



Amersham Town Football Club Season 2025 – 2026

Saturday 23rd August 2025

**Amersham Town v Brook House
FA Vase: First Round Qualifying**

Kick off 3.00pm

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



Welcome to the players, committee members and supporters of Brook House. It's been a few seasons since we have had the pleasure of hosting Brook House but we have played many spirited encounters with them in the past.

Brook House are enjoying a good season in both league and cups. In Division One of the Combined Counties League, at the time of writing, they have won all three matches to date. They are also doing well in the Middlesex Premier Cup and the Senior Charity Cup so no doubt they will prove strong contenders this afternoon.

It has been interesting watching our team develop. At the start of the season we did not have a single player from the last campaign. Jason and Alfie therefore had to construct a team from scratch. It is greatly to their credit that it doesn't show and we have played some excellent football at times.

Enjoy the game.
Mike Gahagan

Next game at Spratleys Meadow: Saturday 30th August v Ardley Utd, CCFL Premier Division, Kick Off 3.00pm.

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	R Wootton B or Lydney	A		FA Cup Preliminary Rnd
19.8.25	Holyport	A		
23.8.25	Brook House	H		FA Vase
25.8.25	Harefield Utd	A		
30.8.25	Ardley Utd	H		
3.9.25	Hilltop	A		
6.9.25	Virginia Water	A		
9.9.25	Holmer Green	H		B&B Senior Cup
13.9.25	Ashford Town	H		
20.9.25	North Leigh	A		
27.9.25	Burnham	H		

Amersham Town

1. Ben Clargo
2. Joshua Quadry
3. Ramane Griffith-Dunbar
4. Mark Webb
5. Daniel Fogarasy
6. Craig Stephen-Lett
7. Razvan Roman
8. Naz Miah
9. Shane Johnson
10. Charles John
11. Shaun Aram
12. Joshua Penemo
14. Dominic Jones
15. Joshua Clay
16. Lucas Georgiou
17. Elliot Few
18. Kai Bartolo

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

Colours: Black & White

Brook House

1. Adam Childs
2. Dimerach Mario-Lukoki
3. James Pilcher
4. Charlie Austin
5. Carter McLaughlin
6. Lucas Camacho
7. Reece Keary
8. Donell Mensah
9. Hekmat Alizai
10. Trey Pender-Brown
11. Ben Bell
12. Shane Kettle
14. Anotida Mano
16. Charles Johnson
17. Nuno Costa Rios
18. Greg Wright

Managers: Lester Pyle, Martin
McLaughlin

Colours: Blue & White

Referee: Adam Jackson
Assn't Ref: Olivia Brownlee
Assn't Ref: Paul Bennett

Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League:
As at Saturday 9th August 2025

Premier Division North

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Burnham	3	3	0	0	3	9
2	Windsor & Eton	2	2	0	0	3	6
3	Milton United	3	2	0	1	1	6
4	British Airways	3	2	0	1	1	6
5	Amersham Town	2	1	1	0	3	4
6	North Greenford Utd	3	1	1	1	-1	4
7	Ardley United	2	1	0	1	3	3
8	Harefield United	2	1	0	1	1	3
9	Wokingham Town	2	1	0	1	1	3
10	Abingdon United	2	1	0	1	1	3

Divison One

1	Bedfont	5	4	0	1	7	12
2	Holmer Green	5	3	2	0	10	11
3	Penn & Tylers Green	4	3	1	0	5	10
4	PFC Victoria	4	3	1	0	4	10
5	Berks County	5	3	1	1	4	10
6	Woodley United	3	3	0	0	8	9
7	Brook House	4	3	0	1	2	9
8	Westside	4	2	1	1	8	7
9	Colliers Wood United	5	2	1	2	2	7
10	Wembley	5	2	1	2	-2	7
11	Spartans Youth	4	2	0	2	3	6

A history of Brook House FC

Brok House Football Club was formed as a Sunday league club in 1974 by Saturday clubs Charville and Hayes North and joined Division Seven of the Hayes and District Sunday League. After a successful period that involved several cup and league titles, the club switched to Saturday football in 1982, joining the South-West Middlesex League.^[2] In 1984 they were founder members of the Middlesex County League, where they remained until joining Division One of the Spartan League in 1988. Despite only finishing sixth in 1988–89, they were promoted to the Premier Division.^[2] In 1992 floodlights were erected at Park Farm for the first time and officially opened with a friendly against Chelsea, for whom former Brook House player Neil Shipperley scored a hat-trick in a 5–1 win; Shipperley's father Dave managed the club during the 1990s. In 1992–93 they entered the FA Cup for the first time, losing to Aveley in the preliminary round.^[3]

