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The official programme of Virginia Water FC



VWFC vs Thornbury Town

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Arbour Park, kick off 7.45pm

The Emirates FA Cup, extra preliminary round



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The Timbers  
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Virginia Water  
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GU24 4HS

## **First Team Playing Address:**

Arbour Park  
Stoke Road  
Slough  
Berkshire  
SL2 5AY

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# Chairman's View

From everyone at Virginia Water FC, welcome to the 2025/26 season. It only seems like yesterday I was wishing you all an enjoyable summer break and

now here we are back again for another roller coaster ride! What better way to start our home matches than an Emirates FA Cup tie. We earned a draw against Thornbury Town at the weekend, and now here we are with the replay. Welcome the Thorns!!!

We have some new faces this season on the pitch, and we said goodbye to one as well, when we said farewell to our manager Adam Sams, who wanted to spend some more time with his young family. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Adam for his work during his time at the club and the door is always open!

We are, of course, in the process of finding Adam's replacement. Enjoy tonight's 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.





# You think you know...

Name: Logan Lowes

Position: CAM

Previous clubs played for: Ash United, Frimley Green

- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Do you have any nicknames?  
Loges or Logey (outdated version)
- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 What's your day job?  
Football Coach
- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Which pro team do you support?  
Brentford
- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Who's the best player you've played with?  
The one and only... Jamie Di Giuseppe
- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Who has been the biggest influence on your football development?  
Georgey B (don't let him see this)
- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 What is the best ground you've played at?  
Bisham Abbey
- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 What was the last live game you went to?  
Brentford vs Fulham
- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 What's been the most embarrassing thing to happen to you playing football?  
Does crying because you thought youport charity were paralysed count?
- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Do you have any pre-game rituals or superstitions?  
Keep my laces untied all the way until kick off
- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 What boots are you wearing this season?  
Adidas F50's



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# Today's opponents

## Thornbury Town FC | History of the Club



Thornbury Town FC was established in 1898, making it one of the oldest clubs in Gloucestershire. The club has long been a hub of local footballing talent and has seen numerous successes at county and regional level. Before the outbreak of World War I, Thornbury played in the Dursley & Wotton League, with records of games against Chipping Sodbury Town, Wickwar and Westbury Park. During this time Dr. E. M. Grace, the elder brother of W G Grace, played for the team.

After the war, the club re-formed and joined the Bristol and Suburban League. The club played in what is now the upper end of The Castle School Sixth Form Playing Field, on a pitch surrounded by an iron fence. They used changing rooms at a social club on the High Street which is now the Thornbury branch of HSBC. In 1933, multiple clubs in the area merged to form Thornbury Sports, later becoming Thornbury A.F.C., and later, Thornbury Town A.F.C. At the end of World War II, the club moved to its current home at the Mundy Playing Fields. After using various establishments for changing room facilities, a pavilion at the playing fields was built in 1964. After playing in the Bristol and District League, they became founding members of the Bristol Premier Combination, winning the league in the 1956–57 season.

In the 1968–69 season, the club became founding members of the Gloucestershire County League and in the following season recorded attendances in excess of 500 spectators. In 1971, the club was accepted into the Western Football League after finishing third in the County League. However, the Mundy Playing Fields didn't meet the requirements, therefore, the club remained in the county until their relegation to the Bristol Premier Combination in 1977. The club returned to the Gloucestershire County League in 2002 after many steady, but unsuccessful, seasons in the Bristol Premier Combination, finally winning the title by 13 points. The club finally won their first County League title in 2009–10, but history repeated itself with the club unable to make the step up to a higher level due to lack of facilities at the Mundys. That summer, the local youth football team, Thornbury Falcons, merged with Thornbury Town in a bid to cement the long-term tradition of developing local youth talent. After the title winning season in 2009–10, Thornbury Town struggled to repeat the success and went through multiple changes of management in the following seasons. Under the stewardship of Andy Davies, the club won the Les James League Cup for the first time beating league winners, Cheltenham Civil Service 1–0. That season the club also finished in a respectable 4th place, which they repeated for the next two seasons.

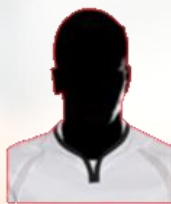
In 2017–18, the club finally improved on their three consecutive fourth-place finishes, winning the league for a second time. The club also completed the double by winning the Les James League Cup for a second time, beating Frampton United 1–0. Work behind the scenes by committee members, meant the club were also in a position to apply for promotion to Step 6 of the Non-League System after receiving planning permission for a 50-seater stand, floodlights and perimeter fencing. The club's application was successful, and they were placed in the Hellenic Football League Division One West for the 2018–19 season. The improvements to the Mundy Playing Fields were officially opened by the Mayor of Thornbury, Shirley Holloway on Tuesday 23 October 2018 before Thornbury Town's Hellenic League Subsidiary Cup game against local rivals Tytherington Rocks, which they won 6–0. After staying in the race for the top spot until the final weeks, the club finished in a respectable 3rd place behind Easington Sports and Cheltenham Saracens. Thornbury also finished the season winning the league's Supplementary Cup, beating Wallingford Town 2–1 at the ASM Stadium in Thame. Ahead of the 2019–20 season, manager Andy Davies announced he was stepping aside as first team manager to take a break from football management, ending Thornbury Town's most successful era. Former player Jason Rees and ex-Gloucester City player Gary Kemp were announced as the new management team. On 12 July 2019, it was announced that the club would take part in the FA Cup and FA Vase for the first time in the club's history, falling at the first hurdle against Leighton Town in the FA Cup, whilst reaching the second round in the FA Vase. In Summer 2021, as part of a restructuring of the Hellenic League, the club successfully applied for promotion to the Hellenic League Premier Division after finishing 2nd.

