

Bell Close, Lake St Leighton Buzzard LU7 1RX

Premier Division

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TODAYS MATCH SPONSOR

Today's match is being sponsored by former Town player Robbie Brightman.

Robbie has been a great help to the club over the last 2 seasons carrying out essential maintenance work on the roof of the Clubhouse.

Many thanks Robbie





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WELCOME TO LEIGHTON TOWN

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Good afternoon, everybody, today we welcome the Players and Officials of Holmer Green who this season return to the Spartan South Midlands League after two seasons in the Hellenic League, due to FA League restructuring. So far this season they have two wins, one draw and one loss from their opening games and sit one point behind Leighton. We hope they enjoy todays game and travel home safely afterwards.

We have made a decent start to the season and our two home games so far have been well attended and we want to thank all our fans for their support in both games, it must be terrific for the team to play in front of such a large and enthusiastic crowd.

Many of you will have noticed the superb condition of the pitch this season but as I am sure many of you know we have been having problems with badgers digging holes on it on a frequent basis, if any of you know how we can discourage them permanently please let us know.

After today's game we have 2 more home games to follow, on 7th September we entertain Dunstable Town, then on Saturday 11th September we play Harpenden Town who are currently topping the table with 13 points from 5 games.

Last Saturday the lads probably gave their best display of the season against Baldock with Danny Webb starting to find his touch again. Luke Dunstan another of Joe's new signings also looked good in his short time on the pitch and things are looking promising.

On Tuesday night we travelled to Ardley another team who switched Leagues in the summerdue to the FA Leagues reorganisation and after a very competitive match we gained a point despite playing with 9 men for some time after Ethan Flanagan was dismissed for 2 yellow cards and Jordon Frederick was sent to the Sin Bin. Not a great game but a well deserved point.

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We still have vacancies in our 100 Club if anyone wants to become a member, only £5 a month.

If you want to join please see Sheelah McGregor for details.

In case you don't know we now have a new Chairman, John McLoughlin. John was previously Chairman at Dunstable Town.

Acting Chairman, Steve Harris is now back concentrating on his preferred role as Club Treasurer.

We hope you enjoy today's match and hopefully some celebrations in the Bar afterwards.



WOULD YOU LIKE THE CHANCE TO WIN SOME MONEY EACH MONTH?? FOR ONLY £5 EACH MONTH YOU CAN JOIN THE REDS 100 CLUB. THE TOP PRIZE IS £100 AND THERE ARE OTHER SMALLER PRIZES - THE MORE PEOPLE IN THE DRAW THE HIGHER THE PRIZE FUND BECOMES.

YOU CAN PAY BY CASH, DD OR CHEQUE.



TO JOIN SEE SHEELAH MCGREGOR

YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!



Holmer Green ● Club History

Originally founded in 1908, Holmer played initially in The Chesham and District League. Matches were played at Campbell's Meadow, (now the Rosetti Estate), close to a tennis racket factory. Sometime before 1934 the Club moved to Holmer Green Commonand set up headquarters in The Bat and Ball. In 1934the Club switched to The Wycombe Combination League. The first trophy won by Holmer Green was The Chesham Charity Cup in 1939, the first of 28 Cups and Championshipswon thus far by the 1st XI.

The early 70's saw the start of a very successfulthirty years in the Club's history. Holmer Green moved to their present ground, Watchet Lane, in 1975when the new Holmer Green Sports Association pavilion was fully ready. Holmer won The Berks & Bucks Intermediate Cup in 1976–77. Senior Status was thus achieved and since then the Club has striven to play at the highest level possible for a strictly amateur club.

The Club, through current President John Anderson, was heavily involved in the moves that set up The Chiltonian League in 1984. That League embraced clubs from no less than six different counties. Holmer had been very successful in the Chiltonian and believed that a move to a better run league, where the clubs were encouraged to improve facilities, should be the next step. The Chiltonian were reluctant to lose their "flagship" club and tried to stop the move to the The South Midlands League. Not until August 1995 did Holmer Green, through the FA's appeal system, successfully, switch Leagues.

This move gave Holmer Green the impetus to finally erect a Stand, now called The Don Want Stand in honour of their former long-servinggroundsman who still helps out with his time and expertise, on a regular basis. In 2014 Don was presented with some mementos to mark his 50 years with the Football Club.

