



Amersham Town Football Club Season 2025 – 2026

Saturday 28th February 2026

**Amersham Town v Kidlington
CCFL Premier Division North**

Kick off 3.00pm

Chairman: Paul Serkis
Secretary: Bryan Fisher
Manager: Jason Owens



Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Kidlington. We drew no score at Yarnton Road in the driving rain back in October.

It was good to get back to soccer last Saturday after all the postponements due to the incessant rain. We have suffered with everyone else and our pitch drains pretty well. My sympathies are with the League officials, trying constantly to rearrange fixtures. I have been at Amersham Town for a more than three decades now and have never seen it so wet. We have had a month of snow and ice in the past but not the rain.

Unfortunately, a resumption of matches did not lead to a better result for us. I'm afraid that four points out of the last forty two is not the stuff of which dreams are made. Inevitably, the focus will fall on our defence but, at the other end of the pitch, we have scored only ten goals in those fourteen matches. We seem to play well across the park until we get near the penalty box and then rather lose our way. However, hope springs eternal so let's hope for a better result this afternoon.

Enjoy the game.

Mike Gahagan

Next game at Spratleys Meadow: Next Saturday 7th March v Abingdon Utd: KO 3.00pm: CCFL Premier North.

ENTRY: Adults £8, Senior Citizens £6, Children under 16 free

Amersham Town

1. Matt Messer
2. Josh Quadry
3. Kevin Fernandes
4. Mark Webb
5. Dominic Jones
6. Ethan Sennett
7. Callum Coen
8. Naz Miah
9. Chris Martin-Thomas
10. Ronan Ishmaili
11. Shaun Aram
12. Riley Durkin
14. Josh Penemo
15. Archie Sykes
16. Ben Clargo
17. Daniel Fogarasy
18. Kai Bartolo

Manager: Jason Owens
Head Coach: Alfie Sanger
Coach: Ben Clargo
GK Coach Mark Bonnick.

Colours: Black & White

Kidlington

1. Chris Barnett
2. Ned Nicolson D'Adreu
3. Michael Hopkins
4. Otis Castle
5. Latham Hawkins
6. Eban Took-Oxley
7. Harry Thomas
8. Kian Duggan
9. Samuel Olawale
10. Adam Smith
11. Aydin Ulas
12. Joey Aust
14. Patrick Osborne
15. Pelumi Maxwell
16. Fraser Allen
17. Charles Bacon
18. Mark Flanagans

Manager: Bard Charmers

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Colours: Green & Black

Referee: Nikola Christov

Assn't Ref: David Cox

Assn't Ref: Tom Fletcher

Amersham Town FC: results and fixtures.

Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
29.7.25	North Greenford	A	1 - 1	Miah
2.8.25	Cinderford Town	A	1 - 0	Johnson. FA Cup: extra preliminary round
9.8.25	Wokingham Tn	H	3 - 0	Aram 2, Georgiou
16.8.25	Royal Wootton Bassett	A	1 - 3	Roman. FA Cup Preliminary Rnd
19.8.25	Holyport	A	1 - 2	Bartolo
23.8.25	Brook House	H	0 - 1	FA Vase
25.8.25	Harefield Utd	A	0 - 3	
30.8.25	Ardley Utd	H	2 - 0	Aram, Georgiou
3.9.25	Hilltop	A	2 - 4	Jones, Sennett
9.9.25	Holmer Green	H	2 - 3	Aram, Austin B&B SC
16.9.25	Windsor & Eton	A	2 - 4	Bartolo, Sykes. CCFL Challenge Cup
20.9.25	North Leigh	A	1 - 2	Johnson
27.9.25	Burnham	H	1 - 0	Johnson
4.10.25	British Airways	A	0 - 2	
11.10.25	Edgware & K'y	H	1 - 0	Aram
18.10.25	Milton Utd	A	2 - 3	Aram, Martin-Thomas
22.10.25	Kidlington	A	0 - 0	
25.10.25	Broadfields Utd	H	0 - 4	
1.11.25	Wallingford & C	A	0 - 0	
8.11.25	Wokingham Tn	A	1 - 6	Martin-Thomas
15.11.25	Abingdon Utd	A	0 - 2	
22.11.25	Harefield Utd	H	1 - 9	Bartolo
13.12.25	Virginia Water	H	0 - 2	
20.12.25	Ashford Town	A	1 - 3	Martin-Thomas
27.12.25	North Greenford	H	1 - 4	Martin-Thomas
10.1.26	Hilltop	H	2 - 2	Coen, Sykes
20.1.26	Windsor & Eton	H	0 - 0	
31.1.26	Burnham	A	1 - 3	Bartolo
21.2.26	Milton Utd	H	1 - 3	Miah
24.2.26	Everett Rovers	A	1 - 4	St Mary's Cup
28.2.26	Kidlington	H		
7.3.26.	Abingdon Utd	H		

14.3.26	Windsor & Eton	A		
17.3.26	Ashford Tn Mdx	H		
21.3.26	North Leigh	H		
24.3.26	Ardley Utd	A		
28.3.26	Reading City	A		
31.3.26	Edgware & K'by	A		
4.4.26	Broadfields Utd	A		
6.4.26	Reading City	H		Kick off 11.30am
11.4.26	British Airways	H		
18.3.26	Holyort	H		

Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League: Premier Division North

As at Saturday 21st February 2026.

