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The official programme of Virginia Water FC



VWFC vs Ardley United

Tuesday 20th January 2026

Arbour Park, kick off 7.45pm

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Combined Counties Premier Division North



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- 1st Team kit sponsorship, your name and logo on back or chest of kit - **£2000**
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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 Ardley United Football Club. Welcome to Arbour Park, I hope you enjoy our facilities.



Apparently yesterday was the most depressing day of the year! I must admit January is probably the worst month of the year - post festivities, it's time for dry drinking and boring food with diets. Not to mention the colossal wait for payday at the end of what feels like the longest month in the calendar!

Spring is just round the corner though and Russell will soon have his legs out again for us to enjoy on the sidelines whilst the football is being played!

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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Ardley United Football Club

History of the Club

Ardley United were formed in 1945 just after the end of the Second World War. In the early years, the club plied its trade in the Lord Jersey FA and played on a pitch which was situated close to the railway line on the Oxford Road. The 1950's and '60's were successful for the club as they won both league titles and cups; most notably the Oxfordshire Junior Shield on three occasions as well as many other trophies.

The acquisition of the current Playing Field site in the mid-60's enabled the club to move into the heart of the village, and a number of volunteers led by life-long supporter Doug Hodges built modest changing rooms.

Ardley continued to compete in the Jersey League throughout the 70's and early 80's without much success but this was to change in the mid-'80's with the arrival of Norman Stacey as chairman.

In 1988 the club were promoted to the Oxfordshire Senior League and won the Division One title at the first attempt, following this up with the Premier Division title the following season. Accepting a place in the Hellenic League for the 1993/4 season, Ardley spent six seasons in the 'old' Division One winning it in both 1996/7 and 1997/8 as well as winning the Division 1 Cup for a record four consecutive seasons before it was merged with the Premier Division Cup to become the Challenge Cup that we know today. The manager during those years was ex-Oxford United leading scorer Peter Foley and he was to be the first in a line of managers to keep Ardley at the forefront; they were Paul Spittle, Paul Berry, Dan Still and Kevin Brock.

Major change was to come in the early 2000's as, along with the Ardley Playing Field Committee, Ardley United oversaw the construction of dedicated facilities, along with a separate village hall, which enabled the club to be independent of community activities. The new clubhouse, which had been awarded the Non-League Paper's Hungerford Cup for most-improved facilities, allowed the club to be promoted to the Hellenic Premier Division and so began the club's most successful years to date.

Kevin Brock took the reins for seven seasons which saw Ardley win several cups, including the Oxfordshire Senior Cup in 2013/14, a season during which they narrowly lost out on the Premier Division title by just two points. Following Brock's departure, Paul Davis took over as manager for nearly two seasons until the resignation of long-time chairman, Norman Stacey in June 2017, due to personal reasons.

Ian Feaver took over the role of Chairman and appointed Craig Adey as First Team Manager. A decision to be voluntarily relegated to UHlsport Hellenic League Division One West gave everyone some breathing space to adjust to the new regime.

Craig brought with him a talented squad of players and they won the Division title and gaining promotion back to the Premier Division at the first time of asking. The 2018/2019 season had its ups and downs, however, the team finished on a high winning the Hellenic League Floodlit Cup.

During the interrupted period due to covid, we made the most of the opportunity to gain more support from people in the village and created a strong and vibrant community club off the pitch. We now have committees, with a social committee, a football committee, a commercial committee, and our exec committee, who are all helping steer the club to new heights.

Our aim is to progress on the pitch and as a result the club appointed Julian McCalmon as our first team manager. Jules had been a great player for Ardley United many years ago and then went on to achieve great success as a manager at Kidlington Football Club.

Due to the regional changes at Step 5, after 28 years of playing in the Hellenic League, we moved to the Spartan South Midlands Football League, which required far less travelling for us.

However, the new 2023/24 season has allowed us to move into the Combined Counties Premier League – North Division and, moving forward, our goal is to achieve Southern League football, and as a club we will do all we can to support Mark, his management team and his players in achieving this.



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From the Dugout

Good evening, everyone, welcome back to Arbour Park for this home game against Ardley United. We wish their club officials, management team and players a warm welcome.

