



Jewson Western League Division One

Sturminster Newton United

Vs

Warminster Town

Friday 26th December 2025

Kick-Off – 12:00

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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 Christmas!

Welcome to Barnett's Field for this afternoon's Jewson Western League Division One fixture, the final match of 2025.

Our last home game in the league was against Radstock Town almost two weeks ago. The visitors went in 1-0 up at half time, but three second half goals gave us what in the end was a well deserved three points in what ended up as a good game of football.

In the Dorset Senior cup we welcomed a local team in Sherborne Town from the Wessex League Premier Division. A goal scored by the visitors that bounced off the forward's shins as he appeared in the right place at the right time saw us trail 1-0 at half time, but very much in the game. The second half had barely started when the visitors scored again and left us an uphill struggle. A goal from Laney helped reduce the deficit but despite the numerous chances created we could not get level. We wish Sherborne Town the best of luck in their next round at home to Weymouth.

To turn our attentions to today's opponents, we welcome back Warminster Town to Barnett's Field this afternoon. In our previous encounters, this season in the Les Phillips Cup saw Warminster win 3-1, but in the league this is our first meeting this season. Last season's fixtures ended up with a 2-1 home victory early on, and a 3-2 loss away, despite a brace from Adam Hall. Warminster Town are currently mid-table with some impressive results over the past month or so, including an 8-0 win at Cheddar and a 6-1 win at Keynsham Town.

Don't forget we play Cheddar at HOME in the league next Saturday, our first match of 2026. **Kick off is at 3pm.**

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 Radstock Town, we have also hosted Sherborne Town in the Dorset Senior Cup. Whilst the result went our way against Radstock, we were unfortunate not to get something out of the Sherborne game, despite our best efforts.

Saturday 13th December 2025

Sturminster Newton United 3 Radstock Town 1

Despite a first half mostly dominated by the Cherries, they went in at the break 1-0 down thanks to a beautifully crafted goal by Radstock's Ben Millett.

The second half was a different beast though. Stur continued to pile on the pressure and were rewarded by a goal from Laney on 64 minutes, followed by one from Bevvv 8 minutes later. Finally a bit of a special goal from Ash Clarke on 78 minutes to finish the scoring and a 3-1 win, which seemed to be about the right result. Please ask Ash about his goal, we couldn't fit his interview into the programme 😊.



Man of the match was awarded to Aaron Lane-Leney

Tuesday 16th December 2025

Sturminster Newton United 1 Sherborne Town 2 – Dorset Senior Cup ¼ final

A good crowd of almost 180 paying spectators turned out on what ended up as a foggy evening at Barnett's Field!

Stur started well creating chances, but so did Sherborne. Two pretty well matched sides for a long time, then a poor cross from Sherborne didn't get dealt with and bounced off the forward's shins to open the scoring for the visitors. Despite their best efforts, the Cherries couldn't find a goal and went in 1-0 at the break.

The fog rolled in at the interval, but rolled away just as quickly when the second half started. In less than a minute of the restart Sherborne scored from an impossible angle to go 2-0 up. This left Stur with a challenge which they accepted and went after the visitors. Their reward came on 71 minutes when the ball fell to Aaron Lane-Leney and he drilled it into the back of the net from just outside the penalty area. At 2-1 there was hope, and Sherborne had to use all of their step 5 experience to defend against the pressure put on them for the last twenty minutes. It was not to be though, and the visitors took the tie 2-1 and move on to the next round, a semi-final tie at home to Weymouth.

Disappointing that we didn't get a better result, but the lads can be proud of their efforts. A little more luck on our side could have seen a very different result! Best of luck to Sherborne Town in the next round.



Man of the match awarded to Will Guppy

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 Warminster Town FC

Warminster Town Football Club is one of Wiltshire's most historic and enduring football institutions, with a proud heritage dating back to the 19th century. While records show the club's foundation as early as **1878**, it is widely accepted that it became firmly established by **1885**, making it one of the oldest clubs in the region.

Early Years and Wiltshire Glory

In its formative years, Warminster Town FC played in the **Wiltshire County League**, quickly developing a reputation for skill, passion, and community spirit. Between **1898 and 1903**, the club won or finished runners-up in the **Wiltshire Senior Cup** in every season; an extraordinary feat that underlined its early dominance in county football. By **1911**, Warminster had lifted the County Cup **three times in just ten years**, a milestone only bettered by professional outfit **Swindon Town** over a 20-year period. In these early days, football was driven by sheer passion. Players juggled long working hours, often from **6am to 6pm Monday to Friday, and 6am to 2pm Saturdays** with their love for the game. For away matches, players often lost up to three hours' wages and paid **sixpence (6d)** each to help cover travel costs, usually by rail.

A Memorable FA Cup Journey

One of the most memorable moments in the club's early history came when in the 1936-37 season, Warminster reached the **Fourth Preliminary Round of the FA Cup**, drawing **Bath** at home. In an extraordinary show of local support, **around 3,500 spectators almost half the town's population at the time** turned out to cheer on their team. The match was a tightly contested affair, ultimately settled by a disputed penalty that saw Warminster exit the tournament by a single goal to nil.

