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TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2026, 7:45PM

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WELCOME TO WELWYN GARDEN CITY FC

HOME OF THE CITIZENS

Good evening and welcome to our league game with Biggleswade Town back at Hens Way. We welcome everybody from Biggleswade Town to Welwyn Garden City and we hope you enjoy your evening with us.

Thank you to everybody who came to the Haringey Borough game on Saturday. The weather conditions were awful so I appreciate you all for coming to support the team. The result didn't go our way but we will be hoping our luck changes tonight.

We are still positioned in the playoff spots so 3 points tonight will be welcome to keep us up there. We know it will be a tough game tonight. We played Biggleswade Town not that long ago away and played out a draw. We snatched an injury time equaliser when in reality we had enough chances to have been out of sight before the home side went ahead.

On Saturday we travel to Waltham Abbey. It would be great to have as many of you there as possible to support Gav and the team in our bid to get another away win.

But tonight comes first so get behind the team 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

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In accordance with The Football Association Rule 2.15. 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
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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.....



As games come thick and fast tonight we welcome Biggleswade Town FC to The Boss Plumbing Stadium for this Southern Division One Central fixture.

We would like to wish them safe travel to and from tonight's venue.

Football is a game of fine lines and those lines are not going for us at the present.

We had 2 golden chances on Saturday in a game played in nasty conditions – we didn't take them and Haringey jumped on that with a deflected effort that looped over Connor.

For all our efforts in the 2nd half the first goal proved to be the winner.

You have periods in a season when things just don't go for you and it feels like that given the last 3-4 games.

This needs to end tonight – we have played Biggleswade Town already and know what to expect. So again know it will be a tough game!

Please carry on the support – Saturdays weather was horrible but still good to see so many people attend.

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Gaffer.



WELWYN GARDEN CITY 0-1 HARINGEY BOROUGH



VISITORS Haringey Boro powered to their fourth win in the last five games, on their first visit to Herts Way in over 20 years.

In contrast, WGC's form is heading in the other direction, as this was their third loss in their last four matches.

In what was a poorish match in very difficult weather conditions, with a very high wind and torrential rain throughout the game, Haringey – in the Southern League Div 1 Central for the first time this season after winning last season's SSML title – outmuscled the Citizens in the opening 45 minutes.

Their, at times, tough, heavy-handed tactics seemed to unnerve WGC's players, with some of the Citizens' smaller, cleverer players such as midfielder Ryan Hayes and winger Junior Moses seemingly particular targets.

Home keeper Connor Sansom was called on to make a sharp save with his legs in six minutes, when Haringey burst down the left and played in forward Jon Hippolyte, but Sansom saved well.

WGC were forced into a change on 15 minutes, when teenage defender Frankie Impey went down injured. Luis Cantello replaced him.

Then on 18 minutes, WGC had their best chance of the game.

Nick Ralfe was played into the visitors' area. He took himself too wide of the goal, but managed to cut the ball back. WGC re-cycled it well to set up a golden chance for Hayes, but just when he looked a certain scorer, a Haringey block in front of goal denied him!

It wasn't long afterwards, before Haringey again swept downfield for the game's only goal.

Again they attacked down the left, forward Matt Young was played into the box and when sub Cantello got over to block the effort, the ball took a major deflection to bounce over Sansom's dive and into the net.

WGC were very lucky not to be 2-0 down three minutes later as a very dangerous cross from the right saw Hippolyte finish in the net, but the ball elude him and finish behind the goal.

The second-half was a poor affair.

WGC had more of the play, but couldn't fashion much that threatened the Haringey goal.

They used all five of their substitutes, but it was the visitors who had the best chance of a disappointing second period, lively substitute Leo Lapete getting away down the left to find Sami Bessardi, but again Sansom kept the lead to just one, with a fine block with his body.

WGC didn't create a clear goalscoring opportunity in the half, the best being a late shooting chance for substitute Kendall Gyamfi.

He hesitated with the chance and the effort was blocked and with it went the three points to Haringey.

WGC: Sansom, Ntege, Impey (Cantello 16), Lovell, Gauthier (Mendes 68), Corbit, Nosike, Moses, Hayes (Barrett 70), Ralfe (Sippetts 81), Rookard ((Gyamfi 63).

