



Amersham Town Football Club Season 2025 – 2026

Tuesday 21st March 2026

**Amersham Town v North Leigh
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 North Leigh. We lost a close encounter two goals to one at Eynsham Park back in September with Shane Johnson scoring our goal.

It does not need a Sky Sports style pundit to tell all concerned that this game is a true six pointer. A glance at the table later in this programme will show how close we are, both fighting against relegation. Like us North Leigh recently have found it very difficult to win games, their most recent victory was on 20th December when they beat Holyport two nil. We have to go even further back, to 11th October with a one nil victory over Edgware & Kingsbury. North Leigh have certainly found it easier than us to score goals whereas it appears that our defence is more solid. That should all make for an interesting match up this afternoon.

Enjoy the game.

Mike Gahagan

**Next game at Spratleys Meadow: Monday 6th April v Reading City:
KO 11.30am: 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

North Leigh

1. Thomas Russell
2. Andre Bromfield
3. Charlie Herbert
4. George Rushton
5. Leo Galpin
6. Brendan Neale
7. Max Fuller
8. Samuel Yabani
9. Mekhi Thomas
10. Thomas Taylor
11. Mekhai Bessasa-Grant
12. Jacob Sapwell
14. Awadh Awadh
15. Charlie Cooke
16. Kian Mirnam
17. Calvin Allen
18. Jack Hobbs

Manager: Morgan Williams

Colours: All Red

Referee: Ivan Yordanov
Assn't Ref: Russell Hood
Assn't Ref: Simon Cook

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	0 - 3	
17.3.26	Ashford Tn Mdx	H	0 - 3	
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 14th 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 Town (Mx)	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

*adjusted

North Leigh Football Club History

North Leigh were formed in 1908, but it was only following the Second World War that the club started to make its mark in Witney and District League. The club won the Witney and District League Premier Division title seven times in the 1950's and also enjoyed success in the Oxfordshire Senior Cup.

In the 1980s the club resumed its trophy winning habits with five successive Witney and District League titles earning it a place in the Hellenic League Division 1 for the season 1990/91. The club enjoyed a good first season in the Hellenic League, finishing in 4th position and being the Division's highest goal scorers apart from Champions Cinderford Town. In the club's second season it again achieved 4th position averaging two points per game, scoring 84 goals in the process. In the third season, the club finished runners up to Tuffley Rovers in Division 1 and so took its place in the Hellenic League Premier Division along with the champions.

In 1997/98 the club reached the second round of the FA Vase for the third time before losing to Elmore. They finished the season in 4th place in the Hellenic League Premier Division, and capped their season off by reaching the final in the Oxfordshire Senior Cup where they were only narrowly beaten by their Oxfordshire rivals Witney Town 1-0 after extra time. The season 2001/02 was without doubt been the most successful in the club's history to date. After a superb season of consistently high performances and an epic struggle with both Gloucester United and Yate Town throughout the season to occupy top spot, the club eventually succeeded in winning for the very first time, the Premier Division title. The club also reached the final of both the Oxfordshire Senior Cup and the Hellenic League Challenge Cup.

In season 2002/03 the club went one better and with smaller squad than the previous year and arguably stronger league opposition, retained the title with a winning margin of 10points over Yate Town (the team pipped the previous year) and local rivals Carterton. Unfortunately the ground at this stage was not up to required standard for the team to take promotion

to the next level. In season 2003/04 a disappointing eighth place in the league was offset by a tremendous run in the FA Vase where club reached the last 32 and with reasonable luck would have progressed further.

In 2004/05 the club finished in seventh place in the league but the highlight was the truly memorable run in the FA Cup as the last Hellenic team left in the competition defeating Deal Town, Walton Casuals and Edgware Town and only losing out to Conference South outfit Newport County in Wales after holding them to a draw at Eynsham Park. In season 2005/06 after an excellent start and leading the table during the early part of the season the club narrowly missed out on promotion to the Southern League finishing in fourth place after a disappointing late run.

In season 2006/07 after a head to head contest with Slimbridge and narrowly finishing behind them after an epic struggle and a particularly strong finish to the season including a double win home & away against them, the club were severely disappointed to learn of their withdrawal from promotion to the Southern League at a stage too late for them to be replaced even though North Leigh's home ground had by now received the necessary FA approval to play at the higher level. In season 2007/08 in the club's centenary year it looked to be a minor image of the previous year with the team vying for the top spot throughout the season and just losing out in the final push for promotion. However in a truly magnificent finish to the season the team overhauled the long term leaders of the division, Almondsbury Town in their very last league game, winning the league title and promotion on goal differences. In addition and a few weeks later prior to winning the league title, the club won the Oxfordshire Senior Cup for the first time in history defeating Oxford United team in the QF and Banbury United (Southern League Premier in the final.

So the club climbed to its highest ever position in the non-league pyramid by joining the Southern League S&W in 2008 and during its membership over the past eleven years has been a model of consistency finishing in a top ten position in every season until last. Major changes occurred in 2016 with the departure of long serving Manager Mark Gee and the appointment of John Brough who had just won the league with Cinderford Town. John had a successful first season steering the club to its best ever FA Cup and Trophy run and just missed out on a play off place in the

league.

2018/19 saw North Leigh fighting for their survival both in the Southern League and as a club with financial struggles impacting every decision made on and off the pitch. With the departure of John Brough, joint Managers Craig Dore and Darren James took the helm with an almost impossible task ahead. Arriving from years working in the Oxford City youth programme, they had a strong desire to play young attacking football but a very limited playing budget meant a lot of hard results to swallow including an 8-1 home defeat to Corby Town. Despite occupying a relegation zone spot for most of the season and being 8 points from safety with 6 games to go, the Millers completed the great escape with a final day draw against league champions Peterborough Sports.

