



# THE CITIZEN

**SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2026, 3:00PM**

**FA TROPHY - SECOND QUALIFYING ROUND**



**VS**



**WELWYN GARDEN CITY**

**WALTHAMSTOW**



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# WELCOME TO WELWYN GARDEN CITY FC

## HOME OF THE CITIZENS

Good afternoon and welcome back to Hens Way for our FA Trophy clash with Walthamstow. We welcome everyone from Walthamstow to Hens Way today in what promises to be a great game.

Last Saturday was a great occasion at the club and to have almost 450 attend our game against Didcot Town shows the potential our club has. We all need to spread the word on the progress this club is making, so encourage your friends and family to come to a game and sample what we have to offer here.

It's nice to take a break from league football with a cup game today. We want to go as far as possible in the FA Trophy and having a home draw is an advantage but we know today will be a tough game so get behind the lads and enjoy the game.

David Coates  
Chairman

*Welwyn Garden City Football Club is a Members Club. All positions below are elected annually by members of the club at the AGM which is held in August of each year as per club rules.*

#### **CLUB OFFICERS:**

**Chairman: David Coates, Vice-Chair: Hywel Rhys-Williams, Club Secretary: Gavin Meaden, Treasurer: Leigh Corbit, Membership Secretary: Maureen Hay, Football Secretary: Phil Ravitz**

#### **Welwyn Garden City FC FA League Rule 2.13 Ownership:**

***In accordance with The Football Association Rule 2.13. Publication of Ownership in relation to Step 1 to Step 6 clubs within the football pyramid, we hereby confirm that the Legal Status of Welwyn Garden City Football Club, takes the form of an Unincorporated Association. It has a constitution which sets out the rules that govern its relationship and membership, and elects a Management Committee to run the organisation on behalf of its Private Members.***

***That committee is currently: Chairman: David Coates, Club Secretary: Gavin Meaden  
Members: Leigh Corbit (Club Treasurer), Maureen Hay (Membership Secretary), Phil Ravitz (Football Secretary), Vice-Chair Hywel Rhys-Williams***

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# **CLUB HISTORY**

**1921** First Welwyn Garden City formed. Matches played on local playing field.

**1922** Joined Mid-Hertfordshire League. Permanent home established at Parkway ground. First competitive match played, home to Markyate, 26th August 1922.

**1926** Joined Bedfordshire & District League. Entered the FA Amateur Cup for the first time.

**1927** Reached the final of the Perry Cup, losing 6-1 to Ware at Hertingfordbury Park. Joined Spartan League. Entered the FA Challenge Cup for the first time.

**1934** Amalgamated with Shredded Wheat FC, although both clubs maintained their separate identities. Commenced playing at the Shredded Wheat ground, adjacent to the Shredded Wheat works in Broadwater Road, Welwyn Garden City.

**1935** Resigned from the Spartan League at the end of the season; use of the facilities at Shredded Wheat had been withdrawn and as no suitable alternative could be found, at the club AGM held 24th July 1935 it was agreed to wind up the club.

**1937** At a meeting held on the 20th May 1937, after they were offered the facilities of Shredded Wheat FC, it was agreed to set up a new Welwyn Garden City FC.

**1937** Joined Spartan League. Played once again at the Broadwater Road ground of the former Shredded Wheat FC.

**1938** Arrangement with Shredded Wheat ended after one season. Groundshared with Murphy Radio FC for one season at Handside Playing Fields.

**1939** Permanent home found at Springfields where we remained for 29 years.

**1939/1940** Spartan League suspended after one game. Joined the Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire Combination league for the remainder of the season. No competitive matches recorded for 1941, 1942 or 1943.

**1944** The "recently revived" team joined the Mid-Hertfordshire League

**1945** Joined Spartan League

**1951** Joined London League

**1955** Joined Spartan League

**1959** Joined Hertfordshire County League

**1970** Hertfordshire FA withdraws senior status. Joined Greater London League (Division 2)

**1971** Joined Metropolitan London League (which had been formed that year following the merger of the Greater London and Metropolitan leagues), Reserve Division 1.

**1973** Merged with Welwyn Garden United to form Welwyn Garden FC and took United's place in the South Midlands League. Senior status regained as a result.

**1974** Welwyn Garden FC won the South Midlands League Championship. Welwyn Garden United re-established as a separate club.

**1982** Name changed to Welwyn Garden City Football and Social Club.

# FROM THE MANAGER.....



Today we welcome everyone associated with Walthamstow FC to the Boss Plumbing Stadium for today's FA Trophy 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Round tie.

Its been a mixed bag for then so far this season – they sit 16<sup>th</sup> in the league having played 5 games.

We wish them all a safe passage to and from today's game.

