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The official programme of Virginia Water FC







VWFC vs Dunstable Town

Saturday 23rd August 2025

Arbour Park, kick off 7:45pm

Isuzu

The Isuzu FA Vase





Club Info

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To enquire about advertising in the programme, or club sponsorship, please use the above contacts

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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 (>200 players) support charm

- 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

Pitch-side banners

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

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:
director.football@vwfc.co.uk
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Chairman's View

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



Saturday saw us exit the Emirates
FA Cup to, what I heard was, a
decent Risborough team, so that
just leaves us with the Isuzu FA
Vase to focus on - and like most
step 5 clubs we are hoping for a
few wins in what is a great
competition and to go further than
we have done in previous years.

On Sunday I attended the TASIS

Picnic with Roy McGranaghan who
manages one of our young girls'
teams at the club. We put on a
skills drill for the new and
returning students, hoping to pick
up a few new signings. It was

great PR for the club, cementing our reputation as the premier football club in the area. Let's hope for a good game today.

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.

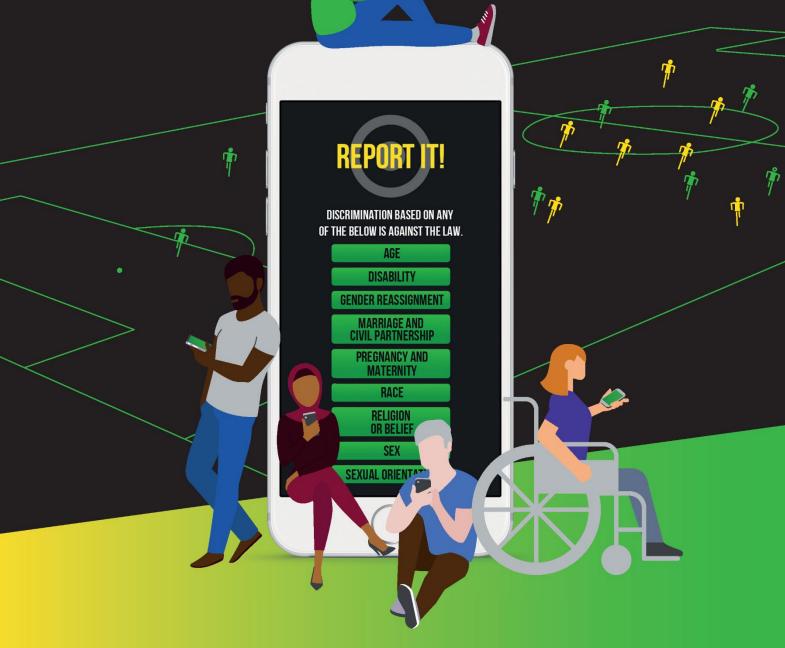
The club is striving for success both on and off the field and are currently seeking planning approval for a new ground development back in Virginia Water. Meanwhile our rapidly growing Youth Section will have 27 teams (20 boys and 7 girls) with over 300 players next year and on Saturdays we will be 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.







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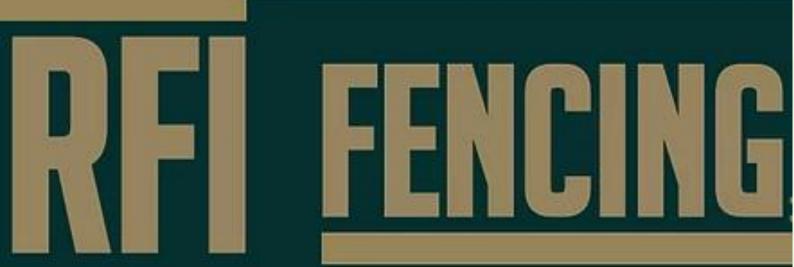
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Today's opponents



Dunstable Town Football Club | History of the Club

Dunstable Town FC began life back in 1871 and have been playing at Creasey Park for the past 60 years. The Club has a rich alumni with the legendary names of George Best, Jeff Astle and Kerry Dixon having played for the Club. More

recently, Peter Kioso helped perfect his trade in the Premier Division of the Southern League back in the 2017-18 season.

The Club has a proud record of producing young players who have gone onto play at much higher levels. Axel Piesold our former U18s Captain is now at Luton Town & former U18s player Sam Tabares signed professional terms at Fulham and made his professional debut on the 20th August 2024. Sam following in the footsteps of Eric Ameyaw in 2020 who left the Club to sign terms with Fulham.

In 2021 the Club restructured and became a Community Benefit Society (CBS) and now operates as a social enterprise. This means that between Monday and Friday the Club concentrates its efforts on the community groups and at weekends we return to being a more conventional football club and get behind all our teams at every level. Proud members of the Football Supporters' Association network of Community Owned Clubs, the Club has pioneered a positive approach to mental health through the mental health & physical well-being programme, Improving the Lives of Others. This is our fourth season as a CBS. The Club now operates eleven groups every week which offer support for up to 150 people. As a Community Benefit Society our community groups have equal importance and weighting as our success on the football field. The aim is to provide a long-term sustainable future for the Club.