So, our unbeaten run has come to an end after 2 defeats against Reading City and then Burnham.

Against Reading, we didn't really do enough to get the win during the game and then, for a split moment, we've switched off and it has cost us a point. However, if we took our chance early on, it might have been a different game.

Burnham was a game of two halves, where first we should have come in at half time leading. However, in the second half, they took control through with one of the best free kicks I've seen.

We get another chance to dust ourselves down and go again tonight, and to get back to winning ways. I'll be expecting more of a reaction and the same desire that we showed Saturday.

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

Up the Waters!

Macca



Just For Fun

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



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Competition Info

Recent Results

17/01/26

PDN	Burnham 2-0 Virginia Water
PDN	Harefield United 0-3 Ashford Town (Middx)
PDN	Holyport 3-1 Hilltop
PDN	Kidlington 2-1 Edgware & Kingsbury
FAV	Reading City 1-2 Lymore Gardens
PDN	Wallingford & Crowmarsh 5-2 Abingdon United

Fixtures Today

PDN	Amersham Town v Windsor & Eton
SCC	Ash United v Reading City
PDN	Ashford Town (Middx) v Abingdon United
PDN	North Greenford United v Burnham
PDN	Virginia Water v Ardley United

League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Burnham	25	15	6	4	24	51
2	Ashford Town (Middx)	23	14	5	4	26	47
3	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	27	14	5	8	2	47
4	Broadfields United	24	13	7	4	28	46
5	Ardley United	20	13	2	5	22	41
6	Hilltop	30	12	4	14	7	40
7	Windsor & Eton	18	11	6	1	24	39
8	Milton United	23	11	4	8	7	37
9	Kidlington	22	10	7	5	7	37
10	Reading City	19	10	4	5	16	34
11	North Greenford United	21	10	3	8	-1	33
12	Virginia Water	23	9	4	10	-4	31
13	Wokingham Town	22	8	5	9	1	29
14	Harefield United	25	8	4	13	-7	28
15	Abingdon United	22	7	4	11	-6	25
16	British Airways	20	7	4	9	-5	22 *
17	Amersham Town	22	5	4	13	-27	19
18	North Leigh	24	5	3	16	-23	18
19	Holyport	26	5	1	20	-45	16
20	Edgware & Kingsbury	26	2	2	22	-46	8

* adjustment made

Top Scorers

- 7 - Lewis Flatman
- 6 - Jojo Kinzonzi
- 5 - Cal Hamiton, Jack Mills
- 4 - Aiden Payne-James

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 | Aderi Dede | Jamie Di Giuseppe | Rayan Djouadj | Adam Dougui | Uriel Ekperuah | Lewis Flatman | James Goodey | Cal Hamilton | Ash Hitchinson | Shay Honey (gk) | Shuaib Jalloh | Matthew Jones (gk) | Harry Kidd | Jehovany Kinzonzi | Harry Laflin | Eddie Lazarczuk | Conor Lee | Darnell Lemar | Jack Mills © | Billy Murphy | Kris Naicker | Albie Nolan-French | Aston Nunn | Jibril Sharmarke | Turnell Sinclair | Ikpemwinoghena “Pemi” Yakubu



Ardley United FC

Kit:

Yellow Shirts

Yellow Shorts & Socks

GK: Red or Green

Managers: Mark Massingham

Asst. Manager: Gavin James

Coaches: Luke Quarterman, Darren Thomas

Physio: Bowie Price



Squad:

Elliot Barton | Declan Benjamin | Lewis Gabbidon (Junior) | Lewis Gabbidon (Senior) | Reuben Harry | Callum Harvey | Sam Jenkins | Sam McConnell | Jordy Ngathe | Oli Orzechowski | Nathan Whyman | Sam Bailey | George Cowmeadow | Hayden McConnell | Matthew Peake-Pijnen | Luke Swann | Alfie Dunn | Archie Bartlett | James Casbieri | Anthony Edwards-Giraud | David Inyang | John Dennis | James Watts | Conor Taylor

Match Officials:

Referee: Dylan Ing

Assistant Referees: Steve Hart, Anjam Mirza