

STURMINSTER NEWTON
UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB



MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



STURMINSTER
NEWTON UNITED FC

VS



CHRISTCHURCH
FOOTBALL CLUB

TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST 2026

KICK OFF: 19:45PM
WE HEAT SOUTH STADIUM

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THE HOME OF STURMINSTER NEWTON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Good evening everyone and welcome to everyone joining us today at the We Heat South Stadium, and a special welcome to the players, officials, and supporters of Christchurch FC.

Today is an exciting day for everyone connected with SNUFC as we welcome the FA Cup Trophy to the club. Its presence marks the beginning of a truly historic chapter, as on 8th August we will take our place in the FA Cup Prelim Round - our first participation in the competition for an incredible 148 years.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support. We hope you enjoy today's occasion, take the opportunity to see the famous FA Cup Trophy and join us in looking forward to what promises to be a memorable start to our FA Cup journey next weekend.

Thank you to everyone at Christchurch FC. Thank you for making the journey, and we hope you enjoy your visit and have a safe trip home after the match.

Enjoy the game and thank you for being part of this special day.

Lee Bright
Chairman

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SINCE WE WERE LAST HERE - FAREHAM TOWN 1.8.26



Photographs taken by Robin Caddy from The Wessex Way
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Man of the Match



Tom Budden

The We Heat South stadium hosted Fareham Town as The Cherries began their campaign in the Wessex Premier League. It didn't take long for the visitors to score what was ultimately the decisive goal, within two minutes, as a free kick was headed powerfully home by the Creeksiders centre back. Despite this early setback, the hosts showed great character and gradually adjusted to the pace of the game and apart from a great save from Theo Crane in the home goal started to dominate possession and carve out some half chances. As a Fareham player was sin-binned, The Cherries grew in stature and started to believe

they could press home the numerical advantage, however having come close, testing the Fareham keeper, they went into the break behind.

The second half started well for The Cherries as they dominated possession and laid seige to the Fareham goal, a few long range efforts fizzed high, two penalty shouts were waved away by the officials and some last ditch defending saw efforts scooped off the goal-line, ensuring the visitors defence remained intact, with Fareham managing to hold on to three points. Disappointment for The Cherries, but after a timid start, they showed qualities that would suggest they should be happy that they will be competitive in the league this season.

Some words from Rob from The Wessex Way

The start of every season brings a fresh sense of excitement and new grounds to visit. I had been told that The We Heat South Stadium was a really special ground. It was also the only ground in the Wessex Premier Division that I hadn't previously visited in the five seasons of this project. I got to the ground nice and early and it was such a great day for a season opener and I was thinking the crowd may be a couple of hundred so to see 243 fans in attendance was really impressive. On the pitch it was hard to know what to expect. The early Fareham goal was probably exactly what the game didn't need from a neutral's perspective. Full credit to the Cherries though, as the game went on the players grew into it. Anyone expecting a big score, especially after the early goal, was proved wrong and most neutrals I spoke to felt a draw would have been a fair result. I came away feeling like it had been a really great way to spend the first Saturday of the season, and loved sharing in some of the excitement everyone has for the return of The FA Cup after so many years. What a story! And you will surely make many more new stories as the season goes on. Good luck and enjoy it.

TODAY'S VISITORS



CHRISTCHURCH FC

Introduction

Founded in **1885**, Christchurch FC is one of Hampshire's oldest football clubs and has a proud tradition in non-league football. Nicknamed '**The Church**', the club plays its home matches at **Hurn Bridge Sports Ground**, in Christchurch, Dorset.

Current League Position

League: Christchurch FC currently compete in the Wessex League Premier Division, having first joined the Wessex League in the 1987/88 season. Christchurch FC are currently **13th** in the league table.

Recent Form

Portland 7-0 Christchurch

Chichester City 7-0 Christchurch

Manager

Brad Gale took over as Christchurch FC first-team manager in April 2026. He is focused on developing a competitive squad capable of progressing in the Wessex League Premier Division while continuing the club's commitment to developing the local talent.

