



Amersham Town Football Club

Season 2025 – 2026

Saturday 10th January 2026

Amersham Town v Hilltop
CCFL Premier Division North

Kick off 3.00pm

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



Welcome to the players, committee members and supporters of Hilltop. We lost by four goals to two at Silver Jubilee Park early in September. We could do with a reverse of that result this afternoon to start the New Year on a winning note.

This is the time of year when fixtures start to be postponed due to ice and snow. This season, sensibly, the League concentrated many fixtures early in the campaign so that we are ahead of programme. We have played fewer games than many in the Division, including our opponents today, but still have several Tuesdays and Saturdays available. I suspect the aim of the League is to have all fixtures completed by the end of March leaving April and, possibly May, for the playoffs.

You may have noticed that our bar has recently been refurbished and noticeably improved. This is due to the hard work of David Edwards, our volunteer clubhouse manager. He has made an enormous difference to the organization of the bar area and, more generally, to other parts of the clubhouse. If you see the team line up and up to date results on the bar TVs it is due to David's expertise.

Enjoy the game.
Mike Gahagan

Next games at Spratleys Meadow: Next Tuesday 13th January 2026 v Everett Rovers: St Mary's Cup.
Tuesday 20th January v Windsor & Eton: CCFL Premier Nth.

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

<p><u>Amersham Town</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Matthew Messer 2. Joshua Clay 3. Josh Penemo 4. Mark Webb 5. Archie Sykes 6. Ethan Sennett 7. Jayden Gibson 8. Dominic Jones 9. Chris Martin-Thomas 10. Naz Miah 11. Shaun Aram 12. Shane Johnson 14. Callum Coen 15. Craig Griffith-Dunbar 16. Daniel Fogarasy 17. Craig Stephen-Lett 18. Charles John <p>Manager: Jason Owens Head Coach: Alfie Sanger Coach: Ben Clargo GK Coach Mark Bonnick.</p> <p>Colours: Black & White</p>	<p><u>Hilltop</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sukhraj Dulai 2. Sharmake Ali 3. Qusey Yislam 4. Rayyan Adam 5. Aarush Yogarajan 6. Abukar Hohamed 7. Bruno Dos Santos 8. Kamaal Nur 9. Ibrahim Salih 10. Mohamed Ali 11. Michael Panfold 12. Luqman Ibrahim 14. Mohamed Hussein 15. Shuaib Ali 16. Hikram Olaiya 17. Ilyas Boumar 18. Hussein Mahdi <p>Manager: Abdullah Mohamed .</p> <p>Colours: All White</p>
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Referee: Levi Gray
Assn't Ref: Brian Capel
Assn't Ref: Paul Bennett

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		
13.1.26	Everett Rovers	H		St Mary's Cup
20.1.26	Windsor & Eton	H		
24.1.26	Wallingford & C	H		
31.1.26	Burnham	A		

3.2.26	Reading City	A				
7.2.26	Holyport	H				
14.2.26	Edgware & K'by	A				
21.2.26	Milton Utd	H				
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				

**Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League:
Premier Division North**

As at Saturday 3rd January 2026.

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Broadfields United	24	13	7	4	28	46
2	Burnham	22	13	5	4	20	44
3	Wallingford & Cmsh	25	13	4	8	-1	43
4	Ardley United	20	13	2	5	22	41
5	Ashford Tn (Middx)	21	12	5	4	19	41
6	Hilltop	28	12	3	13	9	39
7	Milton United	23	11	4	8	7	37
8	Windsor & Eton	17	10	6	1	21	36
9	Kidlington	20	9	7	4	8	34
10	North Greenford Utd	20	10	3	7	3	33
11	Wokingham Town	21	8	5	8	3	29
12	Reading City	17	8	4	5	13	28
13	Virginia Water	20	8	4	8	-2	28
14	Harefield United	23	8	3	12	-4	27
15	British Airways	20	7	4	9	-5	22 *
16	Abingdon United	19	6	3	10	-5	21
17	North Leigh	23	5	3	15	-21	18
18	Amersham Town	21	5	3	13	-27	18
19	Holyport	24	4	1	19	-44	13
20	Edgware & Kbury	24	2	2	20	-44	8

* adjustment made



A history of Hilltop.

