



## **Amersham Town Football Club Season 2025 – 2026**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Amersham Town v Broadfields Utd**  
**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 Broadfields Utd. Last season we had two tight games against Broadfields, winning four three at Tithe Farm and two nil at home. This season, however, as a glance at the league table will show, Broadfields are going well and sit snugly in the playoff places.

One of the notable features this season is the difference in our league form at Spratleys Meadow compared with away games. To date we have won all of our four fixtures at home, sometimes by a narrow margin, but have gained only one win and two draws from our nine away games. Let's hope that pointing that out hasn't put the mockers on today's result!

Another notable feature so far this season has been the impact of the weather on our pitch. In common with all other clubs that lack a 4G surface or a built-in watering system, our pitch was a matt brown at the start of the season. Fortunately, due to some rain and care by club members, the surface has improved. But it is still not quite at the level we desire. However, it's just received another dose of fertilizer so should improve further. Which is just as well as, with our ground share, the U18s and U16s using it, it takes a fair bashing.

Enjoy the game.  
Mike Gahagan

**Next game at Spratleys Meadow: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November v Harefield Utd: Combined Counties League: kick off 3.00pm.**

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

## 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 Senior Cup              |
| 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   |       |                                          |
| 1.11.25  | Wallingford & C       | A   |       |                                          |
| 8.11.25  | Wokingham Tn          | A   |       |                                          |
| 15.11.25 | Abingdon Utd          | A   |       |                                          |
| 22.11.25 | Harefield Utd         | H   |       |                                          |
|          |                       |     |       |                                          |

### **Amersham Town**

1. Matt Messer
2. Joshua Clay
3. Josh Quadry
4. Mark Webb
5. Archie Sykes
6. Ethan Sennett
7. Kai Bartolo
8. Dominic Jones
9. Chris Martin-Thomas
10. Naz Miah
11. Shaun Aram
12. Shane Johnson
14. Ben Clargo
15. Craig Griffith-Dunbar
- 16.
17. Craig Lett-Stephen
18. Ryan Austin

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

Colours: Black & White

### **Broadfields Utd**

1. Matthew Burrows
2. Mohammed Dabo
3. Miguel Lopes De Matos
4. Thomas Kennard
5. Marley Anderson-Richards
6. Lewis Batten
7. Abdirahman Ahned
8. Gabriel Piorkowski
9. Matheus Santana
10. Ricardo Lopes De Matos
11. Jurdy Mumby
12. Jameel Murshid
14. Dickson Owusu
15. Dillon Gordon
16. Arif Bala
17. Lord Mansoh
18. Rhys Ellis

Manager: Sunny Tailor  
Coaches: Moses Alkarssifi,  
Nicolai Collins, Ryan Duffy  
Physio: Steve Hoare

Colours: All Royal Blue

**Referee:** Samuel Palmer  
**Assn't Ref:** Jonathan Bliss  
**Assn't Ref:** Edward Clifford

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

As at Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025

|    |                     | <b>P</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>GD</b> | <b>PTS</b> |
|----|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| 1  | Windsor & Eton      | 13       | 8        | 4        | 1        | 14        | 28         |
| 2  | Hilltop 16          | 8        | 3        | 5        | 16       | 27        |            |
| 3  | Burnham             | 12       | 9        | 0        | 3        | 12        | 27         |
| 4  | Ardley United       | 12       | 8        | 2        | 2        | 11        | 26         |
| 5  | Broadfields United  | 14       | 7        | 4        | 3        | 18        | 25         |
| 6  | Kidlington          | 14       | 6        | 5        | 3        | 6         | 23         |
| 7  | Wallingford & Cm'sh | 14       | 7        | 2        | 5        | -3        | 23         |
| 8  | Milton United       | 14       | 6        | 2        | 6        | 0         | 20         |
| 9  | North Greenford Utd | 11       | 5        | 3        | 3        | -2        | 18         |
| 10 | Amersham Town       | 13       | 5        | 2        | 6        | -1        | 17         |
| 11 | Wokingham Town      | 13       | 4        | 4        | 5        | 2         | 16         |
| 12 | North Leigh         | 14       | 4        | 2        | 8        | -9        | 14         |
| 13 | Ashford Town (Mx)   | 9        | 3        | 4        | 2        | 5         | 13         |
| 14 | Reading City        | 10       | 3        | 4        | 3        | 4         | 13         |
| 15 | Abingdon United     | 11       | 4        | 1        | 6        | -2        | 13         |
| 16 | Holyport            | 14       | 4        | 1        | 9        | -19       | 13         |
| 17 | British Airways     | 12       | 4        | 3        | 5        | -3        | 12 *       |
| 18 | Harefield United    | 12       | 3        | 1        | 8        | -13       | 10         |
| 19 | Virginia Water      | 11       | 2        | 2        | 7        | -8        | 8          |
| 20 | Edgware & K'bury    | 11       | 0        | 1        | 10       | -28       | 1          |

\* adjustment made.