Following a season of restructuring and consolidation, the Millers started the 19/20 season in a much-improved position. A number of familiar faces returned to the first team fold, following spells playing elsewhere and these were joined by a couple of standout additions. The first team were clearly much stronger as the team hovered around mid-table and looked well positioned to make a late push towards the play-offs as the season came to a conclusion. However, nobody would have foreseen in August of 2019 how the 19/20 season would be curtailed and in what manner. The season still deemed a success by the club; highlights included reaching the Second Qualifying round of the FA Cup and a trip to local rivals Oxford City and young starlet Henry Landers notching all 5 goals in an away victory at Bedford Town.

Only a handful of matches were completed during the 20/21 season, with the club sitting second bottom of the league when proceedings were halted in November 2020. It had been a difficult start to the season for the Millers, exiting the FA Cup in the first competitive match of the season at Marlow and only registering a single victory in the seven completed league matches. The undoubted highlight was an FA Trophy run to the First Round proper, equalling the club's best run in the competition.

Much of 2020 and 2021 has seen North Leigh consolidate and safeguard the club's future during the Covid-19 pandemic. It has worked hard to ensure the club remains on a sound financial footing, whilst where possible working hard to continue modernising and ensuring the club is in

a positive position for the resumption of competitive football for the 2021/22 season.

We then had the season of all seasons in 2021/22 in Southern League Div 1 Central. It was manager Eddie Odhiambo's first season in charge. A last minute chance to compete in the playoffs due to Welwyn's expulsion due to ground gradin failure. North Leigh won 1-2 away in Berkhamstead in semi final. The final was against Ware and played in front of over 1500 fans. It was the outsiders North Leigh who stole the show and promotion to step 3 for the first time in the club's history winning 2-4. The opening goal by George Nash was also selected as goal of the season.

FIFA & ZANZIBAR

We all know that FIFA has its problems. Allegations of corruption, occasionally nonsensical laws, and a rivalry with UEFA (which has its own problems) that threatens to have players on the pitch 365 days per year. But, for better or for worse, they are the appointed stewards of the global game, and anyone seeking any kind of footballing prestige must be a member. We take membership for granted in this country; it's not even something we consider. But in other parts of the world, FIFA membership is disputed and denied. And that's why, despite being around for nearly a century, Zanzibar is still seeking acknowledgement from the footballing elites.

Zanzibar, for those like me who thought it might be a clothes shop, is an island chain off the coast of Tanzania. It is a territory within its mainland neighbour's control, and its clubs can take part in African club competitions like the Champions League, with all clubs competing at the 15,000 seater Amaan Stadium on the main island. But because it is within a larger nation, Zanzibar cannot become a full member of either CAF or FIFA, meaning its national sides are limited in the games it can play. Nothing official, nothing recognised. They have played 204 matches in a century - a glacial two games per year - and more than half of those have been against near neighbours Tanzania (45 games), Kenya (41) and Uganda (33). They hadn't faced a team from even as close as West Africa

for 15 years before this year's edition of the Mapinduzi Cup, where they lost to Burkina Faso.

It has competed with other unaffiliated teams in competitions organised by the Federation of International Football Independents (FIFI). At the 2006 FIFI World Cup, held in Hamburg - or more specifically, the Republic of St. Pauli in a district of Hamburg - Zanzibar finished runners up, losing the final to the side from North Cyprus, a semi-autonomous region of Turkey. The competition was just six unaffiliated teams (Monaco withdrawing), consisting of Greenland, refused entry for their ties to Denmark, Tibet, a St. Pauli side to represent the hosts, and Gibraltar. It's the British territory that provides the most encouragement to the people of Zanzibar.

The British territory hasn't had a football federation anywhere near as long as Zanzibar, only playing their first match in 1993, although a Gibraltar side played Spanish side Sevilla seven decades before that. After the 2006 FIFI World Cup, they were invited to a Four Nations tournament, taking on an England, a Scotland and a Wales side after Northern Ireland withdrew. The support of three long-standing, well established FIFA members seems to have been key.

Gibraltar's first application to join FIFA was in 1999, and rejected. In 2008, they were rejected again, although they had the support of their Four Nations opponents. Spain threatened to withdraw all clubs from UEFA competition if Gibraltar were recognised. The case went as far as the Court of Arbitration for Sport, and CAS ruled in Gibraltar's favour. In 2013, they were admitted to UEFA, and then FIFA.

Zanzibar have used the British example - four nations in one - to argue that their application should be accepted. The Gibraltar example only strengthens their claims. And yet their request remains unheard. They made their first application in 2011, and it was rejected. In 2017, they appeared to be making progress when they became CAF's 55th member, opening the door to more prestigious international competitions. But their membership was quickly revoked, with CAF President Ahmad Ahmad later claiming he couldn't admit two associations from the same nation. Zanzibar were relegated back to associate status.

Zanzibar has no shortage of footballing talent, with many of its best players representing Tanzania. Much like the Basque Country, they would have an international side to compete or even surpass the nation that is blocking their progress. They continue to play in CECAFA tournaments, an affiliate of CAF, but until they are given full membership they will struggle to find matches to play, and struggle to improve. Before this year's Mapinduzi Cup, they had managed to find just one opponent in the previous five years.

Zanzibar remain stranded in a strange middle ground. Trying to maintain their footballing standards in a system that rejects them, and propping up the very team that is blocking their ascension into CAF and FIFA membership in their own competitions.

So while we (rightly) complain about FIFA and there are some talks about breaking free of it, there are those who are just desperate to join in.

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