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VWFC vs Wallingford & Crowmarsh Tuesday 11th November 2025

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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



Wallingford & Crowmarsh Football Club | History of the Club

Wallingford's football history dates to at least 1889. A report in the Oxford Journal of 27th April 1889 shows "a match was played in the Croft on Easter Monday between the Wallingford Football Club and the Queen's Park Rangers, London, resulting in a draw, two goals

each". A Wallingford side competed in the inaugural season of the North Berks Football League in 1909-10 but Wallingford Town Football Club was not formed until 1922. The newly formed Wallingford Town won the North Berks War Memorial Cup in 1922 and 1923 and the Charity Shield in 1929. Having finished as North Berks Division 1 runners-up in 1923-24, the club switched to the Reading & District League and were crowned Premier Division winners in 1935-36. We were founder members of the Hellenic League in 1953 became Hellenic League Premier Division champions in 1968-69 League Cup runners-up in 1982-83. After 36 consecutive seasons, our Hellenic premier division status was lost in 1989. A short spell in Hellenic League Division One followed before a switch to the Chiltonian League. In 1995, AFC Wallingford was formed by the merger of Town and Wallingford United, then members of the Chiltonian League and themselves seven-time winners of the North Berks War Memorial Cup. AFC Wallingford spent 3 seasons in the Chiltonian League, winning the 1995-96 League Cup final against Denham and the League title in 1997-98. Carl Henry was the goal-scoring sensation that season, setting a club record with 62 goals. With the championship came promotion to the Combined Counties League.

Progress continued under manager Dave Crowdy and in 2000–01 he led 'Wally' to runners-up positions in the Combined Counties League and Berks and Bucks Senior Trophy. Season 2001–02 saw the club go one better, winning the Combined Counties Championship and the Berks and Bucks Senior Trophy, beating Milton Keynes City 3–2 in a thrilling final. Striker Andy Shildrick won the Combined Counties Golden Boot award for the top goal scorer in 2002–03, as we were pipped to the league title firstly by Withdean and then by AFC Wimbledon.

The summer of 2004 saw major upheavals and 2004-05 turned into an unsuccessful struggle against relegation. We bounced back at the first time of asking but it was a brief upturn in fortunes. Having been transferred back to the Hellenic Premier in 2006, relegation to Division 1 followed. The financial strain of remaining at step 6 of the national pyramid began to take its toll. A rapid decline in fortunes followed. In 2008 the club decided to step back to local football returning to the North Berks League after an 84-year absence.

In 2013 we reverted back to Wallingford Town AFC, and switched back to the original 1922 colours of red and white stripes. The club applied to return to the non-league pyramid in the 2017/18 season with then Chairman Simon Cowlard and 1st Team manager Duncan Mitchell attending a meeting at Wembley Stadium with The FA to put a case forward for resubmission. The move-up was granted and after 4 seasons in the Hellenic League East, the club moved back to the Combined Counties League after The FA performed a re-structure of Step 5 & 6 leagues. In the summer and with the club's committee weakened by the resignations of several key members, former manager Glenn Goudie stepped into the Chairman's role and his first task was to appoint former Ardley United, Abingdon Town, and Didcot Town Development manager Lee Matthews as 1st team manager. Matthews and his squad gelled quickly and were unbeaten after 17 league games. A club record of games without defeat. After a nervy January, the side began to hit form at the key stages of the season, and promotion was gained via the playoffs, beating Hilltop 2-1 AET.

Behind the scenes, the club had held conversations with Crowmarsh Youth FC to strengthen the player pathway for boys and girls in the local area. After 18 months, both club committees and members agreed that an amalgamation would benefit both clubs greatly. The club has now become Wallingford & Crowmarsh FC in an effort to boost community involvement and to cover the local area. The club now boasts 35 teams from U6 to adults male and female teams. After a difficult start to the 2024/25 season with some key players absent through injury, the team finished strongly showing good form for the final few months of the season which enabled them to finish in a creditable 12 th place in the Combined Counties Premier Division North. The club is very grateful to all our sponsor partners and the club is determined to become stronger over the next few seasons.

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From the Dugout

Good evening, everyone. Welcome back to Arbour Park for our only home game in November against Wallingford and Crowmarsh, which is also my first home game in charge. We wish their club officials, management team and players a warm welcome.

They themselves have started the season very well and currently sit 5th in the league, so we know tonight is going to be a tough game. We have a number of games in hand over others around us and we need to start taking advantage of these.

You may have noticed that several players have left for pastures new, but I've been busy getting new players in and I feel we are getting close



to an incredibly strong group. I've been really impressed by the boys' attitudes, and they are starting to implement the style that I want to play - which, hopefully, you will see tonight.

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

Up the Waters!

Youth update

Today we share some exciting news from our Youth Section

For the first time, the Youth team has a regular photographer coming down to the Timbers to take photographs of the players in action! Virginia Water FC have partnered with Fast Snaps Photography, and Ryan Young will now be our resident photographer, not just for the first team, but also for the youth section.

With 23 teams playing, in two separate Surrey leagues – SPL and SCWGL, Ryan will certainly get to know the youth section by the end of the Easter Break! You can look up Fast Snaps Photography online – although the youth section is password protected, please contact your relevant youth team manager for access:

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Here is the U11 Ravens keeper, Daniel Edwards, doing his thing, as captured by Ryan!







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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: Luke Hearne
Position: Centre Back

Era(s) played at VW: 2004/5 to 2015/16 (longest serving player at the club for a period)

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

I joined the club in 2004 after being recommended by Richard Maybey and played in the reserves for a couple of years before establishing myself in the first team where I remained for 6-7 years before hanging up my boots in the 2015/16 season. During that time we won the Surrey County Cup, a promotion and the Reserve's League Cup.



