



Amersham Town Football Club Season 2025 – 2026

Tuesday 17th March 2026

**Amersham Town v Ashford Town (Middx)
CCFL Premier Division North**

Kick off 7.30pm



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

Welcome to the players, committee members and supporters of Ashford Town (Middx). Ashford are the third in our series of opponents who are enjoying a very successful season: they lie on the fringe of the play-offs and this game follows our fixtures against Wallingford and Windsor & Eton. We did not manage a point against those two strong teams so let's see how we get on this afternoon.

At this stage in the season our fixtures are coming thick and fast as you will see from the list later in this programme. I have great sympathy for those at The Combined Counties League whose computers must be running red hot as they try to fit in postponed games alongside ensuring that two ground sharing teams are not kicking off at the same time at the same venue.

This preponderance of fixtures also puts considerable strain on everyone at the club who man the clubhouse, not only for our matches but also for those of Sport London e Benfica. That was very apparent last Tuesday when the coincidence of illness and absence meant that we were very short staffed. We managed, thanks to the culinary skills of our Chairman and the barman expertise of Dave Edwards. I am most grateful to them and to all who do their stint on the clubhouse rota.

Enjoy the game.

Mike Gahagan

Next game at Spratleys Meadow: Next Saturday 21st March v North Leigh: KO 3.00pm: CCFL Premier North.

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

Amersham Town

1. Ben Clargo
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. Matt Messer
17. Daniel Fogarasy
18. Kai Bartolo

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

Colours: Black & White

Ashford Town (Middx)

1. Liam Allen
2. Oliver Rowan
3. Archie Larkham
4. Germaine Dua
5. Joe Hicks
6. Tremayne Wooliscroft
7. Naheer Nawaf
8. Alexander Paine
9. Jack Arnold
10. Luqman Kassim
11. Jack Beadle
12. Elliot Poley
14. Cormac Harris
15. Brad Marshall
16. Marcus Mealing
17. Darnell McDonald
18. Usman Lalustani

Manager: Luke Tuffs

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Colours: Tangerine & White

Referee: Lola Pollard
Assn't Ref: David Cox
Assn't Ref: David Chapman

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. Chlg 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	0 - 2	
7.3.26.	Abingdon Utd	H	1 - 1	Aram
10.3.26	Wallingford & C	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 7th March 2026.

		P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	Burnham	34	20	7	7	32	67
2	Broadfields United	31	18	7	6	29	61
3	Wallingford & Cm	33	18	5	10	7	59
4	Windsor & Eton	27	16	9	2	34	57
5	Ashford Tn (Middx)	29	17	6	6	32	57
6	Ardley United 28	16	5	7	22	53	
7	North Greenford Utd	28	16	4	8	9	52
8	Kidlington	31	13	11	7	7	50
9	Reading City	26	13	5	8	17	44
10	Milton United	31	13	5	13	1	44
11	Virginia Water	31	12	7	12	0	43
12	Hilltop	33	12	4	17	1	40
13	Wokingham Town	29	11	6	12	2	39
14	Abingdon United	31	10	7	14	-6	37
15	British Airways	26	10	5	11	-3	32 *
16	Harefield United	31	8	6	17	-13	30
17	Holyport	34	7	3	24	-53	24
18	Amersham Town	29	5	6	18	-38	21
19	North Leigh	29	5	4	20	-31	19
20	Edgware & K'bury	33	5	2	26	-49	17

The History of Ashford Town (Middx)

The club was established in 1958 as **Ashford Albion** and joined Division Two of the Hounslow & District League. They finished second in their first season,^[3] earning promotion to Division One. They finished as runners-up again the following season,^[4] and were promoted to the Premier Division, adopting their current name in 1964.^[2] However, the club pulled out the Premier Division during the 1964–65 season, resulting in their record being expunged.^[5] The following season the first team took over from the reserves in Division Two.^[2]

The club finished third in Division Two in 1965–66,^[6] resulting in promotion to Division One. After finishing as runners-up in Division One the following season,^[7] the club joined the Premier Division B of the Surrey Intermediate League (Western) for the 1967–68 season.^[2] They finished fourth in their first season, earning promotion to Premier Division A.^[8] After claiming the runners-up spot in 1972–73,^[9] they won the division in 1974–75.

Ashford became founder members of the Surrey Premier League in 1982.^[10] In 1989–90 they were league runners-up and won the Surrey Premier Cup, beating Farnham Town Reserves 3–0 in the final.^{[11][12]} In 1990 they were formally renamed **Ashford Town (Middlesex)** to avoid confusion with the Kent club which previously shared the same name,^[2] but are now named Ashford United. In the same year they joined the Combined Counties League.^[10] They finished as runners-up in 1993–94, and won the league the following season. They went on to win the league in each of the next three seasons, and again in 1999–2000 (a season in which they also won the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup), after which they were promoted to Division Three of the Isthmian League.^[10]

After finishing third in their first season in Division Three, they were promoted to Division Two. In 2002, they were moved to Division One South as a result of league reorganisation and, in 2004, switched to the Western Division of the Southern League. In 2005–06, they finished second in the division, and were promoted, being placed in the Isthmian League Premier Division. In 2006–07 they won the Isthmian League Cup and, in 2008–09, the Surrey Senior Cup.^[13] At the end of the 2009–10 season, the club were relegated and placed in Division One Central of the

Southern League; although they were offered a late reprieve from relegation after Merthyr Tydfil were liquidated, the club declined to take it and started the 2010–11 season in Division One Central.^[10]

In 2011–12 the club won both the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup (beating Northwood on penalties after a 4–4 draw) and the Aldershot Senior Cup (defeating Badshot Lea 3–1 in the final). The 2013–14 saw the club finish bottom of Division One Central, resulting in relegation back to the Combined Counties League.^[10] After finishing third in the Premier Division in their first season back in the league,^[10] they were runners-up in 2015–16 and were promoted back to Division One Central of the Southern League. The following season saw the club win the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup for the third time, beating Wealdstone 2–1 in the final.^[14] At the end of the 2017–18 season they were transferred to the South Central Division of the Isthmian League.