A great crowd for last weeks home game vs Didcot Town the only disappointment being the result – I felt we started the game very well and should have been ahead with early chances but the game tuned on its head with the sending off and then its backs against the wall time.

We tried to move it about as much as possible and the second half really should have had a couple more goals but again when it's not your day it's not your day!

If you had said to me four games in we would be joint top with three wins out of four I'd have been happy with that and this week has been very positive in training.

After today we make the trip up to Biggleswade Town this coming Tuesday – it would be good to have as much support as we have seen on the last few away trips.

Once again we thank you for the support shown so far this season and long may it continue.

UTW - Gaffer.





## WARE FC 0-3 WELWYN GARDEN CITY



WELWYN GC powered to the top of the Southern League Div 1 Central with their third successive away victory, at Ware on Bank Holiday Monday. The Citizens followed up their victories at Hadley and Barton to make a 100 per cent start to their new league campaign.

It's the Herts Way side's best start to a campaign since their final season in Spartan South Midlands League football, before promotion, a decade ago. And as at Hadley and Barton, WGC scored three goals in winning, stretching their run to five successive victories, including their two triumphs in the FA Trophy.

In front of a 400 plus holiday crowd at Ware's Wodson Park, WGC began this game in fine style, picking up from their highly impressive win over Norfolk's Mulbarton Wanderers, just two days before.

But despite the Citizens's bright start, it was Ware who had a golden chance to take an early lead, when Reece Beckles-Richards got over a cross from the left to find Josh Hutchinson unmarked, but the home striker fired wide.

Immediately, at the other end, a miscue by home defender Jack Grosvenor let in WGC's Ethan Rookard, but he shot against home keeper Zack Braverman's legs.

Moments later the visitors were ahead, when Eddie Corbit outmuscled home skipper Herbie Townsend in a challenge, ran clear and from 20 yards finished with a shot into the corner for a fine, opening goal.

WGC maintained their dominance until the closing quarter of the half, when Ware started to impose themselves.

WGC survived a couple of close calls, skipper Jay Lovell managing to hack a Beckles-Richards effort off the line and then the same Ware player swerved a fierce effort just wide of keeper Connor Sansom's far post.

**cont...**

A fine WGC move involving Junior Moses and Corbit saw Keiron Gauthier pull the ball back for Hayes to strike over the bar, before the visitors did double their lead just past the hour.

The goal came from a right-wing Brad Dixon-Smith corner that saw Rookard power in a strong downward header past Braverman for 2-0.

A superb save from keeper Sansom from a home free-kick swerved in by Ware's Wordsworth preserved the lead, as manager Kelsey made changes to his line-up.

Reece Mosanya, Luca Gordon and Reece Barrett all came on, replacing Nick Ralfe, Hayes and Corbit and it was substitute Gordon who supplied WGC's third.

A long Gauthier throw went into a crowded area. Gordon pulled away to make space and cleverly turned to fire back through the pack and into the far corner, to seal the victory.

Again, there was late drama with the only blot on the WGC display – a red card for Junior Moses in a late incident with Beckles-Richards - sent off for 'serious foul play' according to referee Rikki Woolford.

**WGC: Sansom, Gauthier, Impey, Lovell, Dixon-Smith (Mendes 85), Nosike, Corbit (Barrett 73), Moses, Hayes (Gordon 70), Ralfe (Mosanya 65), Rookard (Gyamfi 81).**