It's a radical approach to running a football club. The Club is run on democratic lines with supporters able to hold a maximum of one share in the Club and in so doing become co-owners, with no individual financial liability associated with their share ownership. Our co-owners elect the Club's Board of Directors and vote on issues such as the kit design for the First Team, matchday admission & season ticket prices and even the players' walk-out music. The Club's positive impact in supporting local people with such a wide variety of physical & mental health conditions was rewarded by the Non-League Paper making the Club their Community Club of the Year 2024.



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From the Dugout



Good evening and a warm welcome to tonight's match officials and everyone associated with Dunstable Town FC.

I think it was Mike Tyson who said "Everybody has a plan until they get punched in the face" and I would say that's been a fair analogy of my first week in management! We've had some difficult results and some below-par performances, but I've learned far more from adversity in my non-league career than from any successes, so I can promise that we are working tirelessly to get back to our best and I have full faith that our talented squad will click very soon.

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Tonight we play a very strong Dunstable side, who I watched on Tuesday night. Whilst they were defeated, I left the game in no doubt that we will have an extremely tough test against Steve O'Reilly's side. The Vase is a competition that can provide life-changing experiences for players of our level - let's hope tonight we play with that in mind.

Enjoy the game and Up the Waters!

Just for fun...

Name: Albie Nolan-French | Position: CB

Would you rather...



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

Easy one, stay out of the spotlight for sure

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

Championship star and the big clubs will come sniffing

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

Who doesn't love a rom-com?

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

World Cup all day long. The country would be buzzing for weeks

Be stranded in the desert, or the arctic?

Desert. hate the cold

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

I don't go as it is, so never again

- Never have a mobile phone or never watch tv?
 Mobile, you can do it all on that anyway
- Do 100 x 100 metre sprints, or 1000 burpees?

 Burpees, but might take a while
- Never have your favourite drink or never eat your favourite food?
 Probably give up the Fanta Lemon
- Score from inside your own half, or an acrobatic bicycle kick?

 Bicycle kick. Just imagine me pulling off one of them!





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Competition Info

Recent Results

League Table

19/08/25

PDN Holyport 2-1 Amersham Town PDN North Leigh 1-3 Kidlington

PDN Wallingford & Crowmarsh 0-3 Windsor & Eton

Fixtures Today

FAV Abingdon United v North Greenford United

FAV Amersham Town v Brook House

FAV Ardley United v Wallingford & Crowmarsh

FAV Bedfont v North Leigh

FAV Bitton v Wokingham Town

PDN British Airways v Broadfields United

FAV Chalfont St Peter v Ashford Town (Middx)

FAV Edgware & Kingsbury v Staines & Lammas (Middx)

FAV Harefield United v Rushden & Higham United

FAV Holyport v Everett Rovers

FAV Kidlington v Oxhey Jets

PDN Windsor & Eton v Burnham

FAV Virginia Water v Dunstable Town

Pos	Team	Р	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Windsor & Eton	3	3	0	0	6	9
2	Burnham	3	3	0	0	3	9
3	Hilltop	4	2	1	1	3	7
4	Kidlington	4	2	1	1	3	7
5	Milton United	4	2	1	1	1	7
6	Broadfields United	5	2	0	3	9	6
7	Abingdon <mark>Unite</mark> d	3	2	0	1	2	6
8	British Airways	3 Un aid of	2	0	1	1	6
9	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	4	2	0	2	-2	6
10	Holyport	4	2	0	2	-5	6
11	Amersham Town	3	VIER	1	1	2	4
12	North Greenford United	3	1	research	<u>.</u> 1	-1	4
13	Ardley United	2	W1supp	ort Ohari	y 1	3	3
14	Wokingham Town	2	1	0	1	1	3
15	Harefield United	3	1	0	2	-8	3
16	Ashford Town (Middx)	2	0	2	0	0	2
17	Reading City	2	0	1	1	- 1	1
18	Virginia Water	3	0	1	2	-4	1
19	North Leigh	4	0	1	3	-6	1
20	Edgware & Kingsbury	3	0	0	3	-7	0

Top Scorers

Jojo Kinzonzi 3

Alfie Grant 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 | Adam Dougui | 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



Dunstable Town FC

Kit:

Blue Shirts

Blue Shorts & Blue Socks

GK: Orange

Manager: Steve O'Reilly

Asst. Manager: Liam Dwyer

Coaches: Robert Swan, Richard Bulling

Brandon Grimes, Rory McMullen (gk)

Physios: Lara Gargiulo, Vanessa Sallai



Squad:

Kodi Briggs | Montel D'Angelo Brown | Alexander Butt | Joseph Caffery | Charlie Clark | George Coomes | Alex Desmond | Hadley Gleeson | Ethan Goulding | Jack James | Joseph Kenna | Luka Lodder | Harvey Matthews | Harrison Mead | Allen Mukopfa | Mulik Rickman | Joseph Russell | Owen Russell | James Sales | Charlie Smith | Lewis David Smith | Mason Watkins | Alfie Young

Match Officials

Referee: Matthew Leaning

Assistant Referees: Nigel Hickes, Stewart Beekman

FA Observer: Ahmad Rafique