		P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	Burnham	29	17	7	5	27	58
2	Broadfields United	27	16	7	4	31	55
3	Ashford Town (Mix)	26	16	5	5	30	53
4	Wallingford & C	30	16	5	9	5	53
5	Windsor & Eton	23	14	8	1	29	50
6	Kidlington	29	12	11	6	8	47
7	Ardley United	23	13	4	6	19	43
8	Milton United	26	12	4	10	4	40
9	North Greenford Utd	24	12	4	8	2	40
10	Hilltop	33	12	4	17	1	40
11	Virginia Water	29	11	6	12	-2	39
12	Wokingham Town	26	10	6	10	5	36
13	Reading City	21	10	5	6	15	35
14	Abingdon United	27	9	4	14	-8	31
15	Harefield United	27	8	5	14	-8	29
16	British Airways	22	8	4	10	-4	25 *
17	Holyport	30	7	1	22	-48	22
18	Amersham Town	25	5	5	15	-31	20
19	North Leigh	25	5	3	17	-24	18
20	Edgware & K'bury	30	3	2	25	-51	11

*adjustment made

Kidlington Football Club the story so far...

Kidlington FC was founded in 1909 & played local village football up to the 2nd world war. Success was slow in coming & records show that the club's first trophy was achieved in 1929, when Fritwell were defeated 2-1 in the Lord Jersey Cup Final on the Bicester Town ground. The Lord Jersey Cup was a competition highly prized among the villages in the Cherwell valley & rivalry was so keen that players had to prove they were residents of the village for whom they played.

In 1945, Kidlington moved from village football to play in the Oxford City Junior League, where they had a good deal of success in both league & cup. By 1951 they were looking for stronger teams to play & entered the Oxfordshire Senior League, where competition was provided by the likes of Witney Town, Morris Motors, Pressed Steel & Thame United.

In 1953 The Hellenic League was formed. The Oxon Senior League immediately lost some of its stronger clubs to the new league. Kidlington won the Senior League title that season & joined the new league in 1954. Early days in the Hellenic League showed quite clearly the difference in standard but Kidlington settled to finish just above the bottom two places! Regular faces in the Kidlington team of this period were stalwarts like the goalkeeper North, Fred Treble & probably the best centre-half not to have played League football Jim Brennan. Kidlington maintained a Premier Division place for a time, but spent most of the sixties in Division One.

The early seventies saw them back in the Premier Division & two epic battles with a very talented Peppard side in 1974 & '75, in the County Intermediate Cup Final. Kidlington had won the cup in 1970, but our matches with Peppard only produced loser's medals. A squad of good young players in the late seventies produced Kidlington's best-ever run in an F.A. competition, when in 1976-77 Kidlington reached the last 16 in the FA Vase, bowing out to Gosport Borough having played every round but one away from home. Clubs defeated in this cup run included Didcot Town, Bicester Town, Malvern, Stratford Town & Hemel Hempstead. The nucleus of this side eventually saw Kidlington gain

promotion back to the Premier Division in 1979-80.

The eighties saw Kidlington back in Division One, the County Cup [Oxon Senior Cup] had generally produced few consistent performances, other than in 1983-84 when Kidlington were 5 minutes away from a place in the final. Unfortunately, Oxford City were given a lifeline & won comfortably in extra time.

The early nineties were steady, but we never threatened the championship. Season 1994-95 saw some silverware at last, the Reserves managed by Martin Baker did the league & cup double. The next few seasons saw an upturn in the club's fortunes when Manager Karl Grossmann assembled a formidable tough tackling side that finished in the top 6 of Division One in four successive seasons. During the late nineties we entered a newly formed third team into the Oxford Senior League. This produced some fine players who worked their way into the Reserves & First teams. After a few seasons though, they broke away to set up their own club (Kidlington Old Boys).

The new millennium brought with it a major overhaul to the committee & with it a new Chairman in Geoff Talboys. The 2004-05 season, under the guidance of Kevin Walton saw the first team finish in third place in the League & were promoted back into the Hellenic Premier Division and with the Reserves playing in the top Reserve Division, the club was again competing at a top level. Many facility improvements were carried out to enable the club's promotion; this was achieved with the assistance of a "Football Foundation" grant & an awful lot of effort from Committee, Managers, Players & Supporters.