# 2026/27 LEAGUE TABLE

|    |                     | Overall |   |   |   |    |    | Home |   |   |   |   |   | Away |   |    |   |     |     |  |  |
|----|---------------------|---------|---|---|---|----|----|------|---|---|---|---|---|------|---|----|---|-----|-----|--|--|
|    |                     | P       | W | D | L | F  | A  | W    | D | L | F | A | W | D    | L | F  | A | GD  | PTS |  |  |
| 1  | Didcot Town         | 3       | 3 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 4  | 1    | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0    | 0 | 10 | 4 | +11 | 9   |  |  |
| 2  | Welwyn Garden City  | 4       | 3 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 6  | 0    | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0    | 0 | 9  | 2 | +4  | 9   |  |  |
| 3  | Potters Bar Town    | 4       | 2 | 2 | 0 | 8  | 5  | 1    | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1    | 0 | 4  | 2 | +3  | 8   |  |  |
| 4  | Hertford Town       | 5       | 2 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 9  | 2    | 1 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 1    | 1 | 2  | 4 | +1  | 8   |  |  |
| 5  | Biggleswade         | 3       | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9  | 4  | 2    | 1 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 0    | 0 | 0  | 0 | +5  | 7   |  |  |
| 6  | Royston Town        | 4       | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6  | 4  | 1    | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0    | 1 | 4  | 3 | +2  | 7   |  |  |
| 7  | Waltham Abbey       | 3       | 2 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 5  | 1    | 0 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 0    | 0 | 5  | 0 | +7  | 6   |  |  |
| 8  | Winslow United      | 3       | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5  | 3  | 1    | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0    | 1 | 2  | 2 | +2  | 6   |  |  |
| 9  | Barton Rovers       | 5       | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7  | 11 | 1    | 1 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 1    | 1 | 1  | 4 | -4  | 5   |  |  |
| 10 | Thame United        | 3       | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6  | 7  | 0    | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 0    | 0 | 3  | 1 | -1  | 4   |  |  |
| 11 | Haringey Borough    | 3       | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7  | 9  | 1    | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1    | 1 | 4  | 8 | -2  | 4   |  |  |
| 12 | Milton Keynes Irish | 4       | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4  | 6  | 1    | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0    | 2 | 3  | 6 | -2  | 4   |  |  |
| 13 | Flackwell Heath     | 2       | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2  | 1  | 1    | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0    | 1 | 0  | 1 | +1  | 3   |  |  |
| 14 | Marlow              | 2       | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4  | 5  | 1    | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0    | 0 | 0  | 0 | -1  | 3   |  |  |
| 15 | Aylesbury United    | 3       | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4  | 6  | 1    | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0    | 2 | 3  | 6 | -2  | 3   |  |  |
| 16 | Ware                | 4       | 0 | 3 | 1 | 8  | 11 | 0    | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 2    | 0 | 5  | 5 | -3  | 3   |  |  |
| 17 | London Lions        | 3       | 1 | 0 | 2 | 7  | 10 | 0    | 0 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 0    | 1 | 4  | 4 | -3  | 3   |  |  |
| 18 | Beaconsfield Town   | 5       | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4  | 15 | 1    | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0    | 3 | 2  | 9 | -11 | 3   |  |  |
| 19 | Stotfold            | 2       | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3  | 3  | 0    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2    | 0 | 3  | 3 | 0   | 2   |  |  |
| 20 | Biggleswade Town    | 2       | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2  | 2  | 0    | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1    | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0   | 2   |  |  |
| 21 | Leverstock Green    | 4       | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3  | 6  | 0    | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1    | 1 | 2  | 4 | -3  | 2   |  |  |
| 22 | Hadley              | 3       | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5  | 9  | 0    | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0    | 1 | 3  | 4 | -4  | 0   |  |  |

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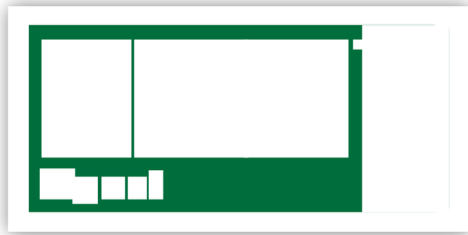
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# 2026/27 FIXTURES/RESULTS

| Date       | H/A | Opponent            | Competition  | Score   | Attd | Scorers                     |
|------------|-----|---------------------|--------------|---------|------|-----------------------------|
| 7/8/2026   | A   | Enfield             | FA Cup EP    | 0 - 2   | 275  |                             |
| 11/8/2026  | A   | Hadley              | League       | 3 - 1   | 161  | Ralfe (2), Harriman-Annous  |
| 15/8/2026  | A   | Buckhurst Hill      | FA Trophy P  | 1 - 0   | 125  | Ralfe                       |
| 22/8/2026  | A   | Barton Rovers       | League       | 3 - 1   | 157  | Mendes, Hayes, Corbit (pen) |
| 29/8/2026  | H   | Mulbarton Wanderers | FA Trophy 1Q | 3 - 0   | 136  | Moses, Impey, Hayes         |
| 31/8/2026  | A   | Ware                | League       | 3 - 0   | 405  | Corbit, Rookard, Gordon     |
| 5/9/2026   | H   | Didcot Town         | League       | 1 - 4   | 443  | Impey                       |
| 12/9/2026  | H   | Walthamstow         | FA Trophy    | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 15/9/2026  | A   | Biggleswade Town    | 2Q League    | 7.45pm  |      |                             |
| 19/9/2026  | H   | Stotfold            | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 26/9/2026  | A   | Beaconsfield Town   | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 29/9/2026  | H   | Royston Town        | League       | 7.45pm  |      |                             |
| 3/10/2026  | A   | Flackwell Heath     | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 10/10/2026 | H   | Winslow United      | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 13/10/2026 | H   | London Lions        | League       | 7.45pm  |      |                             |
| 17/10/2026 | A   | Thame United        | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 24/10/2026 | H   | Haringey Borough    | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 27/10/2026 | H   | Biggleswade Town    | League       | 7.45pm  |      |                             |
| 31/10/2026 | A   | Waltham Abbey       | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 7/11/2026  | H   | Hertford Town       | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 10/11/2026 | A   | Royston Town        | League       | 7.45pm  |      |                             |
| 14/11/2026 | A   | Milton Keynes Irish | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 21/11/2026 | H   | Potters Bar Town    | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 28/11/2026 | H   | Beaconsfield Town   | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 5/12/2026  | A   | Stotfold            | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 12/12/2026 | A   | Marlow              | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 19/12/2026 | H   | Aylesbury United    | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 26/12/2026 | A   | Leverstock Green    | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 2/1/2027   | H   | Ware                | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 9/1/2027   | A   | Potters Bar Town    | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 16/1/2027  | H   | Milton Keynes Irish | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 23/1/2027  | A   | London Lions        | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 30/1/2027  | H   | Thame United        | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 6/2/2027   | A   | Haringey Borough    | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 13/2/2027  | H   | Barton Rovers       | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 20/2/2027  | H   | Hadley              | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 27/2/2027  | A   | Didcot Town         | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 6/3/2027   | H   | Waltham Abbey       | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 13/3/2027  | A   | Hertford Town       | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 20/3/2027  | H   | Marlow              | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 26/3/2027  | A   | Biggleswade         | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 29/3/2027  | H   | Leverstock Green    | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 3/4/2027   | A   | Aylesbury United    | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 10/4/2027  | H   | Flackwell Heath     | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |
| 17/4/2027  | A   | Winslow United      | League       | 3:00 PM |      |                             |