The Weymouth Street Era and Grandstand Opening

The club originally played its matches at **Holly Lodge, Boreham Road**, before eventually relocating to its long-term home at **Weymouth Street**, where it still plays today. A major milestone in the club's development came on **15 December 1923**, when the iconic **grandstand** at Weymouth Street was officially opened by **Mrs H. Buxton** ahead of a fixture against **Devizes Town**. A photograph from that era still captures the moment and remains a proud part of the club's archives.

League Movements and Modern Development

Warminster Town joined the **Western League** for the first time in the **1930–31 season**, having competed in the Wiltshire County League up to that point. However, following the outbreak of **World War II**, the club returned to county competition and remained in the Wiltshire League for many years. A new chapter began in **1983–84**, when the club once again re-joined the Western League. After a relegation setback in **2005–06**, Warminster returned to the **Wiltshire County League**, but not for long. In a bid to maintain progress and seek fresh challenges, the club moved to the **Wessex League** for the **2008–09 season** before re-joining the **Western League** for the **2012–13 season**, where it continues to compete today.

Facilities and Clubhouse Investment

Off the pitch, the club has seen continued development. In **April 1991**, a new lease was negotiated for the Weymouth Street ground, paving the way for the construction of a **modern clubhouse with upgraded dressing rooms and a spectator seating area**. This facility was officially opened in **1994** and continues to serve players, officials, and fans alike.

Today, Warminster Town FC stands as a symbol of tradition, community, and resilience. From its Victorian roots to the present day, the club's journey has been shaped by the dedication of its players, volunteers, and supporters. As it looks towards its **150-year anniversary in 2028**, Warminster Town continues to honour its past while ambitiously building for the future.

Next match at Barnett's Field

Next up at home we welcome Cheddar for our Jewson Western League Division One match on Saturday 3rd January 2026 – KO at 3pm.

Cheddar are currently sitting 18th in the table, but their recent form shows a win and three draws from their last five games, so we should take nothing for granted in our first match of 2026.

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

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Jewson Western League

Division One table as at 20/12/2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Devizes Town	21	15	6	0	42	51
2	Avonmouth	21	13	7	1	17	46
3	Wells City	21	15	0	6	41	45
4	Sturminster Newton United	19	13	2	4	29	41
5	Bitton	21	12	5	4	11	41
6	Bristol Telephones	20	11	4	5	7	37
7	Mendip Broadwalk	20	10	5	5	6	35
8	Almondsbury	20	10	3	7	0	33
9	AEK Boco	21	9	4	8	11	31
10	Warminster Town	21	8	5	8	10	29
11	Longwell Green Sports	22	9	2	11	-11	29
12	Cadbury Heath	24	8	4	12	-20	28
13	Calne Town	21	7	5	9	3	26
14	Odd Down (BATH)	22	5	5	12	-12	20
15	Keynsham Town	21	5	4	12	-16	19
16	Radstock Town	20	4	7	9	-10	18 *
17	Shirehampton	19	4	5	10	-22	17
18	Cheddar	23	2	8	13	-31	14
19	Hengrove Athletic	21	2	6	13	-26	12
20	Welton Rovers	18	1	3	14	-29	6

* adjustment made

Today's squads

STURMINSTER NEWTON UNITED				WARMINSTER TOWN			
No.		Goals	Sub	No.		Goals	Sub
	Theo Crane				Jack Amor		
	Nick Hewlett				Reece Collyer		
	Jack Atkins				Tyler Gane		
	Buddy O'Shea				Seb Hounsell		
	Elliot Bevis				Braden Humphreys		
	Billy Bright				Henry McFerran		
	Ashley Clarke				Jack Newman		
	George (GC) Coleman				Tyson Pollard		
	Benjamin Cowley				Max Whittaker		
	Jamie Danoris				Toby Worts		
	Ryan Schouten				Jake Wright		
	William Guppy				Corey Gardner		
	Adam Hall				Ben Harris		
	Harry Smith				George Walker-Haynes		
	Aaron Lane-Leney				Max Walker-Wiltshire		
	Jensen Doerr				Owen Bartley		
	George (W) Coleman				Ryan Benson		
	Charlie Garrod				Jordan Pinder		
	Matthew Jobbins				Charlie Walton		
	Ben Reed				Jack Duck		
	Ben Knight						
	Denzil Gurung						
	Mal Benjamin						
	Nick Squires	Manager			Rob Nash	Manager	
	Martin Silk	Asst Manager				Asst Manager	
	Joshua Mead	Head Coach				Coach	
	Dan Stone	Coach				GK Coach	
	Annie Lammas	Physio					
Kit: Red & Black shirts, Black shorts, Red & Black hooped socks				Kit: Light Blue Shirts, Dark Blue Shorts, Dark Blue Socks			

Match Officials:

Referee: Darren Gay
 Assistant 1: Stuart Griffiths
 Assistant 2: Chris Martin