



Amersham Town Football Club Season 2025 – 2026

Tuesday 10th March 2026

**Amersham Town v Wallingford & Crowmarsh
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 Wallingford & Crowmarsh. To say that we enjoyed a no score draw at Howdens Stadium in November would be classed as misrepresentation. The rain was so heavy throughout that some of the action on the far side of the pitch was lost in the downpour.

Wet weather has certainly played its part in postponements this season as in previous years. We have lost several matches to a flooded pitch which is fairly unusual for us as, lying on the side of a hill, snow and ice are more of a problem.

Before global warming came along winters in this country were long and cold with snow a regular feature in all parts of the country. By far the worst winter to affect football was in the 1962/63 season when a 'big freeze' decimated football in this country for three months with hundreds of matches being called off or abandoned.

The freezing conditions hit the country just before Christmas 1962. For the next three months the list of postponements indicate just how bad things were. Only three FA Cup third round ties were played on the scheduled date, January 5th, with the last tie in that round being played on March 11th. The Lincoln v Coventry tie was called off 15 times and fourteen of the other ties suffered ten or more postponements (also causing problems for programme printers),

Enjoy the game.

Mike Gahagan

Next game at Spratleys Meadow: Next Tuesday 17th March v Ashford Town (Middx): KO 7.30pm: 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

Wallingford & Crowmarsh

1. Alex Pratt
2. Alexander Mercer
3. Kyle Bestley
4. Callum Young
5. David Lynn
6. Harry Bonner
7. Euan Aitchinson
8. Aiden Higgs
9. Ellis Hercules
10. James Williams
11. Bradley Walton
12. Daniel Sefton
14. Ryan Sheppard
15. James Lightfoot
16. Ty Hamilton
17. Joe Cheeseman
18. Tyler D'Cruz

Manager: Lee Matthews

Colours: Green & Black

Referee: Bailey Wood
Assn't Ref: Mohamed Zouine
Assn't Ref: Steve Burgess

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		
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	32	19	7	6	30	64
2	Broadfields United	30	17	7	6	28	58
3	Wallingford & C'marsh	32	17	5	10	5	56
4	Windsor & Eton	26	15	9	2	31	54
5	Ashford Town (Middx)	28	16	6	6	29	54
6	Ardley United	27	16	5	6	23	53
7	Kidlington	31	13	11	7	7	50
8	North Greenford United	27	15	4	8	8	49
9	Reading City	25	13	5	7	19	44
10	Milton United	30	13	5	12	3	44
11	Virginia Water	31	12	7	12	0	43
12	Hilltop	33	12	4	17	1	40
13	Wokingham Town	27	10	6	11	4	36
14	Abingdon United	30	9	7	14	-8	34
15	British Airways	25	10	4	11	-3	31 *
16	Harefield United	30	8	6	16	-12	30
17	Holyport	33	7	2	24	-53	23
18	Amersham Town	27	5	6	16	-33	21
19	North Leigh	28	5	4	19	-28	19
20	Edgware & Kingsbury	32	4	2	26	-51	14

*adjustment made.

The History of Wallingford & Crowmarsh

The club is a result of a merger between Crowmarsh Youth Football Club and Wallingford Town AFC, starting from the 2022/23 season. Both of the clubs have a proud and rich history.

The original Wallingford Town, a Hellenic League side at the time, founded in 1922 and neighbours Wallingford United, who had been founded in 1934. The newly merged club was named AFC Wallingford. In 1997-98 the club became champions of the Chiltonian League and gained promotion into the Combined Counties League. In 2001-02 Wallingford won the Combined Counties League comfortably and then were runners-up to Withead 2000 and AFC Wimbledon in the two succeeding two years. However, the facilities at their ground Hithercroft did not meet the standards of the Isthmian League and thus they were denied further promotion. A Football Association grant of £100,000 was used to fund ground improvements which would make promotion possible if they were again to win the Combined Counties League.

However, after disruption caused by heavy player turnover (with several leaving for [Didcot Town](#), who then won the [FA Vase](#)), the 2004–05 season saw AFC Wallingford unable to avoid last place and relegation. The 2005–06 season saw an upturn in fortunes for the club, with a runners-up finish in the Combined Counties League Division One, which resulted in a promotion and with it a switch to the [Hellenic League](#) Premier Division, a league deemed better suited to AFC Wallingford's geographical location in [Oxfordshire](#).

In 2011, Wallingford set up its first junior teams. During the close season of 2013, the club reverted to its former name, to become Wallingford Town AFC, as part of its bid to become more synonymous with and representative of the town itself and switched from the red and black kits of the past 40 years back to the original 1922 club colours of red and white stripes.

After several seasons in the North Berks League, the club was successful in their application to move into the non-league pyramid as Chairman Simon Cowlard and Manager Duncan Mitchell presented the clubs case

to The FA at Wembley.

In the 2016–17 season, the club resumed competing in the Hellenic League, which saw the club continue to develop on and off the pitch. Manager Mitchell oversaw a solid 7th place finish before moving into the Vice Chairman role. The club hired manager Glenn Goudie who had previous experience at several non-league clubs as well as managing a very successful period for Thames Valley Premier League side, Reading YMCA. After three seasons of mid-table finishes, the club moved back to the Combined Counties League after The FA performed a re-structure of Step 5 & 6 leagues. First team manager Glenn Goudie stood down to take on the Chairman's role after COVID-19 halted the season proper and the club installed former Didcot Town Development, Ardley United and Abingdon Town manager Lee Matthews, to the role of First Team Manager for the 2021–22 season.