Hilltop Football club is based in Stonebridge and was founded in 2005. They are currently members of the Combined Counties League Premier Division and groundshare with Beaconsfield FC.

The club was named after a road in Stonebridge called Hilltop Avenue, where most of the players lived at the time when the club was formed.

In 2007, they joined Division Three of the Middlesex County League and gained promotion to the second division at the first attempt. Then, after just two seasons playing in Division Two, the club left the league.

Hilltop eventually re-joined the Middlesex County League Division Two in the 2014/15 season, and the following season were relegated to Division Three having finished bottom of the league.

However, the club's management was reformed at this point in their brief history, and success followed. After finishing second in the league, the club was promoted back to Division Two and has since enjoyed a series of triumphs. They won the league at the first attempt and, with it, earned promotion to the Middlesex County Leagues Division One.

The 2018/19 season was another turning point for the club. At the first attempt, Hilltop won the league without losing any games and only conceded 13 goals over the whole season. They also won the Middlesex County Junior Cup, defeating Western Athletic 6-1 in the final, but were denied a treble as they lost the final of the Jim Rodgers Presidents Cup to Clapton CFC.

After the reconstruction of the non-league football pyramid, the Hilltop were promoted to the Combined Counties Football League Division One on the back of winning the 2019/20 Middlesex County League Premier Division on points-per-game after a season that was ended early due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

In their first season as semi-professional club, Hilltop surprised many with their style of football and managed to finish 2nd in Combined Counties Football League Division One and losing the playoff final, missing out on promotion to Combined Counties Premier Division.

However the club was promoted to the Combined Counties Premier Division, having been offered the vacancy left by Staines Town. This makes it back-to-back promotions for Hilltop, who continue to go from strength to strength.

As the first team has risen through the leagues, the wider club has developed too. 2021/22 season, they launched a reserve team who competed in Division One of the Middlesex County League, as well as a women's team who compete in the Greater London Women's Football League, not to mention a number of youth teams.

Carlos Bianchi

Looking every bit like an Argentinian Larry David, Carlos Bianchi could have been one of the all-time greats as a player. A teenage sensation, he burst onto the scene at Velez Sarsfield as a precocious 18 year old, topping the scoring charts in his first season as a professional as his boyhood club

won their first ever league title in 1967. For many fans, this was the greatest Velez side ever to take the field, but despite Bianchi's unstoppable efforts, they never built on their success. He continued to score freely, and after 121 goals in 165 games, earned himself a move to Reims.

Seven years in France saw him win top goalscorer five times, with a switch to PSG in 1977, where he was by many considered their finest import before the Qatari takeover. He returned to Velez in 1980 and added

another 85 goals to his tally, before returning to Reims once more for a final season before retirement.

For all his individual success, Bianchi's goals had yielded just a single trophy; that early title with Velez. Worse, his move to Europe had marked him as a selfish, egotistical player and had cost him a career in the national side. It was an injustice that would drive him in his managerial career. A few years of struggle at Reims and a few more at Nice fed a reputation in Argentina that he was not capable of leading a side, but not at Velez, where he remained a legend in the truest sense of the word. In 1993, he was given his chance.

He transformed Velez, allowing his players the individual freedom to express themselves, within an unbreakable collective. The players loved their new mentor. In his debut season, just as when he was a player, he led Velez to the league title. But that was just the start.

The following season, they were irrepressible on the continental stage. They were drawn in the toughest group of the tournament, and won it at a canter. More pleasingly, local rivals Boca finished bottom. Bianchi would lead his charges all the way, however, and in one of the tightest finals in Libertadores history, defeated Sao Paulo on penalties. The retained their

league title too. In two years of management in South America, Bianchi had three trophies.

Later that year, he went one better. The Club World Championship saw Velez take on European Champions Milan, the Fabio Capello variant that was so dogged that they won the league scoring just 34 goals, and beat them 2-0. More trophies followed in 1995 and 1996.

A brief, unsuccessful spell at Roma followed, before Bianchi returned to his homeland, this time with Boca. Success wasn't immediate this time though, it took Boca two years to win the title instead.