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

There was a few, my first manager was Mick Smith then Richard Maybey, Richard Goffe, Gareth Morgan, Matt Edwards & Alan Para and there were two managers at the same time for a while at the end too, but their names escape me.

Did you win anything here?

We won promotion in the Surrey Elite under Gareth Morgan, along with the Surrey County Cup and in my later years I won the League Cup with the Reserves.

Who was your favourite/best teammate?

The 'VW Galacticos' era when we won promotion and the County Cup, the whole team were my best teammates, we had a great squad and I'm still friends with most of them today. My number one though, would have to be Alan Para, he was there pretty much the season I joined in 2004 and we still see each other most weekends.

Did you score any memorable goals?

I was only usually good for 1 set piece header per season. None particularly memorable. All came in league games I believe. Although I did score a couple of uncharacteristically good volleys in the reserves.

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

I always keep an eye out for the scores and it's great to see how well the club has grown in recent years.



Are you still involved in football in some capacity?

Not in a playing or coaching capacity. I'm a Brentford season ticket holder so that's about as close to a pitch as I get now.

What was the standout memory for you during your time at Waters? The season where my old Centre Back partner Dave Atkins scored a hat-trick of own goals against bottom of the league Woking & Horsell (we won 7-3).

Dave was then crowned Woking & Horsell's top goal scorer at the end of the season. Yes, the same Dave Atkins that is currently coaching the first team.

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

Nothing. I had a great 10+ years at the club and have many good friends and fond memories from my time there.



Competition Info

Recent Results

08/11/25

PDN British Airways 3-2 Edgware & Kingsbury Broadfields United 0-1 Ashford Town (Middx) **PDN** Harefield United 2-1 North Greenford United **PDN PDN** Holyport 0-4 Ardley United Hythe Town 1-1 Burnham (pens 3-4) FAV Kidlington AFC 3-4 Stoneham **FAV** PDN North Leigh 2-2 Virginia Water FAV Reading City 1-0 Erith & Belvedere FAV Windsor & Eton 2-0 Bearsted PDN Wokingham Town 6-1 Amersham Town

Fixtures Today

PDN Ardley United v North Greenford United
CC Abingdon United v Newport Pagnell Town
PDN Edgware & Kingsbury v Ashford Town (Middx)

PDC Holyport v Cobham

PDN Virginia Water v Wallingford & Crowmarsh

League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Ardley United	15	11	2	2	23	35
2	Broadfields United	18	10	4	4	24	34
3	Windsor & Eton	15	9	5	1	16	32
4	Burnham	14	10	0	4	15	30
5	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	17	9	3	5	-1	30
6	Hilltop	19	8	3	8	9	27
7	Kidlington	16	7	6	3	7	27
8	Milton United	16	7	2	7	-1	23
9	Reading City	13	6	4	3	12	22
10	Ashford Town (Middx)	12	6	4	2	9	22
11	Wokingham Town	16	6	4	6	7	22
12	North Greenford United	14	The 6 sear	ch 3	5	0	21
13	Amersham Town	16	5	3	8	-10	18
14	Abingdon United	14	5	2	7	-2	17
15	Harefield United	15	5	1	9	-12	16
16	British Airways	15	5	3	7	-7	15 *
17	North Leigh	17	4	3	10	-11	15
18	Holyport	18	4	1	13	-33	13
19	Virginia Water	13	2	3	8	-12	9
20	Edgware & Kingsbury	15	0	2	13	-33	2

* adjustment made

Top Scorers

- 5 Jojo Kinzonzi
- 4 Aiden Payne-James, Cal Hamiton
- 3 Alfie Grant

The Teams

Virginia Water FC

Kit:

Maroon Shirts

Maroon Shorts & Socks

GK: Purple

Manager: Paul McCarthy

Asst. Manager: Ryan Parsons

Coaches: Dave Atkins, Ben Warren

Physio: Elisha Timms



Squad:

Freddie Babbage | Josh Baines | Ryan Blake | Emerson Butcher (gk) | Kai Boylan | Firas Chniba | Armani Church | Guy Davies | Jamie Di Giuseppe | Rayan Djouadj | Adam Dougui | Uriel Ekperuoh | Lewis Flatman | James Goodey | Cal Hamilton | Ash Hitchinson | Shay Honey (gk) | Shuaib Jalloh | Matthew Jones (gk) | Jehovany Kinzonzi | Harry Laflin | Eddie Lazarczuk | Conor Lee | Darnell Lemar | Harrison Marquez | Joe McBride | Jack Mills © | Billy Murphy | Kris Naicker | Albie Nolan-French | Aston Nunn | Jibril Sharmarke | Turnell Sinclair | Freddie Solly | Ikpemwinoghena "Pemi" Yakubu



Wallingford & Crowmarsh FC

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GK: Purple

Manager: Lee Matthews

Asst. Managers: Jerome Sobers, Cip Pintilie

Coaches: Kev Carrigan (gk), Tee Oladele (s/c)

Physios: Mark Coles, Banjo Malcolm



Squad:

Euan Aitchinson | Isaac Aitchison | Jack Avery | Kyle Bestley | William Beville | Harry Bonner | Max Bonner | Lewis Carrigan | Morgan Castle | Joe Cheeseman | Finlay Coles | Luke Hayward | Ellis Hercules | Aiden Higgs | David Lynn | Alexander Mercer | Anton Mundy | Matthew Ploszynski | Alexander Pratt | | Daniel Sefton | Ryan Sheppard | Tom Stone | Ben Taylor | Kenny Watson | Joe Webber | James Williams | Callum Young | Tom Stone

Match Officials:

Referee: Daniel Harvey

Assistant Referees: Mark Branwhite, Nigel Hickes

Coach: Andrew Williams