In June 2022, manager Jason Rees and assistant Gary Kemp stepped down from their positions. They were replaced by joint managers Andy Parry and Richard Joyce. However, during the season Andy Parry stepped down leaving Joyce to remain as Manager. The club's rise from the Gloucestershire County league into the Hellenic Premier League marked a new era. A refurbished clubhouse, improved facilities and strong youth development has made the Thorns a proud symbol of Thornbury. The team plays its home games within the picturesque Mundy Playing fields, a ground known for its friendly atmosphere and passionate support. With the majority of the club's history playing in the Gloucestershire County League and below, there is a real drive to make Thornbury Town a solid, sustainable, step 5 football club, with ambitions to continue climbing the footballing pyramid.



# Thornbury Town FC

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Live a quiet anonymous life

🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Sign for the Premier League champions and hardly play, or play in the Championship and be a star?

Championship and be a star

🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 For the rest of your film-watching life, watch nothing but rom-coms or horror films?

Horror films

🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Your country wins the World Cup or your team win the treble?

Team win the treble (shame I support Arsenal then)

🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Be stranded in the desert, or the arctic?

Arctic. I can cope with 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?

Wearing full kit 100%

🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Never have a mobile phone or never watch tv?

Never watch TV again

🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Do 100 x 100 metre sprints, or 1000 burpees?

100x 100 metre sprints

🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Never have your favourite drink or never eat your favourite food?

Never have my favourite drink

🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Score from inside your own half, or an acrobatic bicycle kick?

Inside my own half



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# Competition Info

## Recent Results

03/08/25	
FAC	Hilltop 2-2 Deal Town
02/08/25	
FAC	Ardley United 1-0 Aylesbury United
FAC	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos 1-1 Abingdon United
FAC	Burnham 3-2 Holyport
FAC	Cinderford Town 0-1 Amersham Town
FAC	Cirencester Town 0-0 Reading City
FAC	Eastbourne Town 2-2 Ashford Town (Middx)
FAC	Edgware & Kingsbury 2-0 British Airways
FAC	Kidlington 0-0 Clevedon Town
FAC	Milton United 0-6 Didcot Town
FAC	North Leigh 1-2 Risborough Rangers
FAC	Oldland Abbotoians 2-0 Wallingford & Crowmarsh
FAC	Peacehaven & Telscombe 2-2 Harefield United
FAC	Portishead Town 4-3 Windsor & Eton
FAC	Redhill 0-4 North Greenford United
FAC	Snodland Town 4-0 Broadfields United
FAC	Thornbury Town 2-2 Virginia Water
FAC	Wokingham Town 3-2 Brislington

## Fixtures Today

FAC	Ashford Town (Middx) v Eastbourne Town
PDN	British Airways v Burnham
PDN	Broadfields United v Edgware & Kingsbury
FAC	Clevedon Town v Kidlington
FAC	Deal Town v Hilltop
FAC	Harefield United v Peacehaven & Telscombe
FAC	Reading City v Cirencester Town
FAC	Virginia Water v Thornbury Town



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## League Table

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



# The Teams



## Virginia Water FC

Kit: Manager: TBA  
Maroon Shirts Asst. Managers: Dan Bailey, Ben Warren  
Maroon Shorts & Socks Coaches: Dave Atkins, Chris Ellis  
GK: Yellow Physios: Elisha Timms, David Cole

Squad:  
Dan Bailey | Josh Baines | Pacey Jacob Bean | Ryan Blake | Firas Chniba | Jamie Di Giuseppe | Chris Ellis | James Goodey | Alfie Grant | Cal Hamilton | Noah Henry | Ash Hutchinson | Shuaib Jalloh | Matthew Jones | Jehovany Kinzonzi | Darnell Lemar | Logan Lowes | Harrison Marquez | Joe McBride | Jack Mills © | Albie Nolan-French | Aiden Payne-James | Turnell Sinclair | Freddie Solly | Dominic Walmsley



## Thornbury Town FC

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Kit: Manager: Richard Joyce  
Blue Shirts Assistant Manager: Tim Wilkins  
Blue Shorts & Blue Socks Coach: Jon Cannings  
GK: Green Physio: Debbie Brock

Squad:  
Arian Askari | Thomas Black | Harry Kenneth Brock | James Brock | Callum Max Chalmers | Adam Clark | Callum Curtis | Cameron Drew | Oliver Elliott | Thomas Elliott | Ashley Fowler | William Fowler | Luke Franklin | Luke Garbacz | Jakob Glover | Joe Guest | Finn Hitchcock | Sam Hussey | Zak Kempster | Tom Manley | Jotham McLaughlin | Sam Moseley | Fraser Moss | Daniel Parry | Nathan Sage | Louis Singfield | Harry Walton | Tom Warren | Marcus Wormwell

## Match Officials

Referee: Daniel Harvey  
Assistant Referees: James Bird, Scott Sanders