



Jewson Western League Division One

Sturminster Newton United

Vs

Shirehampton

Saturday 31st January 2026

Kick-Off – 3pm

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Welcome to Barnett's Field

The Home of Sturminster Newton United FC

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Welcome from the Chairman

I hope you have all had a great New Year

Welcome to Barnett's Field for this afternoon's Jewson Western League Division One fixture, which is actually our first home match of 2026.

Our last home game in the league was against Warminster Town on Boxing Day. We scored early in the game and gained a 4-0 lead by half time. Another four in the second half and a sneaky goal from the opposition gave us what in the end was a well deserved three points in what ended up as a bit of a rout, but that must have been the visitors on an off day as this chalks up just our second win against them. A good day was had by all with Warminster Town and locals all sharing a good social hour or two in the bar after the game!

Our New Year game at home to Cheddar fell victim to the weather, but then success on the road has followed with a resounding 5-0 victory at Keynsham Town and then by a tougher 2-1 victory at Hengrove Athletic.

To turn our attentions to today's opponents, we welcome back Shirehampton to Barnett's Field this afternoon. This is our first meeting with Shirehampton this season. Last season we met early on and shared points in a 1-1 draw, but our away meeting ended in a frantic 3-2 loss, despite a few good penalty shouts in the dying minutes of the game. This season Shirehampton are currently 15th in the league having gained just four points from their previous five games.

Our next home matches are not far off, with Calne being the visitors on Saturday 14th February, followed by Cheddar on the Tuesday following at Barnett's Field.

Finally, thank you all for your continued support home and away. It really does make a difference! Also welcome to any new supporters who are joining us on our journey. I think you will enjoy the experience.

Thanks to you all

Lee

Lee Bright
Chairman



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Since we were last here...

Since our last game at Barnett's field when we hosted Wimborne Town in the league on Boxing Day. This result went well for us as we won by 8 goals to 1. The match was also well attended with over 200 paying spectators at the game.

We have since had just two games away at Keynsham Town and Hengrove Athletic.

Friday 26th December 2025

Sturminster Newton United 8 Warminster Town 1

With honours shared last season and a Warminster win in the Les Phillips cup a few months ago, the plan had to be right for this game, and indeed it was!

The opening goal came from Elliot Bevis on just three minutes, followed by his and the Cherries' second on 19 minutes. Just two minutes later a third was added by George "GC" Coleman and on 32 minutes a headed goal from Aaron Lane-Leney gave Stur a 4-0 lead to take in at Half Time.

The second half started cruelly for the visitors when in the first minute of the half they scored an own goal to take us to 5-0. Laney added another just before the hour for 6-0 and was then substituted for Sean Hart making his debut appearance for the club. It took Sean just eight minutes to record his opening goal for 7-0. Congratulations due! With a flurry of substitutions by the Cherries, the visitors grabbed a consolation goal on 75 minutes whilst the home players were settling in. Then on 89 minutes George "W" Coleman got on the end of an Adam Hall shot to steer it past the visiting keeper to end the match with an 8-1 victory, and a good day on the pitch, especially with many teams around us being held to draws. Good luck to Warminster Town, we wish you all the best for the rest of the season.



Man of the match was awarded to Aaron Lane-Leney.
Thanks very much to Myers Estate Agents who sponsored today's MOM award.

Saturday 10th January 2026

Keynsham Town 0 Sturminster Newton United 5

Three first half goals pretty much put this game to bed, followed by a couple more in the second half to make the visitors worthy winners at Keynsham Town.

Goal scorers were Nick Hewlett, George (W) Coleman, Sean Hart, Aaron Lane-Leney and (finally) Jack Atkins.



Man of the match awarded to Jack Atkins.

Saturday 17th January 2026

Hengrove Athletic 1 Sturminster Newton United 2

The Cherries started this game at a high tempo and did the damage before Hengrove got into the game with a great goal from Sean Hart on 19 minutes. The home side then started to get into the game and created a few chances, but a second goal from Ben Knight two minutes before the break seemed to be enough to get the win.

Hengrove were not having it though and pulled a goal back in the second half. A heavy pitch didn't really suit Stur's game and we made hard work of a game which wasn't pretty, but a much deserved three points in the bag.



Man of the match awarded to Nick Hewlett

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Sturminster Newton United FC – History

In 1874 the club, which was then known as the Panthers FC, became the first ever club from the West Country to participate in the FA Cup, reaching the second round on three occasions.