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PLAYER STATS 2026-2027

| Total Possible Games This Season |           |       |           |       |             |        |     |        |           | Career History With Welwyn Garden City FC |       |             |        |     |        |           |       |       |             |            |            |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-------------|--------|-----|--------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|-------|-------------|--------|-----|--------|-----------|-------|-------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 7                                |           |       |           |       |             |        |     |        |           |                                           |       |             |        |     |        |           |       |       |             |            |            |
| First Team Appearances 2026/2027 |           |       |           |       |             |        |     |        |           |                                           |       |             |        |     |        |           |       |       |             |            |            |
| Starts                           | Used Subs | Total | Apps Rate | Goals | Strike Rate | Yellow | Red | Starts | Used Subs | Total                                     | Goals | Strike Rate | Yellow | Red | Starts | Used Subs | Total | Goals | Strike Rate | Debut      |            |
| Brandon Annous                   | 1         | 1     | 2         | 29%   | 1           | 50%    | 0   | 0      | 1         | 1                                         | 2     | 1           | 50%    | 0   | 0      | 1         | 1     | 2     | 1           | 50%        | 07/08/2026 |
| Reece Barnett                    | 0         | 4     | 4         | 57%   | 0           | 0%     | 0   | 0      | 0         | 4                                         | 4     | 0           | 0%     | 0   | 0      | 0         | 4     | 4     | 0           | 0%         | 15/08/2026 |
| Luis Cantello                    | 4         | 0     | 4         | 57%   | 0           | 0%     | 0   | 1      | 4         | 0                                         | 4     | 0           | 0%     | 0   | 1      | 4         | 0     | 4     | 0           | 0%         | 07/08/2026 |
| Eddie Corbit                     | 6         | 1     | 7         | 100%  | 2           | 29%    | 3   | 0      | 69        | 14                                        | 83    | 8           | 10%    | 0   | 69     | 14        | 83    | 8     | 10%         | 02/08/2025 |            |
| Brad Dixon-Smith                 | 5         | 0     | 5         | 71%   | 0           | 0%     | 0   | 0      | 5         | 0                                         | 5     | 0           | 0%     | 0   | 0      | 5         | 0     | 5     | 0           | 0%         | 07/08/2026 |
| Glenn Draper                     | 0         | 0     | 0         | 0%    | 0           | 0%     | 0   | 0      | 0         | 0                                         | 0     | 0           | 0%     | 0   | 0      | 0         | 0     | 0     | 0%          |            |            |
| Oscar Frost                      | 1         | 0     | 1         | 14%   | 0           | 0%     | 2   | 1      | 1         | 0                                         | 1     | 0           | 0%     | 2   | 1      | 1         | 0     | 1     | 0           | 0%         | 05/09/2026 |
| Kieran Gauthier                  | 6         | 1     | 7         | 100%  | 0           | 0%     | 3   | 0      | 6         | 1                                         | 7     | 0           | 0%     | 3   | 0      | 6         | 1     | 7     | 0           | 0%         | 07/08/2026 |
| Luca Gordon                      | 5         | 2     | 7         | 100%  | 1           | 14%    | 0   | 0      | 5         | 2                                         | 7     | 1           | 14%    | 0   | 0      | 5         | 2     | 7     | 1           | 14%        | 07/08/2026 |
| Kendall Gyamfi                   | 3         | 3     | 6         | 86%   | 0           | 0%     | 0   | 0      | 3         | 3                                         | 6     | 0           | 0%     | 0   | 0      | 3         | 3     | 6     | 0           | 0%         | 07/08/2026 |
| Ryan Hayes                       | 5         | 2     | 7         | 100%  | 2           | 29%    | 1   | 0      | 5         | 2                                         | 7     | 2           | 29%    | 1   | 0      | 5         | 2     | 7     | 2           | 29%        | 07/08/2026 |
| Frankie Impey                    | 5         | 1     | 6         | 86%   | 2           | 33%    | 1   | 0      | 5         | 1                                         | 6     | 2           | 33%    | 1   | 0      | 5         | 1     | 6     | 2           | 33%        | 07/08/2026 |
