

# WATERS

The official programme of Virginia Water FC



VWFC vs Amersham Town

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Arbour Park, kick off 3pm

Cherry Red Records

Combined Counties Premier Division North





# Club Info

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## **Club Address:**

The Timbers  
Crown Road  
Virginia Water  
Surrey  
GU24 4HS

## **First Team Playing Address:**

Arbour Park  
Stoke Road  
Slough  
Berkshire  
SL2 5AY

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

## **Sponsorship Opportunities**

### **Adult team sponsorship (30 players)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> 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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### **Digital Matchday programme**

- 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 Amersham Town Football Club. Welcome to Arbour Park, I hope you enjoy our facilities.



Be careful what you wish for! After a summer of wishing for some wet weather to encourage grass growth at the Timbers, I had to cancel training on Wednesday as the pitches were waterlogged! That's the joy of living in the UK and having a clay-based soil...

Things are coming to a head regarding the new site; having spoken to both the landowner and the planning consultant, it is hoped that the full planning application will go in front of the planning committee in October. Although more realistically, it is likely to be in November. So, if everything goes as planned, we could have planning permission by Christmas, then when the 3G is down it can rain as much as it likes!!

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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# Today's opponents



## **Amersham Town Football Club | History of the Club**

Amersham Town FC was formed in 1890. An inaugural meeting took place at the Crown public house, now a hotel, on 10 October 1890. The Chairman was a local headmaster who was very friendly with W. G. Grace and was, in fact, recommended by that great cricketer. Among the original rules were no bad language on the pitch, that no player should wear any nails, an annual subscription of 1/6d ( or 7.5p ) and an agreement that the club colours would be black and white.

The club originally played at Barn Meadow, down the road from the current ground. Amersham Town moved to Spratleys Meadow in 1920, thanks to the generosity of a local entrepreneur - a Mr Brazil - who founded the famous sausage and pie company bearing his name. Amersham joined the Hellenic League in 1952 and then the Spartan League in 1972. In 1998 the Club secured a ninety nine year lease on Spratleys Meadow and built a new stand. In 2000, new pitches were provided across School Lane for the Youth Section.

In 2006/07 the club enjoyed a major refurbishment. The original changing rooms, which were commandeered in the war as an emergency mortuary in the event of an air raid on Amersham, were demolished and modern facilities constructed. The pitch, which had a slope of 11ft 4 inches from touchline to touchline, was levelled. More recently, the clubhouse has been comprehensively remodelled, the old floodlights replaced and, in March, Amersham completed the ground improvements required for Step 5. Town was granted Charter Standard Club status in 2013. The club moved to the Cherry Red Combined Counties League in season 22/23 and was promoted to the Premier Division North for the 24/25 season.. The team is managed by Jason Owens and the club also runs teams at under 18s under 16s. In addition, the club has developed close links with Kings Church FC, a well organised local club which runs more than twenty junior teams for boys and girls.

A hard copy or an on-line booklet recording the club's history, prepared for its 125th anniversary in 2015, can be obtained by emailing Mike Gahagan on [michaelgahagan89@gmail.com](mailto:michaelgahagan89@gmail.com)





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# From the Dugout



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

It's fair to say we've had a difficult start to our league season so far. It's still early but we, of course, want to turn it around as quickly as we can. Whilst Milton deserved their win against us last weekend, there were enough positives for me in the second half to feel confident that we are moving in the right direction. Training has been excellent, and I know the lads will be fully focused today on a strong performance.

Amersham will be a tough test, and we know we'll need to be much better than we've shown over the last 4 league games to get the result we want.

Enjoy the game and Up the Waters!

DB



# JUST FOR FUN...

**Name:** Chris Ellis | **Position:** CB



## Would you rather...

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

Anonymous life!

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

Premier League champions

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

Rom-coms all the way. Love  
Actually on repeat

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

Team win the treble. Up the Spurs!

🏆 Be stranded in the desert, or the arctic?

Desert - I hate the cold

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

Never go to a live game again

🏆 Never have a mobile phone or never watch tv?

Never watch TV, when you can stream on the iPad 🤔

🏆 Do 100 x 100 metre sprints, or 1000 burpees?

Sprints, I think!

🏆 Never have your favourite drink or never eat your favourite food?

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# Competition Info

## Recent Results

02/09/25

PDN Broadfields United 1-2 North Leigh

03/09/25

PDN Hilltop 4-2 Amersham Town

## Fixtures Today

PDN Ardley United v Edgware & Kingsbury

PDN Ashford Town (Middx) v Kidlington

PDN British Airways v Milton United

PDN Broadfields United v Windsor & Eton

PDN Burnham v Abingdon United

PDN Harefield United v Holyport

PDN North Leigh v North Greenford United

PDN Reading City v Hilltop

PDN Virginia Water v Amersham Town

PDN Wallingford & Crowmarsh v Wokingham Town

## League Table

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

## 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: Chris Ellis

Coaches: Dave Atkins, Ben Warren

Physio: Elisha Timms



### Squad:

Dan Bailey | Josh Baines | 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



## Amersham Town FC

### Kit:

Black & White Shirts

Black Shorts & White Socks

GK: Blue

Manager: Jason Owens

Asst. Manager: Alfie Sanger

Coach: Ben Cargio



### Squad:

Matthew Messer | Josh Quadry | Ramane Griffith-Dunbar | Mark Webb | Craig Stephen-Lett | Daniel Fogarasy | Raz Roman | Naz Miah | Shane Johnson | Charles John | Shaun Aram | Josh Clay | Kai Bartolo | Dom Jones | Jayden Gibson | Lucas Georgiou | Elliot Few

## Match Officials

Referee: Ethan Stacey

Assistant Referees: Brian Capel, Matthew Downey

Observer: Liam Walshe