## **Broadfields United Club History**



Broadfields United Football Club was formed in 1993 at Broadfields Sports and Social Club in Harrow and just a year later had 10 sides running. The 1995/96 season was the first a side participated in the Middlesex County Football League and saw silverware won with the First Team winning the Presidents Cup and a year later they won the Division One title by six points. By the 2001/02 season the club had five teams with the First and Reserve Teams in the Middlesex County League and the remainder playing in Sunday Leagues. This season saw devastation for the club due to the Broadfields fire as our clubhouse burnt to the ground, with just the changing rooms and shower facilities standing.

By 2003/04 there were four teams playing competitively. Firsts still in the Middlesex Premier, and with a Vets side in the London Commercial League. Two Sunday sides were still competing, and over the next few seasons Chris Webster's side managed to win multiple cups over the next few years.

The 2011/12 season saw the First Team side lift silverware for the first time in over a decade as manager Ryan Duffy and assistant Chris Webster, led the team to the Alec Smith Premier Cup trophy over Southall before successfully defending it a year later against British Airways. It was in the 2013/14 season the Reserve Team won both the Senior Reserve Division and the Junior Open Cup, with the season also marking the First team's debut in the FA Vase.

At the end of the 2014/15 season the First Team were promoted to the Spartan South Midlands League Division One and the Reserve Team moved to the Hertfordshire County League Division One. Promotion was secured in a nail-biting finale against Cricklewood Wanderers, in a game that the winners would gain promotion to the SSML, saw an injury time Sam Horan winner seal promotion. The off season also saw one of its players move into the professional game as James Brophy, signed with League One side Swindon Town FC.

In the club's first season in SSML football, the side reached the semi-final of the League Cup before losing to eventual winners Crawley Green whilst also securing a credible 11<sup>th</sup> place position in the league. The Sunday side saw the most success from any club side as they completed a terrific quadruple, winning the Harrow Sunday Challenge Premier League, Premier Cup, Champions Cup, and Jack Walker Cup.

The following 2016/17 season saw Mark Barnham, Ryan Duffy and Liam Bird's team clinch a 4-1 win over Borough to secure the Middlesex Premier Cup for the first time. Connor Spinks with two, Rex Kimona and Dene Gardner sealed the result. They managed to reach the second round of the FA Vase. The Reserve Team, now led by Dean Foster, secured promotion to the HCFL Premier Division after undergoing an unbeaten 13 game winning streak which pushed them in to the promotion places.

In 2017/18 a cup double and FA Cup qualification for the first time was secured. In a month where we had 12 matches, we contested two cup finals, first facing landlords Harefield United in the Middlesex Premier Cup at Harrow Borough, and after a close contest we narrowly ran out 1-0 winners courtesy of a Connor Spinks goal. Just four days later we faced fellow SSML Division One side Risborough Rangers for the Spartan League Challenge Trophy at Colney Heath. The first time the final had been contested by two teams outside the Premier Division for over twenty years. We ran out 3-1 victors thanks to goals by Connor Spinks, Sam O'Neill and Dene Gardner. The Reserve Team achieved a mid-table finish in their first season in the Herts Premier and runners up in the Anagram Records Trophy Final.

The end of the 2018/19 season saw the First Team achieve promotion to Step 5 finishing runners up to Harefield United with a tally of 94 points. We were guaranteed as one of the top 9 teams from the 19 leagues at Step 6 and thus achieving promotion to the level for the very first time. The season also saw us compete in our first ever FA Cup game, beating Banstead Athletic 3-0. Unfortunately, the Reserve Team struggled in the league and although they managed to stay up on the last day of the season, the tough decision to withdraw the side in the close season was made.

The new season started brightly with memorable in the league against newly demoted side Dunstable Town 3-0 on the opening day before an impressive 5-1 victory over Combined Counties side, Hanworth Villa in the FA Vase. Post Christmas and in the Middlesex Senior Cup we defeated Conference South side, Hampton & Richmond, 2-1, before exiting the cup in the semi-final away to Bedfont Sports.

The club secured a new groundshare agreement with Tithe Farm Sports & Social Club and Rayners Lane FC which meant a departure from our home for the past 6 seasons, Harefield United. An unusual COVID-19 hit 2020/21 season began with a 3-0 win against Sussex based Loxwood in the opening stage of the FA Cup but in the league only 11 fixtures were played before the season was curtailed.

The following season we reached the Emirates FA Cup Second Round Qualifying for the first time. After Christmas, manager Liam Bird decided to stand down after 5 incredibly successful seasons at the helm and was replaced in the post by David Fox who, along with his backroom team oversaw the running of the side until the end of the season.

A move to the Combined Counties League Premier North Division followed but the new placement meant that a handful of players departed and a rebuild was necessary with many of the 'old guard' not being able to commit any longer with other commitments. The side struggled to find consistency and despite a few good performances the struggles were too much. Ryan Duffy and Sunny Tailor took control in March with the aim of keeping the side in the league and remarkably a 12<sup>th</sup> place league finish was achieved after ending the season unbeaten in our last 7 games. The season also saw the lifting of silverware, as we won the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup trophy for the first time thanks to a Jordan Greaves goal against Northwood.