| Jay Lovell                       | 6         | 0     | 6         | 86%   | 0           | 0%     | 1   | 0      | 111       | 5                                         | 116   | 5           | 4%     | 1   | 0      | 111       | 5     | 116   | 5           | 4%         | 13/08/2011 |
| Dan McGowan                      | 0         | 0     | 0         | 0%    | 0           | 0%     | 0   | 0      | 0         | 0                                         | 0     | 0           | 0%     | 0   | 0      | 0         | 0     | 0     | 0           | 0%         |            |
| Evaristo Mendes                  | 3         | 3     | 6         | 86%   | 1           | 17%    | 1   | 0      | 19        | 30                                        | 49    | 5           | 10%    | 1   | 0      | 19        | 30    | 49    | 5           | 10%        | 02/08/2025 |
| Bradley Monks                    | 0         | 0     | 0         | 0%    | 0           | 0%     | 0   | 0      | 1         | 0                                         | 1     | 0           | 0%     | 0   | 0      | 1         | 0     | 1     | 0           | 0%         | 18/04/2026 |
| Reece Mosanya                    | 3         | 3     | 6         | 86%   | 0           | 0%     | 1   | 0      | 3         | 3                                         | 6     | 0           | 0%     | 1   | 0      | 3         | 3     | 6     | 0           | 0%         | 07/08/2026 |
| Junior Moses                     | 2         | 2     | 4         | 57%   | 1           | 25%    | 1   | 1      | 2         | 2                                         | 4     | 1           | 25%    | 1   | 1      | 2         | 2     | 4     | 1           | 25%        | 22/08/2026 |
| Malik Nosike                     | 6         | 1     | 7         | 100%  | 0           | 0%     | 1   | 0      | 6         | 1                                         | 7     | 0           | 0%     | 1   | 0      | 6         | 1     | 7     | 0           | 0%         | 07/08/2026 |
| Egan Ntege                       | 2         | 0     | 2         | 29%   | 0           | 0%     | 1   | 1      | 2         | 0                                         | 2     | 0           | 0%     | 1   | 1      | 2         | 0     | 2     | 0           | 0%         | 07/08/2026 |
| Nick Raffe                       | 5         | 0     | 5         | 71%   | 3           | 60%    | 1   | 0      | 30        | 7                                         | 37    | 16          | 43%    | 1   | 0      | 30        | 7     | 37    | 16          | 43%        | 18/01/2025 |
| Tyreese Robertson                | 1         | 2     | 3         | 43%   | 0           | 0%     | 1   | 0      | 1         | 2                                         | 3     | 0           | 0%     | 1   | 0      | 1         | 2     | 3     | 0           | 0%         | 22/08/2026 |
| Ethan Rookard                    | 1         | 4     | 5         | 71%   | 1           | 20%    | 0   | 0      | 26        | 14                                        | 40    | 10          | 25%    | 0   | 0      | 26        | 14    | 40    | 10          | 25%        | 12/08/2025 |
| Connor Sansom                    | 6         | 0     | 6         | 86%   | 0           | 0%     | 1   | 0      | 8         | 0                                         | 8     | 0           | 0%     | 1   | 0      | 8         | 0     | 8     | 0           | 0%         | 17/08/2019 |
| Joe Shenouda                     | 0         | 0     | 0         | 0%    | 0           | 0%     | 0   | 0      | 0         | 0                                         | 0     | 0           | 0%     | 0   | 0      | 0         | 0     | 0     | 0           | 0%         |            |
| George Sippetts                  | 0         | 0     | 0         | 0%    | 0           | 0%     | 0   | 0      | 0         | 0                                         | 0     | 0           | 0%     | 0   | 0      | 0         | 0     | 0     | 0           | 0%         |            |
| Teddy Stacey                     | 1         | 1     | 2         | 29%   | 0           | 0%     | 1   | 0      | 1         | 1                                         | 2     | 0           | 0%     | 1   | 0      | 1         | 1     | 2     | 0           | 0%         | 07/08/2026 |



# DIDCOT TOWN CLUB HISTORY

Didcot Town Football Club was founded in 1907 and in their early days competed in the North Berks League from the 1910–11 season. They left the North Berks league at the end of the 1927–28 campaign and later joined the Reading League and then the Metropolitan League. They then became founder members of the Hellenic League in 1953, where they won the championship at the first attempt. Although they returned to the Metropolitan League for the 1957–58 season they rejoined the Hellenic League Premier Division in 1963.