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History of Sturminster Newton United FC



1871

Club founded as Panthers FC in Blandford Forum

1874

Becomes the first football club from the West Country to compete in the FA Cup, reaching the second round of three occasions

1945

Adopts its current name, Sturminster Newton United Football Club

1972

Wins the Dorset League Division One title and rejoins the Dorset Combination

1981

Wins the Dorset Combination League Cup for the first time

1990s

Wins a second Dorset Combination League Cup and moves into current home at Honeymead Lane

2010s

Wins the Dorset Senior Trophy under manager Gary Head

2020s

Wins a second Dorset Senior Trophy under manager Nick Squires. Lifts the Dorset Premier League Cup. Promotion to Step 6 & 5.

History of Christchurch FC



1885

Christchurch FC was formed in 1885 and began playing in local competitions, including the Hants & Dorset FA Junior Cup

1893

The club won its first recorded honour by lifting the Hampshire Junior Cup

1938

Christchurch won the Hants 2 Championship and gained promotion to Hants 1 for the first time

1970

Christchurch became the first club to win the Bournemouth Senior Cup three seasons in a row.

1987

Christchurch joined the newly formed Wessex League in the 1987/88 season, becoming one of the early members of the competition

1995/96

A new 200-seat cantilever stand was added at Hurn Bridge

2012/13

Under then manager Graham Kemp, Christchurch achieved a third-place Wessex Premier League finish

2020s

Christchurch FC continue to compete in the Wessex League maintaining a strong focus on community football

League Table & Fixtures for Reserves

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Allendale First	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Beaminster First	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Blandford United Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Broadstone First	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Corfe Castle First	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Holt United Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Okford United First	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Poundbury First	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Sturminster Marshall First	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Sturminster Newton United Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table from 2/8/26

Upcoming Reserves Fixtures

Date	Opponent	Venue	Kick-off
15/08/26	Mere	South Cheriton	15:00
22/08/26	Stars	We Heat South Stadium	15:00
29/08/26	Tisbury United	The Rec, High Street, Tisbury	15:30

Latest Fixture

Match Details

Sturminster Newton United Reserves

VS

Sherborne Town Fc Reserves

Full Time Score



4 - 3



to Sherborne Town

Goal Scorers

Jamie Danoris x 1

Charlie Garrod x2

SNUFC Youth

U8s

Coach: Daniel Warren

Last Fixture & Result: ...

Next Fixture: ...

U10s

Coach: Callum Frampton

Last Fixture & Result: ...

Next Fixture: ...

U11s

Coach: Matt Benefer

Last Fixture & Result: ...

Next Fixture: ...

U13s

Coach: Chris Fear

Last Fixture & Result: ...

Next Fixture: ...

U14s

Coach: Stu Frear

Last Fixture & Result: ...

Next Fixture: ...

U15s

Coach: Simon Goddard

Last Fixture & Result: ...

Next Fixture: ...

U16s

Coach: Kevin Selby

Last Fixture & Result: ...

Next Fixture: ...



SNUFC Youth League Tables - 25/26 End of Season



U12s

Team	P	W	D	L
Poole Town FC Wessex U12	16	14	1	1
Stars Football Academy U12	16	9	4	3
Sturminster Marshall U13 Sturminster Mar	16	9	4	3
Dexter Sports Youth U12 Panthers	16	8	2	6
Verwood Town U12 Vipers	16	8	2	6
Dorchester Town Youth U12 Raiders	16	6	3	7
Portland United Youth U12 PUYFC	16	6	2	8
Sturminster Newton United U12	16	3	0	13
Football Academy Bournemouth U12 Blue	16	0	0	16

U13s

Team	P	W	D	L	P
Wimborne Town FC U13	18	17	0	1	51
Bournemouth Sports Youth U13 Lions	18	15	2	1	47
Blandford United Youth U13 Rangers	18	10	2	6	32
Dorchester Town Youth U13 Panthers	18	10	2	6	32
Corfe Mullen United Juniors U13	18	9	2	7	29
Bournemouth Manor U13	18	8	1	9	25
Chickerell United Youth U13	18	7	1	10	22
Sturminster Newton United U13	18	4	1	13	13
Merley FC U13 Migs	18	3	1	14	10
Bridport Youth U13	18	1	0	17	3

