents



Windsor & Eton Football Club | History of the Club

The original Windsor & Eton Football Club was formed in 1892 and played at Stag Meadow from 1911. They had a proud history including numerous FA Cup runs until they hit harder times and were wound up with large debts in 2011.

Now a new club, also called Windsor & Eton Football Club, has been formed, and been granted a lease for Stag Meadow. It has been set up as a Community Interest Company, which ensures that its purpose is to serve the community. Of course, as a new club we're

starting near the base of the football league pyramid but with volunteer support, community engagement and focussed management we're looking forward to a rewarding adventure as we put Windsor & Eton back on the football map.

Every weekend 50+ teams and over 600 players represent Windsor & Eton Football Club. One of our main goals is to celebrate and enjoy all that is great about football... young people doing something they love. Something which is physically active, mentally stimulating and needing time, effort and commitment to achieve success, which will provide enjoyment and entertainment for both themselves and the supporters if not a little bit of stress for all of the parents/carers on the side-lines! We ensure all our players and coaches follow the RESPECT principles in how we treat other coaches, team-mates, opponents and most especially, the match officials, without whom matches could not take place.

Each year the club hosts a 2-day youth tournament for boys and girls aged between 7 and 15 years of age. Last year the tournament attracted over 200 teams and 2,000 players from across the area. Widely regarded as one of the most popular and best-run youth tournaments in the South of England the competition goes from strength to strength each year. We pride ourselves on being more than just a football club. We want to sit at the heart of the community in Windsor and use our platform to promote important local causes. Examples of our recent initiatives include, supporting the Windsor Homeless Project's annual sleep out event, supporting Cancer UK's Blue Bike Ride and being proud supporters of World Mental Health Day. As a club we are also building close relationships with the local schools in the town.

Our home, Stag Meadow, is a unique venue. It's one of the few football grounds in the country that is housed on Royal property. The club enjoys a very close relationship with our landlords, The Crown Estate. Stag Meadow was gifted to the original Windsor & Eton Football Club by King George V in 1911. Through the years many big sides, including current Premier League clubs, Arsenal, Chelsea, Tottenham, Bournemouth and Brentford have played 1st team sides at Stag Meadow, as have European side Red Star Belgrade. And so have some of the greats of English football over the years including, Jimmy Greaves, George Cohen, Billy Wright, Peter Osgood, and Pat Jennings. Harry Redknapp brought his Bournemouth side here for an FA Cup encounter back in 1983 and Sir Bobby Robson brought his famous Ipswich Town side to Stag Meadow back in 1975. The ground has held significant number of crowds throughout its history, the largest being an impressive 8,500.



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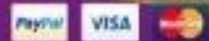
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From the Dugout

Good afternoon, everyone, welcome to Arbour Park for this home game against Windsor & Eton. We wish their club officials, management team and players a warm welcome. It's sure to be a good game and makes it even better with it being a local derby. Windsor have a great opportunity to try and win the league, but hopefully we walk away with the 3 points today.

Firstly, from the players and management team, thank you for all your support this season. It is truly appreciated.

Secondly, thank you to Slough Town for their excellent hospitality this season, and the ones beforehand.

While we have a few more games to go, as this is the last home game of the season, we wish you all a fantastic summer break and we look forward to seeing you next season at our new home, as we move to Chertsey Town's Alwyn's Lane for 2026/27.

As always, enjoy the game and I'll always be available in the bar after if anyone would like a chat.

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Just For Fun

Can you guess the professional player from the clubs they have played for? Answer is on the last page!



Where are they now?

We catch up with some Waters' Alumni and ask them about their time at the club, and what they are up to now

Name: Richard Goffe

Position: Centre Mid

Era(s) played at VW: The years are a bit hazy, but mainly the Richard Smythe and Russell Croome eras



🏆 In a nutshell, can you give a brief overview of your time at the club?

I went from a young and enthusiastic player to young and enthusiastic, and at times, naive coach. I can say that last bit now with more experience.

🏆 Who was your manager(s) at the club when you played?

Richard Smythe and Russell Croome. I played under others but most regular with them. Did also dabble with being player/coach for a time too.

🏆 Did you win anything here?

Nothing but the hearts of the supporters – that was our main success 😊. Wait, actually that's not strictly true. I was part of the Reserves squad that won the league cup in 2014!

🏆 Who was your favourite/best teammate?

I played best with Mike Crowson. I liked his work rate (he was phenomenal off the ball, he never stopped!) and we connected often without thinking about it.



🏆 Did you score any memorable goals?

I scored some goals, but really, I did not score enough.

🏆 Do you keep up to date with what Waters are doing nowadays?

I have checked in on progress from a long way, but I live abroad now and have a young family so usually can see the progress in the off season when I visit home.