They spent the next thirteen seasons in the Premier Division before being relegated to Division one at the end of the 1975–76 season, the same season they made their debut in the FA Cup; however, they bounced back up as champions of Division one the next season.

They moved between the Hellenic League's two divisions on two more occasions before they established themselves for the rest of their time in the top flight of the Hellenic league from the 1995–96 season.

In 2004–05, under manager Stuart Peace, they were only denied the title due to the deduction of one point for fielding an ineligible player in a 1–1 draw at Tuffley Rovers at the start of the season but made up for it by beating A.F.C. Sudbury to claim the FA Vase.

The following season they finally claimed the league title, becoming the first team in Hellenic League history to accrue 100 points in a season, and were thus promoted to the Southern League Division One South & West.

In May 2009 they gained promotion to the Southern Football League Premier Division, when they beat AFC Totton 2–1 after extra time in the play-off final. Didcot reached the play-offs after finishing fifth in the league and, in consecutive matches, beating the first (Truro City), second- (Windsor and Eton) and third-placed (AFC Totton) teams, all away from home.

The 2010–11 season saw long-term manager Stuart Peace leave the club in January, to be replaced by Ady Williams; however, he could not save them from relegation.

Williams resigned in May 2011 to be replaced by Francis Vines, but he only stayed until September 2011, after a poor start to the season. He was replaced with Dave Mudge, who guided the club to the first round of the FA Trophy for the first time but resigned at the start of the 2012–13 season for personal reasons to be replaced by Gary Elkins.

Elkins was replaced by former Didcot FA Vase winners Ian Concannon and Jamie Heapy, who were appointed as joint managers in November 2013.

The football club gained nationwide attention when it reached the FA Cup First Round Proper in season 2015–16 and was awarded a home tie with Exeter City, which was shown live on BT Sport.

At the end of the 2018–19 season, Didcot reappointed First Team Manager Jamie after Andy Ballard resigned.

The 2022–23 season saw Didcot Town promoted back to the Southern League Premier Division having defeated Ware in the play-off final.

Season 2023–24 saw the Railwaymen struggle in the Premier Division and relegation followed, this time into the Southern League Division One South as a result of Cirencester Town's voluntary relegation.

Facing significant travel as the most northeasterly of the clubs in the Division, Didcot finished the season in mid table in 2024–25.



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WELL, here we go again? It feels like only yesterday that we were negotiating the hectic Christmas period and scraping snow and ice off the pitches. How time flies.

Now, in the blink of an eye, we're preparing for Easter and counting down to the final throws of another spell-binding Non-League season.

Promotion, play-off and relegation pictures are becoming ever clearer, so with that in mind it's time to get those now iconic National Game Awards glass decanters to the engravers and prepare to honour the big winners of the 2025-26 campaign.

With plenty still to play for, of course, this year's NGAs are very much up for grabs, so why not get your votes in early to give your team, star man or most valued volunteer the best chance of being celebrated in Non-League football's most prized ceremony?

Today, we can exclusively reveal that The NGAs will again be held at AFC Wimbledon's Plough Lane Stadium on Wednesday May 20.

We are delighted once again to confirm that Isuzu UK have agreed to become title sponsors of the event, adding The NGAs to their current sponsorship of Non-League's two premier cup competitions, the FA Trophy and FA Vase.

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## Institution

The NGAs have become something of a Non-League institution over the years – and that's thanks largely to the strong backing it receives.

Without this, we simply couldn't honour the great and good of the Non-League game with that famous decanter, provided once again by our friends at Supreme Engraving.

This year, we welcome new sponsors on board. Enterprise Rent-A-Car, official title sponsors of the National League, North and South, climb onto the NGA bandwagon after a groundbreaking first year of involvement in the Non-League game.

From helping fans get to the game to backing local initiatives off the pitch, Enterprise have relished becoming a part of the journey.

They will be honouring the hotly-contested Team of the Year award for their outstanding contribution this year. Also on board this year for the first time, are JDG Media – The NLP's digital partners in bringing you unrivalled online news content.

They will be sponsoring our newest NGA, the Digital Media Award, honouring those who have provided the best content over various media platforms.