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	Winslow United	11	8	2	1	28	11	4	1	0	17	6	4	1	1	11	5	+17	26
2	Didcot Town	12	8	1	3	33	15	4	0	2	18	7	4	1	1	15	8	+18	25
3	Potters Bar Town	14	6	5	3	28	19	3	2	2	15	9	3	3	1	13	10	+9	23
4	Stotfold	13	5	6	2	16	15	3	2	1	8	4	2	4	1	8	11	+1	21
5	Welwyn Garden City	12	6	2	4	27	18	2	1	3	13	11	4	1	1	14	7	+9	20
6	Biggleswade	11	6	2	3	23	15	3	1	2	16	11	3	1	1	7	4	+8	20
7	Royston Town	13	5	5	3	24	18	3	2	1	10	4	2	3	2	14	14	+6	20
8	Marlow	11	6	2	3	25	20	2	1	2	11	10	4	1	1	14	10	+5	20
9	Haringey Borough	12	6	2	4	20	20	3	0	3	9	8	3	2	1	11	12	0	20
10	London Lions	14	6	1	7	25	32	3	1	3	12	15	3	0	4	13	17	-7	19
11	Milton Keynes Irish	14	5	3	6	19	26	3	2	2	8	9	2	1	4	11	17	-7	18
12	Waltham Abbey	9	5	2	2	29	19	3	2	1	20	14	2	0	1	9	5	+10	17
13	Beaconsfield Town	15	5	2	8	16	30	2	1	3	7	12	3	1	5	9	18	-14	17
14	Thame United	9	5	1	3	20	17	2	1	2	10	10	3	0	1	10	7	+3	16
15	Barton Rovers	14	4	3	7	16	24	2	2	3	8	11	2	1	4	8	13	-8	15
16	Leverstock Green	13	3	5	5	20	19	2	2	3	11	8	1	3	2	9	11	+1	14
17	Hertford Town	12	3	4	5	16	23	2	3	1	11	11	1	1	4	5	12	-7	13
18	Biggleswade Town	11	3	3	5	16	16	2	2	2	13	10	1	1	3	3	6	0	12
19	Aylesbury United	12	3	1	8	21	28	1	1	4	9	13	2	0	4	12	15	-7	10
20	Hadley	13	3	1	9	18	29	1	1	5	6	12	2	0	4	12	17	-11	10
21	Ware	11	1	6	4	15	28	1	2	3	8	16	0	4	1	7	12	-13	9
22	Flackwell Heath	12	2	1	9	15	28	2	0	3	11	8	0	1	6	4	20	-13	7

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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 W'drers	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 2Q	2-1	192	Corbit, Gyamfi
15/9/2026	A	Biggleswade Town	League	1-1	120	Barrett
19/9/2026	H	Stotfold	League	5-0	204	Dixon-Smith, Robertson, Gyamfi, Rookard, Gauthier
26/9/2026	A	Eastbourne Borough	FA Trophy 3Q	2-4	569	Robertson, Mosanya
29/9/2026	H	Royston Town	League	1-1	231	OG
3/10/2026	A	Flackwell Heath	League	3-2	226	Robertson, Rookard, Ralfe
6/10/2026	H	Everett Rovers	HSC 1st Round	4-1	134	Sippetts, Gyamfi, Mendes, OG
10/10/2026	H	Winslow United	League	1-2	190	Rookard
13/10/2026	H	London Lions	League	5-3	154	Impey, Corbit, Hayes, Mendes x 2
17/10/2026	A	Thame United	League	1-2	94	Nosike
24/10/2026	H	Haringey Borough	League	0-1	224	
27/10/2026	H	Biggleswade Town	League	7.45pm		
31/10/2026	A	Waltham Abbey	League	3:00 PM		
3/11/2026	A	Beaconsfield Town	League	7:45 PM		
7/11/2026	H	Hertford Town	League	3:00 PM		
10/11/2026	A	St Albans City	HSC 2nd Round	7:45 PM		
10/11/2026	A	Royston Town	League	7.45pm		
14/11/2026	A	Milton Keynes Irish	League	3:00 PM		
17/11/2026	H	Biggleswade FC	League	7:45 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		
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17/4/2027	A	Winslow United	League	3:00 PM		