In 1877-78 they played the legendary Wanderers in the first round but lost 9-1. In the 1890's their name was changed to Sturminster St Mary's, with the current name adopted in 1945.

They were among the founding members of the Dorset Combination in 1957, having previously played in the Dorset League. After leaving the league due to financial difficulties in 1960, they played in the lower Dorset Senior League until they re-joined the Combination in 1972. They remained in that competition (since 2002 known as the Dorset Premier League) until 2011, when they were relegated to the Dorset Senior League. During this time, they won the Combination Cup twice, in 1981 and 1995.

They moved from a public recreation ground to their own stadium in Honeymead Lane in 1996.

In 2011-12 under Gary Head, in his first full season in charge, the club won the Dorset Senior Trophy with a 1-0 win over Parley Sports at Wimborne Town. In 2021-22 under the management of Nick Squires the club won its second Dorset Senior Trophy, beating Merley Cobham Sports 2-1 at The County Ground, Hamworthy. In 2022-23 the club continued their success adding the Dorset Premier League Cup to the trophy cabinet beating Sturminster Marshall 4-1 at Wimborne Town. The 2023-24 season has been the most successful in the clubs history as they have won the Dorset Premier League for the first time and have gained promotion to Step 6. A great season first time around in the Jewson Western League Division One saw them finish a very credible eighth under Nick Squires.

Dorset League Division One Winners 1971-72

Dorset Senior Trophy Winners – 2011-12 and 2021-22

Dorset Combination League Cup Winners – 1980-81 and 1995-96

Dorset Premier League Cup Winners – 2022-23 and 2023-24

Dorset Premier League Winners 2023-24

History of Shirehampton FC

Shirehampton FC began life as Kingsweston Star playing friendlies where ever and when-ever games could be arranged. Then in 1952 the name was changed to Penpole United and the club was elected to play in the Church of England league, their 'home' pitch on the downs.

In 1953 the team moved closer to their home of Shirehampton and started playing at the Lamplighters Playing Field on the banks of the Avon in Shirehampton. Highlights of these times were bruising local Derby clashes against St George Easton and Gordano where the opposition and large amounts of Supporters would arrive on the near-by Pill Shirehampton ferry.

In 1954 the team moved to its present pitch at Penpole Lane and the team became Shirehampton Sports. By this time the team were competing in the Bristol and District League and later in the early 70's dropping the Sports from their title.

In the early 70's Shirehampton FC were prevented from progressing into the County League football by bureaucracy and inter club politics. So to achieve their senior football ambitions they applied to the Somerset Senior league and were accepted into Division 1. Under the guidance of John Watkins they achieved promotion to the premier division. Subsequent seasons saw a precession of managers, resulting in a very unsettled period.

Stability came in the 90's in the shape of Pete McCall who had been a player with the club in the 70's. During his 10 year reign he achieved League cup winners and then at that time probably the greatest achievement in the clubs history the Somerset Senior Premier Division winners in 1999-2000 season. This was followed up in the 2000 – 2001 season where we finished as Somerset Senior runners up, building his successful team with local talent and youngsters brought through from youth football. At one time Pete's side boasted no fewer than 4 pairs of brothers during the 1997-1998 season!

Unfortunately during this successful period, Shirehampton FC's progression was prevented by League ground grading, and the Penpole Lane facilities were deemed not to be at the standard to support Western (Screwfix) League status. Relegation from the Somerset County Premier Division for the first team and relegation from the Bristol Premier Combination for the Reserves in the 2001-2002 season capped a miserable year.

Early 2003 Pete McCall was to return to the club again and take on the Chairman's role completing a remarkable player / manager/ chairman treble.

Once again success came back in the 2005-2006 season where the first team won the Somerset County Division 1 title beating Frome Town Reserves on the final game of the season at Frome to pip the hosts to the title and the Third team beating Hallen B in the GFA minor cup and finishing runners up in Division 4 of the Bristol & District league. The following 2 seasons we successfully consolidated our Premier division status with mid table finishes.

Success returned to the club in Season 2008-2009 coinciding with the return of player Micky Tanner who was assisted by Ex Bristol City team mate Wayne Bray ending the

season as Premier Division runners up to Bridgewater Town Reserves and winning the League cup final against Taunton Blackbrook 5-3.