Last year's inaugural award was won by Farnham Town FC.

Talking of newcomers, this year we are also delighted to welcome on board Groundtastic – the Football Grounds Magazine – to proceedings as sponsors of our Step 3&4 Player of the Year, and our colleagues from News Team Group – the newspaper and magazine delivery specialists – to lead the Manager of the Year award.

Elsewhere, we are delighted to welcome back The Sports Circle Ltd for a second year. They will be honouring the Player of the Year for their outstanding contribution this year.

UK teamwear and clothing company Moving Forward Sports also return; Community Club of the Year award is their category.

Long-term sponsors Huck Nets have again put their name to the Goal of the Season accolade, while Reusch also return – they couldn't wait to once again get their hands on the sponsorship for this season's Goalkeeper of the Year award.

Our partners at Sportsbeat sign up once again – they didn't need asking twice to support the Young Player of the Year, while SK Kits will honour Non-League's top goal getter with the Golden Boot award.

The NLP Lifetime Achievement award is one of our personal favourites, while The Football Supporters' Association Away Day Experience of the Year recognises the efforts clubs make to cater for travelling fans.

The FA are also back on board to acknowledge the winner of the Cup Run of the Year, judged on the FA Cup, Trophy and Vase.

Macclesfield will clearly take some beating here but FA Trophy semi-finalists Marine and Southport will undoubtedly push them all the way.

Keep an eye on The NLP over the coming weeks for award-by-award guides and all the information you need to ensure the decanters end up in the right hands!

Let's get this show on the road once more.



# DIDCOT TOWN PEN PICS

**Leigh Bedwell (GK)** - Leigh will be looking to add to his 416 appearances and 104 clean sheets at the Club this season. An excellent shot stopper and leader. Played in the EFL for Swindon Town under Paolo Di Canio, in Didcot's FA Cup tie vs Exeter City in 2015 as well as the 2022/23 promotion season. Previous clubs also include Banbury United and Worcester City.

**Fin Coles (GK)** - Made the step up to the first team in 2024/25. Made his full debut in the win at Falmouth Town in 2025/26 and he went on to make 9 appearances. Previous clubs include Wallingford & Crowmarsh.

**Taylor Bedwell (DEF)** - A natural leader who despite his young age has already made over 104 appearances for the club prior to the start of this season. Hopes to return to the pitch this season and put a frustrating few seasons out through injury behind him. Nephew of goalkeeper Leigh, son of Assistant Manager Paul.

**Luke Carnell (DEF)** - A colossus at centre back who returned 'home' to Diddy in 2023/24 and has made over 350 appearances. Another leader, who offers a goal threat in addition to his defensive qualities. Also featured in the 2015 FA Cup run. Previous clubs: Brackley Town, Abingdon United, Banbury United, North Leigh, Thame United, Hungerford Town.

**Adam Learoyd (DEF)** - Over 450 appearances for the Club, many of them as Captain. A warrior and leader who commands respect at both ends of the pitch. Another who starred in the FA Cup run of 2015 as well as the 2022/23 promotion. His form last season saw him named the Managers' Player of the season. Adam includes Wantage, Banbury, Oxford City and North Leigh among his previous clubs.

**Cameron McNeill (DEF)** - Over 250 appearances for the Club, another highly competitive player who leads by example with his outstanding fitness, commitment and experience. Can play at left back or centre back and was a big part of the 2022/23 season. Recognised by his teammates last season when he was named the Players' Player of the season. Previous clubs: Wantage Town, North Leigh, Abingdon United.

**George Reid (MID)** - Back this season for his second spell at the club, having played for the railwaymen between 2016-2020, when he netted 31 goals in 113 appearances. Returns to Didcot after impressing in step 3 with Basingstoke Town.

**Conor McGrath (DEF)** - Right back who established himself in step 4 in 2024/25. A physically strong young man with a good engine, his commitment and bubbly character has made a big impression on the dressing room. Previous clubs: Oxford City, Oxford United, Abingdon United.

**Sam Bailey (DEF)** - Versatile defender and midfielder who joins Didcot from Swindon Supermarine. Sam has also represented Southampton, Kidlington, Evesham United, and Ardley United.

**James Glover (CM)** - The Engine Room' in midfield for Diddy who never stops running. Loves a tackle and is one of the most consistent performers in the team. Starred in the 2022/23 promotion season and includes Wantage, Thatcham, Kidlington in his previous clubs.



# **DIDCOT TOWN PEN PICS ...(CONT)**

**Felix Robertson (CM)** - Central midfielder who joins from Kidlington in 2025/26. Felix brings physicality and goal threat and has firmly established himself at Step 4 in the Didcot midfield. Previous clubs include Charlbury Town FC, Moreton Rangers, Wantage, Kidlington.