Matthews and his squad gelled quickly and were unbeaten after 17 league games. A club record of games without defeat. After a nervy January, the side began to hit form at the key stages of the season, and promotion was gained via the playoffs, beating Hilltop 2-1 AET. At the beginning of the 2022/23 season, the club became Wallingford & Crowmarsh FC after an amalgamation between Wallingford Town and Crowmarsh Youth in an effort to boost community involvement

As well as regular success on the playing field, the Club has earned a reputation for good organisation and sportsmanship. Several ex players have gone on to the professional game and at least two, (John Dreyer and Gary Elkins) have played in the dizzy heights of the Premiership, while others are currently with Nationwide League sides including local sides like Oxford and Reading. Many current players have been selected for the youth academy squads at professional clubs.

As a Player and a Manager

A pair of deaths at the beginning of this year remind us just how difficult it is to succeed at the highest pinnacle of the footballing world. Der Kaiser, Franz Beckenbauer, was the most successful European in World Cup history, winning as a player in 1974 (after heartbreak in 1966 spurred his career and introduced The Curse of Der Kaiser to break English hearts for nearly 60 years... so far). He added a second winner's medal as a manager in 1990, his first managerial role. More recently, Didier Deschamps has joined him in that rarified position, winning as a player in 1998, and a manager in 2018. But neither quite managed to reach the heights of Mario Zagallo, the Brazilian who won twice as a player, and then as a manager, and passed on 5th January 2024.

Zagallo had a brush with the World Cup almost before his career had even began. Joining America FC in Rio de Janeiro when he was 17, his early training was interrupted by the military service he was required to undertake. As a young, new soldier, he was deployed as part of the security force to the Maracana Stadium to witness Brazil's 1950 World Cup final defeat to Uruguay, a defeat that saw devastation across the nation, with the goalkeeper on the day burning the goalposts, and suicides recorded as being caused by the defeat. It certainly left a mark on Zagallo.

He rejoined America but was quickly snapped up by Brazilian giants Flamengo, where he would spend the first half of his career. A tough, tricky inside-left, he made his debut in 1951, and made over 200 appearances throughout the 1950s, culminating in a callup to the 1958 World Cup side. It was a chance for Brazil to put the ghosts of 1950 to rest, with an exciting team, the undisputed star of which was a 17 year old Pele. He and Garrincha were the driving force of the side, but Zagallo played his part. In the final, which Pele made his own, he added a goal to the 5-2 victory. Four years later, he played in every game as Brazil became the last team to retain the World Cup. But, unusually for a footballer, winning two World Cup medals as a player was only the beginning of his success.

Zagallo retired as a player in 1965, and became the manager of Botafogo

where he had seen out his playing days. He saw immediate success, winning the Brazilian championship, just as the national side were struggling in England. For all their talent, they were unable to cope with such a physical approach to their ability, and were kicked and pushed out of the World Cup in the Group Stage, only beating Bulgaria. Despite the injustice, there was a feeling in Brazil that the best team in the world shouldn't have been daunted by those kinds of tactics. They turned to Zagallo, who could combine the flair of yesteryear with the gritty determination required in the 1960s.

He had been part of the revolutionary introduction of a 4-2-4 as a player, but it was time for a revolution of his own. That formation, he decided, was too brittle, so he dropped a forward back into midfield. Rivellino, who had struggled to find a place in the side before, was the lucky player this opened a door for. He repaid Zagallo handsomely.

The presence of Rivellino allowed Pele to demonstrate his prodigious talents, but that didn't mean it was an easy route to the final. A close victory over holders England saw them into the semi-final, where their 1950 conquerors Uruguay were waiting. Another close game saw Brazil run out 3-1 winner, exorcising any lingering ghosts. Their two most difficult games out of the way, the final was one of the most one-sided affairs in World Cup history, as Brazil ran riot. A pre-tournament bootcamp to get used to the altitude in Mexico City made them fitter and stronger than their opponents, and they won the game 4-1. Zagallo was the first person ever to win as both a player and a manager.

Relative malaise followed that success, despite Zagallo taking his World Champions to the semi-finals in 1974, and it would be a quarter of a century before Brazil sat at the summit of world football again. The man they turned was Mario Zagallo.

He had enjoyed a peripatetic career after 1974, splitting his time between jobs in his homeland and jobs in the middle-east. But as the 1994 World Cup closed in, Carlos Alberto Parreira realised he needed more experience. He called up Brazil's last World Cup winning coach, and asked him to join as his assistant. Zagallo agreed, and the rest is (more) history.

He remains the only man in history with four World Cup winner's medals, and when he passed on 5th January he was the last remaining of the 1958 World Cup squad. The most successful man in World Cup history.

Enjoy the game.

Martyn Green, *The Untold Game*

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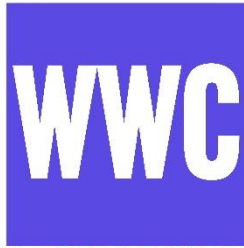
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF AMERSHAM TOWN FC

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