When the Spartan and South Midlands League merged in 1997 to form the Spartan South Midlands League, Brook House were placed in the Premier Division South, going on to win the league that season. They were subsequently placed in the Premier Division the following season, where they remained until the end of the 2003–04 season, when they were transferred to Division Two of the Isthmian League after finishing as runners-up.^[3] After two third-placed finishes, the club were promoted to Division One South & West of the Southern League for the 2006–07 season. After finishing 18th in their first season in the Southern League, the club were renamed A.F.C. Hayes in 2007.^[3] In 2008–09 they won the Middlesex Senior Cup,^[1] beating Hendon 2–1 in the final. The club moved divisions again in 2010 when they were placed in Division One Central of the Southern League.^[4]

AFC Hayes finished bottom of the division in 2014–15 and were relegated to the Premier Division of the Combined Counties League.^[4] In 2018–19 they finished second-from-bottom of the Premier Division and were relegated to Division One. In May 2022 the club announced they were reverting to the name Brook House.^[5] They won the Middlesex Premier Cup in 2023–24, beating Rising Ballers Kensington on penalties in the final.

The Women's World Cup of 1971

England are back to back European Champions. Not many teams can say that. The heroics of Hannah Hampton, Michelle Agyemang and of course Chloe Kelly - who just seems to thrive in those tense, crucial moments - were watched by a record audience, both in Switzerland and around the world. It had drama and excitement, exactly what we watch football for, and England came home with a trophy, which is probably not what any of us watch football for! But it's no secret that the passion around the women's game has not always been allowed to blossom, stifled by restrictive regulations and rampant sexism. There was one moment, however, when it could have been different. In 1971, tired of the misogyny of the footballing world, the women struck out on their own, and held a World Cup in Mexico.

Following a popularity explosion during the First World War, women's football was banned in the UK, and throughout the middle of the twentieth century most of Europe followed suit. But it didn't stop women playing, and while they were prohibited from joining their national FAs, eventually organisations formed to shepherd the female game. By the 1960s, with the backing of a number of Italian women's clubs, it was time for international recognition, and so formed the FIEFF.

After two mildly successful tournaments on home soil, by 1971 the Italians were ready to take the show on the road. Mexico was chosen, and accepted, hosting of the first ever women's World Cup. UEFA made its position clear immediately; the national FAs were to get their women in line, and presumably, back in the kitchen. FIFA didn't approve either, and the FA threatened those who wanted to participate. It limited the number of entrants, but not enough, and with sponsorship from Martini Rosso, five teams joined the hosts in Mexico for the competition.

In Britain, women's football was a tiny affair; amateur, largely unwatched, and derided. In Mexico it couldn't have been more different. Sponsorship allowed the players to focus on their playing, even if only for a couple of weeks. Goalposts were painted pink, and stadium staff wore pink, to encourage female fans. It was a blunt and probably misguided gesture, but it was enthusiastic. More important than either of those,

though, were the fans. The first fixture of the tournament between Mexico and Argentina - in the Azteca Stadium in Mexico City - was played in front of 100,000 fans. The other group games at the stadium had high attendances too, including both of England's games. This wasn't just a sideshow for an interested few. It was football, for an impassioned fanbase, who didn't distinguish between the male and female game. In the other group, in Guadalajara, they played in front of sellout crowds of 25,000.

For England, the experience wasn't matched by the performance, as the side was put to the sword, conceding eight goals and finishing bottom of their group, Mexico and Argentina progressing. But the feeling of playing in front of large, enthusiastic crowds was intoxicating, and more than made up for the poor showing. The crowds that followed the team around were so large, the players initially thought they must be sharing a flight with 'someone famous'.

Just over 350 miles to the north west, Denmark and Italy both beat France, before drawing with each other to secure qualification. England and France played each other to avoid the wooden spoon, which was given to England despite two goals by Jan Barton, mother of badminton star Gail Emms. But the main event was happening back at the Azteca. Denmark smashed Argentina 5-0 to advance to the final, while Mexico won the tighter of the two games against Italy, 2-1. The hosts in the final ensured the showpiece would be well attended, at least.

Just like the men's final the year before, 110,000 fans packed into the Azteca. There was no Pele to excite the crowds this time, but there was Susanne Augustesen, just fifteen years old and a prodigious talent. She would continue her career, in Italy, deep into the 1990s, but at this stage she was an unknown, even in the women's game. It didn't stop her giving Denmark the lead in the 26th minute, and then doubling that lead just after half time with a powerful left footed strike. Just after the hour, she put away her third. The first women's World Cup final, the first hat-trick hero. Not bad for an unaffiliated competition.

The England team returned home to headlines on their failure, but more importantly, disownership from the WFA. Under pressure from the FA, and with their funding under threat, they didn't approve of the trip.

Players received bans, and couldn't join new clubs unless they could prove they had only accidentally broken the WFA's rules by going. It wasn't exactly a heroine's welcome.

The backlash worked, and the women's game was driven, if not back underground, at least back under the radar. It would take another two decades before FIFA allowed the women an official World Cup, and slowly, the game has grown ever since. Just think where they'd be if they'd built on 1971 instead.

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 125th anniversary in 2015, can be obtained by emailing Mike Gahagan on michaelgahagan89@gmail.com