**John Paul Nyuysemo (CM)** - Tireless attacking midfielder who marked his debut in 2025-26 with a stunning goal in the FA Cup tie with Milton United. His form in his first season saw him named both Supporters' Player and Young Player of the Season. Previous club: Saxton Rovers.

**Kaiden Heap (CM)** - Young central midfielder who joins from the Oxford United Academy. Made his Didcot debut off the bench at Flackwell Heath in the Berks and Bucks County Cup tie in 25/26.

**Dylan Conlan (DEF)** - Attacking wide player who signed for Diddy from Abingdon United, in 2024. He's shown his versatility since his arrival, playing in a number of positions. Also represented Easington Sports.

**Jordan Graham (FWD)** - Jordan arrives at the Loop Meadow Stadium this summer having had previous Football League experience with League Two side Mansfield Town. This is his second spell with the railwaymen, having scored twice in ten appearances during a loan spell from Oxford United. Previous clubs include Leicester City, Oxford United, Mansfield Town, Farnborough Town, Hednesford Town, Tamworth, Kettering Town, Wellingborough Town, Spalding United and AFC Rushden and Diamonds.

**Owen James (FWD)** - The striker impressed at the Loop last season in his first season with the railwaymen. Owen scored 16 goals for the club, proving a handful for any defender. He has represented the Armed Forces as well as previous clubs Buckingham, Aylesbury United & Ardley United.

**Lochlan Colquhoun (DEF)** - Attacking fullback signed from Stratford Town. Came into the team at Shaftesbury and impressed with a string of strong performances before injury knocked him back.

**Jenson Wright (FWD)** - A Milton Keynes Academy product, Jenson is a creative attacking midfielder who starred in Didcot's 2023/24 promotion season. Previous clubs include Oxford City, Banbury United, Thame United, North Leigh and Hanwell Town.

**Harry Pitman (FWD)** - Centre forward that came through the Didcot Town Youth system and graduated to the Precision Oxford Academy.

**Kian Larkins (MID)** - A young attacking midfielder who returns to the Loop Meadow Stadium following his release by League Two side Swindon Town. Kian impressed in a handful of appearances for the railwaymen last season and showed he had an eye for goal with a goal in the draw with Mousehole.

**Reuben Harry (MID)** - Joined Didcot Town this summer after an impressive season with Ardley United in the Combined Counties League. Reuben's pace and versatility in the attacking areas makes him a fantastic addition to the squad. Arrives at the Loop after being named the Young Player of the Season at Ardley.



# DIDCOT TOWN PEN PICS ...(CONT)

**Jay Horgan (MID)** - Jay is a creative midfielder who joined the club on loan from Bristol Rovers, where he has been in the academy since the age of nine.

**Brooklyn Leipus (MID)** - Brooklyn joined Didcot for a second time in August, following a loan spell at the club during the 2024/25 season. The attacking midfielder came through the Bristol Rovers academy and has represented Lithuania across several youth age groups.

**Leo Cole (MID)** - Leo joins on loan from Hemel Hempstead. Leo enjoyed two seasons with Abingdon United where he earned a reputation as an attacking midfielder with 14 goals and 22 assists.

**Connor Barrett (MID)** - Into his third spell with the club. Attacking midfielder with 66 goal contributions in 113 appearances in his two previous spells with the club

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# TODAY'S TEAMS



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Connor Sansom (GK)  
Bradley Monks (GK)  
Brad Dixon-Smith  
Kieran Gaultier  
Egan Ntege  
Jay Lovell (c)  
Junior Moses  
Frankie Impey  
Reece Mosanya  
Luis Cantello  
Eddie Corbit  
Ryan Hayes  
Luca Gordon  
Malik Nosike  
Reece Barrett  
Ethan Rookard  
Kendall Ata-Gyamfi  
Evaristo Mendes  
Nick Ralfe  
Brandon Annous  
Tyreese Robertson

**Manager:** Gavin Kelsey

**Colours:** All Claret

**Referee:** Connor Mackay

**Assistant Referee:** Christopher Girdlestone



## WALTHAMSTOW

Luke Newitt (Gk)  
Usman Adeniji (c)  
Shaun Soukou  
Nathaniel Orafu  
Lewis Allen  
William Oduwa  
Gassem Benelghazi  
Tristan Goodridge  
James Collins  
Joden Trickett  
Shaun Mavididi  
Zion Sinclair  
Elijah Grant  
Jared Small  
Tayo Oyebola  
Luke Warner-Elay  
Zion Sinclair  
Connor Scully  
Jack Empson  
Hamid Seisay  
Harry Pitman

**Managers:** Max Mitchell

**Colours:** White & Blue

**Assistant Referee:** Bradley Halleybone