In 2005-06 we struggled to come to terms with the considerable difference in the standard of football from Division One to Premier, losing our first twelve games. In amongst the frustration though we also took some noticeable scalps - we were the first team to beat Bishops Cleeve F.C. who were promoted at the end of the season into the Southern League and we also beat a strong Witney Utd side, which at the time were still in the promotion hunt. The season petered out in frustration & needless to say we finished in a relegation position ... however a national non-league re-structure saved us from the dreaded drop & we lived to fight another season in the top flight.

The American Dream

When we think of football in the United States – and not the Super Bowl kind – we tend to think of it as a fairly modern invention. The North American Soccer League of the 1970s and 80s that attracted the likes of Pele, George Best, Johann Cruyff and, in a slightly bizarre turn of events, a young Peter Beardsley. After its demise, the MLS' faltering start and thus far successful revival after David Beckham's move to LA Galaxy. But soccer has a long history in the USA, and the first national league created was earlier than some of the top European leagues. The inaugural season of the American Soccer League kicked off in 1921.

Football in the USA goes back to the nineteenth century. In 1869, the representatives of Princeton and Rutgers Universities took part in one of the more pivotal games in sporting history. It has gone down as the first gridiron game in history. But the laws used that day were the FA's Laws of the Game, and there was definitely spherical ball. This was a game of European football.

Football in the United States then filtered its way down to the working classes, exploding in popularity, especially among European immigrants. Teams started to spring up in American cities. By 1884 an American Football Association had been formed, just in time to prevent the formation of what would have been the first league, backed by the owners of Major League Baseball teams to give their players something to do in the winter. The AFA, even at this early stage, was unwilling to lose its control of the game.

They did, however, set up a cup for teams to compete in, This first organised competition drew teams from factory towns, usually made up of factory workers and often sponsored by the company. The first three were won by Clark ONT, owned by the Clark Thread Company. But then it was dominated by Fall River Rovers, who won six of the next seven. They were the only team to win both the American Cup and the later Challenge Cup, although the struggles of their parent company forced Rovers to withdraw by the start of the twentieth century.

Turmoil, it seemed, was catching. When the AFA applied for FIFA

membership in 1912, a breakaway organisation (The American Amateur Football Association) applied at the same time. FIFA rejected both, needing just one governing body. The delay in FIFA affiliation did little to hurt the growth of the sport, but did not stop teams from as far afield as Third Lanark in Scotland and Hakoah Wien in Austria to embark on lucrative tours. Third Lanark won 24 of their 25 games in the United States, eventually drawing the last against Fall River Rovers. Hakoah Wien, full of exciting central European talent drew record-breaking crowds and at least one of their players chose not to return to Austria at the end of the tour, finding the life of celebrity and riches too enticing to give up.

As the AAFA gained the upper hand over their rival federation, it changed its name to the USFA and, before eventually turning its attention to a league. The American Soccer League claimed to be a national competition, but because of travel difficulties in reality it was limited to the northeast. Not that this impacted on popularity. Football was never as popular as baseball, but it was very lucrative, and those riches were used to attract European players, much to European chagrin. As a result, early crowds in the tens of thousands threatened to make soccer America's second sport, ahead of gridiron.

Sadly, as so often with football in America, it wasn't to be. The ASL fell out with the USFA when the latter tried to impose new rules to boost popularity even further. These American innovations included end of season playoffs and a league table sorted by winning percentage rather than points. Also, interestingly, the USFA wanted substitutions. The ASL conceded this and introduced them in 1926; the World Cup didn't allow substitutes until 1970.

In the end, the ASL initiated a boycott of the USFA's challenge cup. Three teams went against the boycott and were kicked out of the league, but the courts found in their favour. Rancour and disharmony within the sport smashed headlong into the collapsing American economy, and fans decided against spending what little they had watching football. By 1932, amid falling crowds and financial problems, the league eventually folded. But not before it sent a team to the first World Cup, to finish third, still the best finish for a team outside of Europe and South America.

Enjoy the game.

Martyn Green *The Untold Game*

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Fall River Rovers in the 1880s.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF AMERSHAM TOWN FC

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. The Clubhouse, a former school room, was erected in 1968 and extended to its current size in 1983. New floodlights were installed in 1977. 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 and now provides an excellent playing surface. In 2022 the clubhouse was comprehensively remodelled and modern floodlights installed for this season.. Amersham 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 last season. The team is managed by Jason Owens and the club has developed close links with Kings Church FC, a well organised local club which runs more than twenty junior teams.

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