The following season 2009/2010 didn't live up to the previous one, however the 2010-2011 went one better and completed the double with Premier Division Championship and League Cup winners beating Ashton and Backwell in the final (1-0) The league season was all the more remarkable with the team scoring an amazing 118 goals with significant goal contributions from Nick Alexander (17), Scott Bamford (18), Jack Barnes (16), Tony Beecham (20), Danny Copland (18) and Dan Griffiths (10) ending one of the finest seasons in our history up to that date.

2011-2013 saw top 10 finishes in the premier division but success returned in 2014-2015

Season 2014-2015 was up there in terms of success with ex player Tony Beecham returning as Manager with Rob Sage as his assistant, steering the First team to the brink of an incredible treble by winning the Premier Division Championship, runners up in the League cup to Bridgewater Town Res (narrowly missing out losing 4-2 on pens) and also reaching the final of the GFA Challenge Trophy, narrowly missing out 2-0 to Bristol Manor Farm who were 2 steps higher in the football pyramid at that time. Quite a season!!

Following Tony Beecham's decision to seek higher managerial positions elsewhere, Chairman Pete McCall stepped back in to the Managers role in 2015-2016 who was assisted by Ex Bristol City Player Lee Rogers leading the First team to a top 4 finish and the following season 2016-2017 finishing Runners up to Watchet Town pipping Nailsea and Tickenham to 2nd spot on the final game of the season. This season was also successful for the Reserve Team managed by Kyle Davies (Dennz) and Jack Harding, finishing runners up in the B&D senior Division to Stapleton and gaining promotion and a return to the Bristol Premier Combination league after an absence of 15 years.

Yet another Somerset County League cup win came our way in 2017-2018 where we were winners V Timsbury Athletic winning 5-2 with Scott Bamford scoring a Hat-trick.

With Pete McCall stepping down in 2019, Assistant Lee Rogers took charge and sat comfortably top of the Somerset Premier League table in March 2020, when due to the Covid-19 pandemic the season was curtailed. Could this have been our 4th league title? Some at the club think so and will be remembered as our ghost title!

Due to the FA having a major re-shuffle within the football pyramid, lateral movement at step 7 for season 2020-2021 saw us move from the Somerset County league our home since 1975 to the Gloucestershire County league. In the 45 years competing in the Somerset league we spent only a hand full of years playing outside of the Premier Division mostly finishing top 10 or better.

The move to the Gloucestershire County league gave everyone at the club a lift and after two disrupted seasons, a decision was made to ground share with our neighbours Bristol Manor Farm at the Creek (while our long protracted application for facility

upgrades at Penpole Lane rumble on) with a view to finally obtaining Step 6 Western league football (our aim since our first Somerset title back in 2000). Liam Greening was appointed the First Team Manager in the summer of 2021 bringing lots of Western League experience to the club. After being top of the Gloucester county league for most of the 2021/2022 season we missed out on the title on the final game of the season seeing us finish runners up to Wick. With news coming in June 2022 that the facilities at Wick did not meet step 6 requirements, we were informed that we were to be promoted to step 6 football in the Toolstation Western League with the ground share at Bristol Manor Farm looking a shrewd decision by Pete McCall, we had finally achieved Pete's vision.

2022 saw the club celebrate their 70 year anniversary in style when we played our first ever step 6 game on 30th July 2022 in the Toolstation Western League verses Longwell Green Sports a narrow defeat on the day could not dampen a celebration on our achievement and 70 years in existence as a Football club.

The 2022/23 season very nearly saw back to back promotions for the first team after beating Wells City in the semi final playoff only to agonisingly and narrowly miss out with a 2-1 defeat to Oldand Abotonians in the final. The reserves under the leadership of Joe Wheeler also narrowly missed out on promotion finishing 1 point off a promotion place. However there was success for the A team under leadership of Kyle Davies and Ben Purdy with a double promotion to the B&D div 3.

2023/24 proved to be a successful season for the Reserves who pipped Iron Action to the Bristol Premier combination Division 1 title and gained promotion to the Premier Division with Joe Wheeler at the helm assisted by Matt McCall, the highest pyramid level our Reserves have ever played at. The A team also won promotion to Division 2 finishing runners up in the Bristol & District Division 3 again under the stewardship of Kyle Davies and Ben Purdy. The First team had a difficult league campaign for numerous reasons, the highlight of the season was getting to the Semi finals of the Les Phillips cup where we lost out away at Shepton Mallet of the Premier league division.