🏆 Are you still involved in football in some capacity?

I am coaching in Iceland and have been coaching abroad since 2016. It's taken me to China, Faroe islands and Iceland. I'm very lucky to have met some great people and to enjoy the challenge and privilege of coaching every day. My experience at VW definitely helped.

🏆 What was the standout memory for you during your time at Waters?

The end of season celebrations and starting up a youth section to support the local community and help make it more of a community hub. Brilliant people.

🏆 If you could go back and change one thing when you played here, what would it be?

As a coach, I would probably set the team up for success using the team's strengths, and not necessarily how I wanted to play football in my ideal way. Again, I can say that with more experience under my belt. Otherwise, really for me it's just a massive thanks for the time with all at the club. Many hours spent in and around the club that I remember fondly.



Competition Info

Recent Results

31/03/26

CC	Ardley United 1-2 Oxford City
PDN	Edgware & Kingsbury 0-2 Amersham Town
PDN	North Greenford United 2-0 Ashford Town (Middx)
PDN	Reading City 3-0 Milton United
PDN	Windsor & Eton 1-1 Broadfields United

Fixtures Today

PDN	Ashford Town (Middx) v Edgware & Kingsbury
PDN	Broadfields United v Amersham Town
PDN	Burnham v Holyport
PDN	Kidlington v Harefield United
PDN	North Greenford United v Abingdon United
PDN	Reading City v British Airways
PDN	Virginia Water v Windsor & Eton
PDN	Wokingham Town v Ardley United

League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Ashford Town (Middx)	34	21	6	7	38	69
2	Burnham	34	20	7	7	32	67
3	Broadfields United	35	19	9	7	32	66
4	Windsor & Eton	30	17	10	3	33	61
5	Reading City	32	18	6	8	25	60
6	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	35	18	6	11	6	60
7	North Greenford United	31	18	5	8	12	59
8	Ardley United	32	17	6	9	20	57
9	Kidlington	34	13	12	9	5	51
10	Virginia Water	34	13	9	12	3	48
11	Milton United	33	14	5	14	0	47
12	Abingdon United	35	12	8	15	-7	44
13	Wokingham Town	31	12	6	13	2	42
14	Hilltop	33	12	4	17	1	40
15	British Airways	29	11	5	13	-6	35 *
16	Harefield United	33	8	7	18	-14	31
17	Amersham Town	34	6	6	22	-44	24
18	Holyport	35	7	3	25	-56	24
19	North Leigh	32	6	4	22	-31	22
20	Edgware & Kingsbury	36	6	2	28	-51	20

* adjustment made

Top Scorers

13 - Lewis Flatman

8 - Jack Mills, Jojo Kinzonzi

5 - Cal Hamiton

The Teams

Virginia Water FC

Kit:

Turquoise Shirts

Navy Shorts & Socks

GK: Orange

Manager: Paul McCarthy

Asst. Manager: Ryan Parsons

Coaches: Dave Atkins, Ben Warren

Physio: Elisha Timms



Squad:

Freddie Babbage | Josh Baines | Ryan Blake | Marley Bryden-Campbell | Emerson Butcher (gk) | Kai Boylan | Firas Chniba | Armani Church | Guy Davies | Aderi Dede | Jamie Di Giuseppe | Rayan Djouadj | Lewis Flatman | James Goodey | Chad Goulter | Cal Hamilton | Ash Hitchinson | Shay Honey (gk) | Shuaib Jalloh | Matthew Jones (gk) | Harry Kidd | Jehovany Kinzonzi | Conor Lee | Darnell Lemar | Connor McShane | Jack Mills © | Billy Murphy | Albie Nolan-French | Aston Nunn | Jake Rangecroft | Ronnie Rock | Jibril Sharmarke | Ellis-Jay Skeete | Turnell Sinclair | Dominic Wall | Devonte Webster Swack | Ikpemwinoghena "Pemi" Yakubu



Windsor & Eton FC

Kit:

Red Shirts

Red Shorts & Green Socks

GK: Grey

Manager: Rob Webb

Coaches: Ashley Cunningham, Adam Barnard
Harinder Singh, Rhys Evans, Yashwa Romeo,

Physio: Meghan Bryan



Squad:

Finley Purcell | Kieran Jordan | Tahir Carmichael | Sam Hutchings | Tremayne Woolliscroft | Luke Appleton © | Luke Phillips | Bruno Dos Santos | Nick Thumwood | Ross Mckernan | Morrison Hashii | Ben Catt | Leo Decabo | Aiden Payne-James | Ethan Darcy | Juwon Akintunde

Match Officials:

Referee: Nick Elliott

Assistant Referees: Brian Capel, Edward Clifford