Premier Division status was achieved in 1999after winning the Senior Division twice in four seasons, being 2nd and 4th in between. Floodlights were erected. Centenary events started with a visit from a full Wycombe Wanderers team in July 2007when the ground record of over 800was recorded.

In 2008 the Senior Club formally merged with Holmer Green Minors FC to become "One Club" and this occasion coincided with the new Club as a whole being named "Club of the Year 2008" by Bucks & Milton Keynes Sports Partnership.

Season 2008–09wasHolmer's 10th successive one in the Premier Division. After an unexpectedly long stay in the Premier Division, Holmer Green was demoted to Division One for season 2009–10, despite avoiding the two relegation positions.

Work immediately began to regain the "F" Grading required for Step 5 football to return to Watchet Lane. The 1st XI won the First Division by three points in 2009–10losingonly 3 of 40 games. The coveted "F" Grading was achieved again in 2011.

Manager Chris Allen, who was appointed in 2009, kept the regained Step 5 status for another incredible nine seasons before stepping down in May 2019, with Holmer having gained enough points by early March. By this time the Club had been moved, most unwillingly, into the geographically ridiculous Hellenic League. Chris' successor, Dave Lynch, resigned after a poor start in August and September 2019. Matt Stowell succeeded Lynch, and results turned before the season was ended due to Covid–19. Matt continued to rebuild for 2020–21 with a seventh place when the season was again terminated early. The club were very happily returned to The Spartan South Midlands League in Summer 2021, with Matt continuing in charge.



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LEAGUE HISTORY

The League is relatively young compared to other's being formed in 1922 as the Bedfordshire County League. With new clubs keen to join from outside the County it was decided in 1929 to change the name to the South Midlands League. The League continued to consolidate and strengthen over the ensuing 70 years or so providing quality football for many teams over a large area of the South Midlands. In 1997 it became apparent that the London Spartan League, which was very much to the South of the League's geographical footprint, was strugglingadministratively and, with the full support of the Football Association, the decision was taken to merge the two competitions with the new League being known as the Spartan South Midlands League. The League now covers a wide area from North London in the South to Milton Keynes in the North and from Ware in the East to Aylesburyin the West.

The League is part of the FA's National League System (NLS) and comprises of three Divisions; Premier at Step 5 of the NLS, Division One at Step 6 and Division Two at Step 7.

The League has a proud record of promoting clubs to Step 4 of the NLS and has also provided 4 FA Vase Finalists including two winners in Arlesey Town and Hoddesdon Town FC.

PREMIER



DIVISION



ARDLEY UNITED



ARLESEY TOWN



AYLESBURY VALE DYNAMOS



BALDOCK TOWN



BROADFIELDS UNITED



CRAWLEY GREEN



DUNSTABLE TOWN



FLACKWELL HEATH



HADLEY



HAREFIELD UNITED



HARPENDEN TOWN



HOLMER GREEN



LEIGHTON TOWN



LEVERSTOCK GREEN



LONDON COLNEY



MILTON KEYNES IRISH



OXHEY JETS



EA/AMIE 1971

NEW SALAMIS



TRING ATHLETIC



The History of Leighton Town Football Club

Leighton Town, who were known as Leighton United between 1922 and 1963, were formed in 1885. They were mainly involved in local leagues until the outbreak of the Great War and were winners of the Leighton and District League on several occasions.

Leighton were one of the original members of the South Midland League in 1922 – which at the time was known as the Bedfordshire County League. They were also members of the Spartan League between 1922/23and 1951/52, but their only successes being the Spartan League Division 2 title in 1923/24and 1927/28. They were Bedfordshire Senior Cupwinners in 1926/27.

In 1952, they became a founder member of the Hellenic League, but after two disappointing seasons, moved to the South Midlands League. In 1965/66season however, the Premier Championshipsat in the Leighton Town Boardroom. The club then re-joined the Spartan League in 1967/68.

Leighton proceeded to consolidate their League success by winning the Bedfordshire Senior Cup for three successive seasons in 1968, 1969 and 1970. Unfortunately, some of the successful players moved on to other clubs, and Leighton's fortunes again declined. A move to the United Counties League proved disastrous and after just two seasons, the club re–joined the South Midlands League.

During the '70's and '80's, Leighton were unable to capture the success of the '60's.

In 1990/1991the First Team won the South Midlands League Challenge Trophy and the O'Brien's Premier Division Cup, both for the first time in the club's history.