In 2024–25 Ashford finished third-from-bottom of the South Central Division and were relegated to the Premier Division North of the Combined Counties League.

FOOTBALL: BILBAO'S GIFT TO SPAIN!

Modern football, as we know, draws its inspiration from the British development of the game. In the middle of the nineteenth century, something close to the spectacle we see was developed. At the same time, the British Empire was at its peak, reaching a third of the globe and every continent. Where colonies could not be developed, trade was ubiquitous. Brits worked in ports and mines, factories and fields all over the world. One especially lucrative place at the end of that century was northern Spain, and around Bilbao workers set up sports clubs. Combined with a little Spanish flair and a lot of Spanish passion, those clubs prompted a footballing legacy that continues today.

In the late nineteenth century, Bilbao was an industrial hotbed. Abundant iron ore drew industrial workers from around the world, and in particular from Britain, where workers flocked to join the highly profitable industries along the Nervion River and at the dockyards. Once settled,

these workers needed hobbies and distractions to entertain themselves, and in true British fashion they brought the culture of their homeland to the Iberian Peninsular. Social clubs and then sports clubs popped up, introducing Spain to cricket, to rugby, and especially to football.

In most places around the world, when Brits set up their football clubs, they were insular affairs. Often excluding the locals, native populations had to make their way in the sport on their own, often only decades later being permitted to play against the 'superior' British sides. In Spain, however, there was another factor at play, one that didn't feature across much of the globe.

Spanish students had a history of visiting and studying in Britain. The historic universities attracted the first European students to the UK, and as what we now call Further Education expanded, so did the student base. Industrial education also became a popular endeavour, as young Europeans sought the learning needed to earn their fortune. Spanish students, especially around Southampton and Portsmouth, became infatuated with the game they saw the native population playing. They even adopted the language - goal, corner, offside - and brought it home to Bilbao when they returned. They set up their own clubs, and the game grew.

By 1894, during a festival held at the Hippodrome of Lamiako just outside the city, a match between the locals and the immigrants was arranged. Lamiako was little more than a field, but it was where the British teams played. The teams were made up of the exact kinds of players their clubs had been built upon; the British workers, mostly from the Nervion Shipbuilding Company, and the Spanish educated classes, the affluent young men who had been in Britain to study. It was a meeting of different cultures over a shared passion for the game.

The match itself was a whitewash, the more experienced shipbuilders running out 5-0 winners. But the effect was far greater. Over 1000 people came to Lamiako to watch, and reported being bedazzled and bewildered by the speed, power and grace of the game they saw. For many locals - not British migrants, not the educated Spanish classes - this was their first exposure to football. It made an impact.

The defeated Spanish rewarded their opponents with roast chicken and wine, and then quickly set about forming more clubs. More egalitarian clubs too, this was no longer a game for the Spanish elite. Within just a few months, matches between Spanish and British teams were commonplace, mostly in Lamiako just as the first had been. That elite was still useful however, using its contacts to bring over British rules and, perhaps more importantly, equipment for the myriad clubs that needed it. The popularity spread, and alongside the Bilbao sports clubs that were set up, it wasn't long before similar could be found in Barcelona, Santander and San Sebastian.

In 1898, a group of six Spanish students, those who had inherited a love of football, sat in a pub, as students tend to do, putting the world to rights. Heady with the arrogance of youth, they decided to start their own football club. It would be a local club, for local people. Only those from the Basque Country would be admitted, and it would become a mark of regional pride to belong to the club. As football became more organised and more competitive, they took part in the initial national competitions. With the collection of Basque only players, they took on all comers, travelling to Madrid to win the first ever Copa Del Rey.

That club still exists today, and still retains the Basque-only philosophy that was foundational. That they have gone on to compete at the top of Spanish football and in Europe makes Athletic Club de Bilbao not just a historical oddity, but a remarkable one. And one with roots all the way back to that first match between workers and students.

And when that match is commemorated with dinners and events, what do they serve? Roast chicken and wine.

Enjoy the game.

Martyn Green, *The Untold Game*

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18.00-19.00 - MIXED ABILITY - AMERSHAM TOWN FC
19.10-20.10 - MIXED ABILITY - AMERSHAM TOWN FC

TUESDAY

12.20-13.20 - MIXED ABILITY - BARN MEADOW HALL

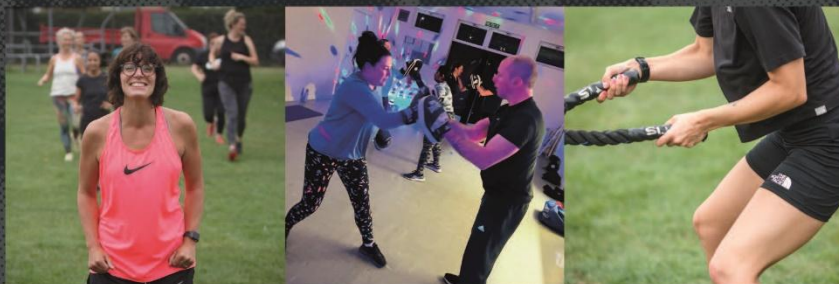
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09.15-10.15 - MIXED ABILITY - AMERSHAM TOWN FC
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17.15-18.00 - MIXED ABILITY - AMERSHAM TOWN FC

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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