The 2024/2025 season started for the first team back at manor farm, but all eyes were on Penpole Lane! Due to contractor availability the digging for the foundations and the cable trenches did not start until mid October and by then the winters rain had arrived. This together with the digging out of the famous Penpole rock made the conditions around the pitch perimeter a nightmare with turf damage on three sides. Then a delay in the application of bright green power coating of the light pylons (Planning conditions) meant they arrived at the start of December. This meant that frustratingly the first game under the new lights didn't take place until 20th December 2024 verses our local rivals Hallen. The result didn't go our way on the night but no one could take away the unbridled pride that at long long last floodlights were operational at Penpole Lane. Later that season on Friday 21st March 25 we hosted the premier League Trophy as part of Non League weekend where hundreds of local school children attended to have photo opportunities taken. On the pitch all three teams achieved top half finishes. But most of all WE WERE FINALLY HOME!!!



Next matches at Barnett's Field

Next up at home we welcome Calne Town for our Jewson Western League Division One match on Saturday 14th February 2026 – KO at 3pm.

This is quickly followed by a midweek game on Tuesday 17th February at 7.45pm when we host Cheddar in the match rearranged from early January.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible to cheer on the Cherries throughout February!

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Jewson Western League

Division One table as at 29/01/2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Devizes Town	22	16	6	0	45	54
2	Sturminster Newton United	22	16	2	4	42	50
3	Avonmouth	25	14	8	3	13	50
4	Wells City	23	16	1	6	42	49
5	Bitton	25	14	7	4	14	49
6	Bristol Telephones	22	12	5	5	9	41
7	Mendip Broadwalk	23	10	6	7	1	36
8	AEK Boco	24	10	5	9	11	35
9	Almondsbury	22	10	5	7	0	35
10	Longwell Green Sports	26	10	3	13	-10	33
11	Warminster Town	25	8	8	9	3	32
12	Cadbury Heath	27	8	7	12	-20	31
13	Calne Town	24	8	6	10	2	30
14	Odd Down (BATH)	24	7	5	12	-6	26
15	Shirehampton	22	5	6	11	-20	21
16	Radstock Town	23	4	9	10	-11	20 *
17	Keynsham Town	25	5	4	16	-29	19
18	Cheddar	25	3	9	13	-30	18
19	Hengrove Athletic	24	2	7	15	-29	13
20	Welton Rovers	21	3	3	15	-27	12

* adjustment made

OWNERSHIP STATEMENT:

Sturminster Newton United Football Club

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Reserves fixtures for February

Dorset Football League – Division 2

7 th February	Portesham United (home)
14 th February	Beaminster (away)
21 st February	Bournemouth Electric Res (away)
28 th February	Swanage Town & Herston Res (away)

Today's squads

STURMINSTER NEWTON UNITED				SHIREHAMPTON			
No.		Goals	Sub	No.		Goals	Sub
	Theo Crane				Benjamin Adam		
	Nick Hewlett				Scott Bamford		
	Jack Atkins				Sam Hopes		
	Buddy O'Shea				Keith Kearney		
	Elliot Bevis				George Loud		
	Billy Bright				Oscar Sealy		
	Ashley Clarke				Kyle Thomas		
	George (GC) Coleman				Cody Vile		
	Benjamin Cowley				Kieran Webster		
	Jamie Danoris				Alfie Bradburn		
	Ryan Schouten				Dylan Evans		
	William Guppy				Jake Harris		
	Adam Hall				Thomas Lewis		
	Harry Smith				Daniel Spicer		
	Aaron Lane-Leney				Ben Ford		
	Jensen Doerr				Ryan Radford		
	George (W) Coleman				Daniel Morne		
	Charlie Garrod				Caelen Simpson		
	Matthew Jobbins				Louis Snailham		
	Ben Reed				Aladji Sambou		
	Ben Knight				Oscar Collins		
	Denzil Gurung				James Kenway		
	Sean Hart				William Baldwin		
	Nick Squires	Manager			Liam Greening	Manager	
	Martin Silk	Asst Manager					
	Joshua Mead	Head Coach					
	Dan Stone	Coach					
	Annie Lammas	Physio					
Kit: Red & Black shirts, Black shorts, Red & Black hooped socks				Kit: Green Shirts, Green Shorts, Green Socks			

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 Assistant 1: Shaun Thorne
 Assistant 2: Robert Nobbs