Ahead of the 2023/24 season Ryan reverted to a coaching role with Sunny given the managerial role fulltime and the side achieved a 9<sup>th</sup> placed finish which to date is the clubs highest ever finish. Our Middlesex Senior Charity Cup was defended to the semi-final stage but we were knocked out on penalties after Uxbridge grabbed a late equaliser. In the Senior Cup the highlight of the run was a fixture played against Conference National

side Barnet at The Hive and despite being against a side then competing for top place in their league, we fell to a respectable 1-0 defeat.

The 2024/25 campaign did not begin the way we would have hoped. A winless run in our first ten matches left us bottom of the table, facing an uphill battle. However, after an impressive turnaround in form quickly saw us move up the table. The highlight of the season came in the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup, in our second final appearance in three seasons, we overcame Southall at Bedfont Sports Recreation Ground, thanks to a towering Lucas Sinclair header that sealed a 1-0 victory for the club.

As we recharge over the summer, both the backroom team and playing squad have seen some new additions but with a fresh outlook and renewed ambition, we head into the 2025/26 season full of optimism.

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## **An Accountant in a Miner's Helmet**

The modern game is awash with statistics. One can hardly put a match on tv without xG telling you who is supposed to be winning the game, xA telling you who has been most creative, or Shot Creating Actions telling you, well, how many actions created shots. If someone can explain what

PPDA is, I'm all ears. But it's difficult to argue with the results. Brentford have extremely close ties to an analytics company and have confounded everybody, Brighton's own analytics department, augmenting their scouting network, has brought them colossal fees in recent years. It has become an unavoidably evolution of the game, and those who stick rigidly to the old ways are being left behind. But analytics are not a new invention. While the technology now allows a much deeper statistical understanding of the game, the story of football statistics begins before the Second World War, with Wing Commander Charles Reep.

Charles Reep was not a football man. An accountant by trade, he joined the RAF in 1928, and started working his way up the ranks. His encounter with sport was by chance: Charlie Jones, a title winner with Arsenal in 1931 and 1933 decided, after the second title, to embark on a series of

lectures explaining Herbert Chapman's style and what might loosely be described as philosophy. Reep was fascinated, and started the process of recording this style in the way he knew best, with numbers. Unfortunately, he found his work interrupted by the war, and it would be a decade and a half before he was able to explore it.

After returning from Germany, Reep was frustrated to find that very few of Chapman's innovations had been adopted, and was particularly dismayed that wingers, so important to Arsenal's title winners, were once again marginalised. After a particular turgid half of football between Swindon and Bristol Rovers in 1950, he pulled out his notepad and pen, and spent the second half recording some of the things he saw, including passing sequences and player positions. At may have been at the most rudimentary level, but football analytics was born. He recorded 147 Swindon attacks as they eventually found a winner, and extrapolated his findings to cover a whole game. What he discovered was that it would just take a tiny improvement in conversion rate to increase the number of goals per game by 50%, from two to three. In a sport with so few goals, that would be a huge advantage.

In 1951, he caught the attention of relegation threatened Brentford, who brought him in for the final 14 games of the season. Using his analytics, they tweaked their system and stormed easily to safety, winning 13 of those games. And then he went back to recording data, most regularly at Plymouth, where he was recognisable by the miner's helmet he wore, using the lamp to illuminate his notebook. In 1958, he even went to the World Cup to see how the very best did it, and see what that did to his findings. A decade later, he published his findings in the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society.

Not that his findings have been without controversy. Reep concluded that the best chance of scoring a goal was with the fewest passes in the move. Essentially, if he is the father of football analytics, he is the uncle of the long ball. With all of the data and technology on offer today, it seems that the orthodoxy is instead to make lots of short passes rather than a few long ones, and his ideas have been criticised. Some even claim that Reep's own data was misinterpreted, and that a proper analysis of what he recorded suggested it was far better to make four or more passes. Notable gaps in the data included set pieces, and he was unable to record the fatigue that

came from the defending team chasing the ball.

Reep's ideas may have ended up creating Crazy Gang Wimbledon rather than Manchester City or Brentford or Brighton, a physical, long ball side who understood the value of getting the ball in the box and dismissed the value of possession. But even so, to dismiss the Wing Commander would be unfair. Half a century after he first started recording data, mistakes were still being made; Alex Ferguson famously sold Jaap Stam after his recorded tackles declined, not understanding that in conjunction with his increasing interceptions, he was actually improving as a player. Who is to say that ten years from now, the algorithms won't realise that today's number crunchers have got it wrong? Whatever his errors, he was a frustrated accountant in a miner's helmet, and he changed football. Enjoy the game.

**Martyn Green, *The Untold 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 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 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015, can be obtained by emailing Mike Gahagan on [michaelgahagan89@gmail.com](mailto:michaelgahagan89@gmail.com)