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Total Possible Games This Season		Career History With Welwyn Garden City FC														
18		Starts	Used Subs	Total	Apps Rate	Assists	Goals	Strike Rate	Yellow	Red	Starts	Used Subs	Total	Goals	Strike Rate	Debut
		1	11	12	67%	0	2	17%	0	0	1	11	12	2	17%	15/08/2026
		11	4	15	83%	0	0	0%	2	1	11	4	15	0	0%	07/08/2026
		15	1	16	89%	1	4	25%	7	0	78	14	92	10	11%	13/08/2022
		12	1	13	72%	7	1	8%	2	0	12	1	13	1	8%	07/08/2026
		0	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
		1	0	1	6%	0	0	0%	2	1	1	0	1	0	0%	05/09/2026
		16	1	17	94%	3	1	6%	5	0	16	1	17	1	6%	07/08/2026
		6	4	10	56%	1	1	10%	0	0	6	4	10	1	10%	07/08/2026
		4	9	13	72%	1	2	15%	1	1	4	9	13	2	15%	07/08/2026
		11	7	18	100%	2	3	17%	1	0	11	7	18	3	17%	07/08/2026
		14	1	15	83%	0	3	20%	2	0	14	1	15	3	20%	07/08/2026
		11	0	11	61%	2	0	0%	2	0	116	5	121	5	4%	13/08/2011
		0	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
		6	9	15	83%	4	4	27%	1	0	22	36	58	8	14%	02/08/2025
		0	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	1	0	1	0	0%	18/04/2026
		8	7	15	83%	3	1	7%	2	0	8	7	15	1	7%	07/08/2026
		8	2	10	56%	4	1	10%	3	1	8	2	10	1	10%	22/08/2026
		15	3	18	100%	2	1	6%	1	0	15	3	18	1	6%	07/08/2026
		13	0	13	72%	0	0	0%	3	1	13	0	13	0	0%	07/08/2026
		11	5	16	89%	2	4	25%	1	0	36	12	48	17	35%	18/01/2025
		8	3	11	61%	0	3	27%	4	0	8	3	11	3	27%	22/08/2026
		10	4	14	78%	3	4	29%	2	0	35	14	49	13	27%	12/08/2025
		17	0	17	94%	0	0	0%	2	0	19	0	19	0	0%	17/08/2019
		0	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
		0	5	5	28%	1	1	20%	0	0	0	5	5	1	20%	06/10/2026
		1	1	2	11%	1	0	0%	1	0	1	1	2	0	0%	07/08/2026



BIGGLESWADE TOWN CLUB HISTORY

Founded in 1874, Biggleswade Town FC is one of Bedfordshire's oldest football clubs, with a proud history spanning more than 150 years.

Originally formed as Biggleswade FC, the club enjoyed early success in local competitions, including the Biggleswade & District League and Bedfordshire Senior Cup, establishing itself as one of the area's leading football sides. Following the Second World War, the club adopted the name Biggleswade Town FC and continued to represent the town through the changing landscape of non-league football.

Over the years, The Waders have competed in a number of regional leagues, including the United Counties League, Spartan League and Spartan South Midlands League, before achieving promotion to the Southern League in 2009 after winning the Spartan South Midlands Premier Division title.

A memorable highlight came in 2008, when Biggleswade Town defeated Football League club Luton Town 3-2 in the Bedfordshire Premier Cup Final, a result that remains one of the club's proudest achievements.

The club moved to its current home at Langford Road Stadium in 2008, providing a modern base for both senior and youth football. Since then, Biggleswade Town has continued to develop as a community club, supported by generations of volunteers, players, supporters and local businesses.

Known as "The Waders", Biggleswade Town FC remains committed to representing the town with pride, building on its long history while looking forward to an exciting future in the non-league pyramid.



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Kendall Ata-Gyamfi - Spartan South Midlands Talk & Adam Sparshott

Brandon Annous - Howard Stroud

Nick Ralfe - Mark Boreham

Reece Mosanya - Welch

Tyreese Robertson - Reggie Sones

Gavin Kelsey - Lauren Kelsey

Phil Lovell - The Old Gits

Glenn Draper - David Vass

Tommy & Ant Burns - Ellie

Stuart Hardy - Ian French

TODAY'S TEAMS



WELWYN GARDEN CITY

Connor Sansom (GK)

Brad Dixon-Smith

Kieran Gaulthier

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

Tyreese Robertson

Manager: Gavin Kelsey

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Referee: Demetri Anastasiou



BIGGLESWADE TOWN

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Adam Turner

Connor Tomlinson

Daniel Sears

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Corey Birch

Alexander Coppin

Rio Dasilva

Rafe Goodman

Aaron Hector

Samuel Hope

Carter Hudson-Doncaster

Callum Mullins

Lord Munsoh

Ryan Neufville

Adam Martin

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