U14s

Team	P	W	D	L	P
Dexter Sports Youth U14 Pumas	16	15	0	1	41
Bridport Youth U14	16	13	1	2	41
Sturminster Newton United U14	16	11	3	2	31
Wessex U14 Lions	16	8	2	6	21
Gillingham Town Youth U14 Giants	16	6	3	7	21
Bournemouth Sports Youth U16 Phoenix Gir	16	4	1	11	11
Phoenix Youth Sports U14	16	4	1	11	11
Longfleet FC U14 Lions	16	4	0	12	11
Bournemouth Electric Youth U14 Storn	16	1	1	14	4
Dexter Sports Youth U14 Lions	0	0	0	0	0

U15s

Team	P	W	D	L	P
Sturminster Newton United U15	14	12	1	1	37
Poole Town Youth U15 Raiders	14	11	1	2	34
Bournemouth Sports Youth U15 Panthers	14	7	3	4	24
Dexter Sports U15	14	6	3	5	21
Bournemouth Sports Youth U15 Lions	14	5	1	8	16
Merley FC U15 Lions	14	4	2	8	16
Bridport Town Youth U15	14	3	4	7	13
Dexter Sports Youth U15 Pumas	14	0	1	13	7

U16s

Team	P	W	D	L	P
Moordown & Southbourne Youth U16 Pumas	18	15	2	1	47
Sturminster Newton United U16	18	15	1	2	46
Lytchett Matravers U16 Athletic	18	11	3	4	35
Dexter Sports Youth U16 Tigons	18	9	3	6	30
New Milton Town Robins Youth U16 Blacks	18	8	2	8	26
Portland United Youth U16 PUYFC	18	8	2	8	26
Wool and Winfrith U16 Phoenix	18	5	2	11	17
Gillingham Town Youth U16	18	3	4	11	13
Phoenix Youth FC U16	18	3	1	14	10
Phoenix Flames Youth U16	18	2	2	14	8

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Wessex League Premier Division



About the Wessex League Premier Division

The Wessex League Premier Division is one of the leading regional football leagues in Southern England. It sits at Step 5 of the National League System and is administered by the Wessex Football League. Founded in 1986 and covering the regions of Hampshire, Dorset, Wiltshire, the Isle of Wight, Berkshire and surrounding areas. The league provides a competitive bridge between county football and the semi-professional national pyramid. Many clubs use it as a stepping stone towards the Southern League or Isthmian League. Each club plays every other club home and away. A standard season consists of 38 league matches per team. Teams receive: 3 points for a win; 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss. Premier Division clubs also compete in: Wessex League Cup; FA Cup from the Prelim Round and FA Vase. The Premier Division is regarded as a strong Step 5 competition, with many clubs: operating floodlit grounds. attracting crowds between 100 and 500 with bigger matches drawing more and developing young players who progress into higher levels of non-league football. The Wessex League Premier Division is one of England's most respected regional leagues. It combines community-based clubs, player development, local rivalries, and a realistic pathway into higher levels of the English football pyramid, making it an important part of non-league football in southern England.

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Player Profile



Theo Crane

- 1. How did you first get into football?** - My old man definitely forced me to play...
- 2. What's the proudest moment of your football career?** - Play off Semi Final and Final. To save 3 in the final and help this family go to Step 5 was a super proud moment!
- 3. Is there a match you'll never forget and why?** - There are a few..but one that stands out to me was Dorchester Away in the cup
- 4. What club do you support and why?** - Southampton. My family are all Saints fans so it just filtered down!
- 5. Hobbies away from football?** - Golf, Musician (2 Foot Moose) if anyone fancies booking :)
- 6. Song always on your Spotify playlist before a match?** - Fearless by PRESIDENT
- 7. Any pre match rituals?** - Always try to come in slightly early after the warm up and get in the zone
- 8. Go to film?** - American Sniper
- 9. Personal goals for the season?** - Make the SNUFC family proud and give them a season they deserve for all the work they put in behind the scenes. Thank you!