Bianchi inherited a squad already brimming with talent. Martin Palermo, Fabio Coloccini, Walter Samuel, and the mercurial Juan Roman Riquelme were individually brilliant, but had failed to come together as a unit.

Bianchi instilled a fierce tactical discipline, except for allowing Riquelme to float between the lines, and Boca slowly began to dominate Argentinian football. Three titles followed, in 1998, 1999 and 2000, but this simply gave Bianchi a way into the competition that really mattered to him; the Copa Libertadores.

In 2000, Boca scythed their way through continental competition, with Riquelme cementing his reputation as South America's best player as his side put Palmeiras to the sword in the final. Once again, Bianchi would follow up his success on the global stage, beating a Real Madrid side that contained Hierro, Raul, Figo and Guti in the Club World Cup. It wasn't just the brilliance of his side, it was their flexibility.

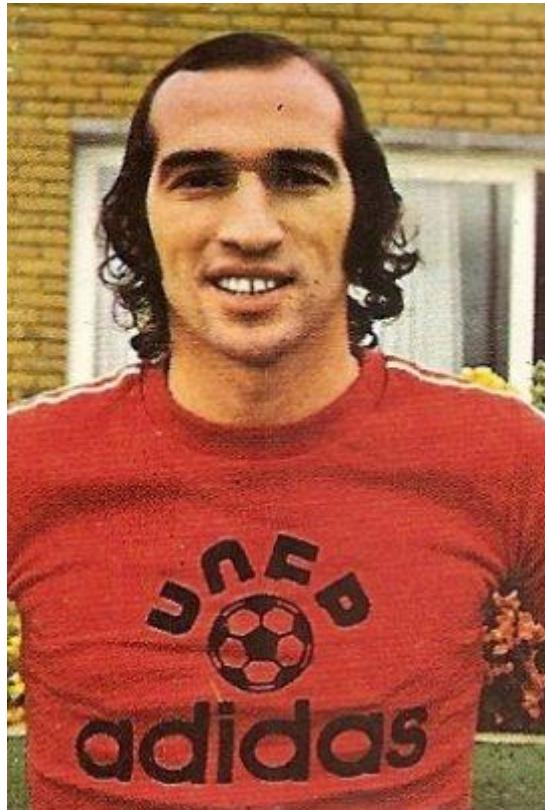
Where some of the great coaches get stuck in a tactical style and find it difficult to adapt, Boca under Bianchi were like a different team every week. Against Vasco on the way to retaining the following season's Libertadores, they were an exceptional attacking side. In the next round against Palmeiras, they gave a dogged, determined defensive masterclass. The only thing all these different Boca sides had in common; they won. In 2003, with many of his stars sold to Europe, he led a young side to his fourth Libertadores title. A young Carlos Tevez led the scoring charts. Once more, he beat Milan in the Club World Cup. It was effectively a glorious coda on a remarkable managerial career.

Denied the chance to take charge of Argentina because of the reputation he had developed as a player, Mr. Libertadores had a couple of very brief stints in charge of Atletico Madrid and, later, Boca again. But he never took a long term job, and enjoyed his retirement. For such a short career, as his American doppelganger might say, he was pretty, pretty good.

Enjoy the game.

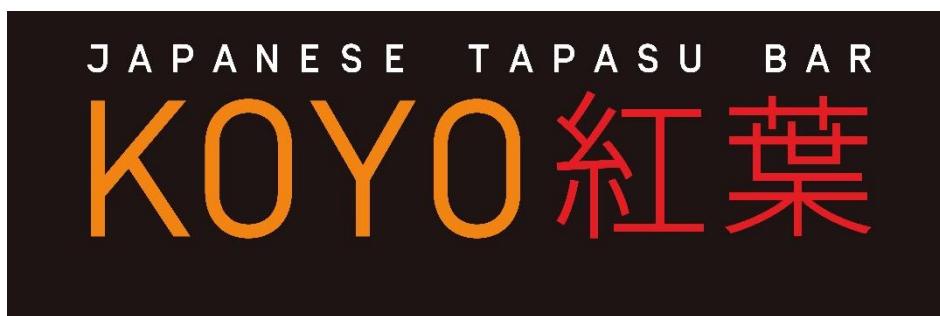
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF AMERSHAM TOWN FC

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 Preier 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