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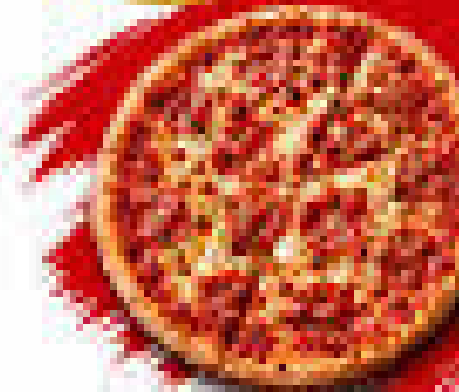
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1ST TEAM LEAGUE FIXTURE
V CHRISTCHURCH
7.45PM KICK OFF

148 YEARS IN THE MAKING... THE WAIT IS FINALLY OVER!
COME ALONG AND BE PART OF HISTORY! **UP THE CHERRIES!**

Current Wessex League Premier Division Table

As of 2nd August 2026

Premier Division

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Andover New Street	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
2	Hamble Club	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
3	Brockenhurst	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
4	Hythe & Dibden	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
5	Fleetlands	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
6	Hamworthy Recreation	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
7	Sherborne Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
8	Fareham Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
9	Downton	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
10	Petersfield Town	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
11	Baffins Milton Rovers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Christchurch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Hordean	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
15	Laverstock & Ford	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
16	Millbrook	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
17	Bashley	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
18	East Cowes Victoria Athletic	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
19	Sturminster Newton United	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
20	Bournemouth Poppies	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
21	Cowes Sports	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0

First Team - August Fixtures

Wessex League Premier Division

AUGUST						
Sat 1	15:00	Home	Fareham Town	Wessex League - Premier Division	-	
Tue 4	19:45	Home	Christchurch	Wessex League - Premier Division	-	
Sat 8	15:00	Away	Portland United	Emirates FA Cup - Extra Prelim Round	-	
Tue 11	19:45	Away	Bashley	Wessex League - Premier Division	-	
Sat 15	15:00	Home	Hythe & Dibden	Wessex League - Premier Division	-	
Tue 18	19:45	Home	Downton	Wessex League - Premier Division	-	
Tue 25	19:45	Away	Laverstock & Ford	Wessex League - Premier Division	-	
Sat 29	15:00	Home	Lymington Town	Wessex League Cup - 1st round	-	

Sat 8th August: Camp & Satherley Stadium, Grove Road, Portland DT5 1DP

Tues 11th August: Veho Community Stadium, Bashley Road, Bashley, New Milton, BH25 5RY

Tues 25th August: Laverstock & Ford Sports Club, 23 Church Road, Laverstock, Salisbury, SP1 1QX

TODAY'S SQUADS

SNUFC
Player Name
Theo Crane (GK)
Nick Hewlett
George Adair-Charlton
Jack Atkins
Elliot Bevis
Billy Bright
Thomas Budden
George W Coleman
George Coleman (GC)
Ben Cowley
Jamie Danoris
Jensen Doerr
Will Guppy
Adam Hall
Sean Hart
Ben Knight
Aaron Lane-Leney
Buddy O'Shea
Ben Reed
Luc Rukiza

COACHING STAFF
Manager: Nick Squires
Assistant Manager: Joshua Junior Mead
Head Coach: Martin Silk
Sports Therapist: Annie Lammas

VISITORS
Player Name
Hamza Bakkali Tallal
Joseph Bonney
Billy Barton
Taylor Broadley
Addwell Chipangura
James Culshaw
Igor Da Costa
Jonathan Davis
Toby Dinnivan
Connor Ford
Byron Fowler
Jovarie Fyffe
Brandon Hamerston
Callum Hockton
Jack James
Muhammed Jammeh
Samuel Manners
Owen Miller
Harry Ruscoe
Marcus Smith

COACHING STAFF
Manager: Brandon Gale
Assistant: Richard Teesdale
Coach: Gavin Hurren
Physio: Jehmiah Richards

Match Officials: Referee: Steven Gilbert Assistant: Dominic Bennett Assistant: Grant Barnett

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NEXT FIXTURE



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SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST 2026

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