The 1991/2 season was one of the club's best. The South Midlands Premier Division title, which had eluded the club for so long, was won, and with it a place in the Isthmian League.

1992/3saw the Club's success continue when they won the Bedfordshire Senior Cup for the first time since 1970. The Club missed out on promotion in their first

Isthmian League season by just a single point, but the Youth Team retained the County Cup.

1995/6saw the First Team win promotion to Division 2 of the Isthmian League, whilst at the same time retaining the Buckingham Charity Cup.

In the 1996/7season, Leighton won the Isthmian League Associated Members Trophy for the first time.

1998/99sawthe return of the Associated Members Trophy and the Buckingham Charity Cup.

Season 2003/04Leighton won the Ryman Isthmian Second Division title. They were also named Ryman Division Two Team of the Year, and Paul Burgess was awarded Manager of the Year. They also reached the Fifth round of the FA Vase, and the final of the Beds Senior Cup, before losing to Andover and Arlesey Town respectively.

The 2004–05season saw the club placed in The Southern League East Division and finished in a creditable tenth place. They also won the Buckinghamshire Charity Cup. The Reserves won the Bedfordshire Intermediate Cupand the U18's won the SCYFLLeague Shield.

The 2005–06 Season saw the Club progress again, improving on the year before, as they finished 8th in The Southern League Western Division. After a poor start, League results improved and the side only suffered four defeats from the start of November until the end of March, a play-off place just eluding them.

After three excellent victories interest in the FA. Trophycompetition ended with a single goal defeat to eventual semi-finalists, Borehamwood.

The Club also reached the Beds Senior Cup Final, but sadly they again finished as Runners Up.

The Club were relocated to the Southern League Midland Division for 06–07 season but only one League win in the first six games and early exits in the two FA Competitions cost Paul Burgess his job in September. He was replaced by former Wycombe professional Keith Scott, results did improve but it was a disappointing season, although Town did win the Bucks Senior Charity Cup.

The 2007–08started brightly with the first League defeat not coming until mid-October. Three wins in the FA Cup saw the Club reach the 4th Qualifying Round for the first time in it's history. A 3–0defeat to Conference South, Havant and Waterlooville finally ended the run. Keith Scott then left in December to join Windsor and Eton. In January 2008, Assistant Manager Sean Downey was appointed as First Team Manager and did a splendid job as the Club ended their League season in 9th place, winning the Bucks Charity Cup and reaching the final of the Beds Senior Cup once more.

The 2008/09 Season the First Team finished 8th in the Southern League, Midland Division, achieving their highest points total to date at that level.

The 2009/10season saw Leighton once again finish in the top half of the table, when they finished in 9th place and they also lost the Bedfordshire Senior Cup Final to Southern League rivals, Arlesey Town after penalties.

Season 2010/2011,sawTown finish in 7th place in the League, gaining 69 points, their best performance since joining the Southern Football League.

The 2011/2012a poor season saw Leighton finish in their lowest position for several years.

2012/13was also very disappointing for the First Team as they finished in 20th place.

2015/2016After 3 disappointing seasons Leighton finished the season in the bottom two of the Southern League Central Division and were relegated to the Spartan South Midlands League where they had last played in the 1991/92 season.

2016/2017 This was a disappointing season with the club struggling for much of the time after yet another Managerial Change. Thingsdid pick up towards the end of the season and we eventually finished in 16th place.

2017/18 The club retained Scott Reynolds as Manager and finished 4th in the League and reached the Quarter Finals of the FA VASE. Gates improved and it was our best season for about 8 years,

2018/2019Manager, Scott Reynolds resigned in the close season and Danny Nicholls was appointed as Manager but left in October due to work commitments. The Clubthen appointed Joe Sweeney and Paul Copson, who had previously won the Premier division title with London Colney as their new Management Team. They steadied the ship and we finished in mid table.

2019/2020 Was a good season for the Club as we again reached the Quarter Final of the FA Vase and after a slow start in the Leaguethe team started to find some good form as we slowly climbed up the table. The team were also awarded the Team of the Month twice.

2020/2021Townfor the third time in 4 seasons reached the Quarter Final of the FA Vase but sadly lost out to 2 late penalties. An indifferent start in the League meant we could not quite gain the points needed to gain promotion in a Covid affected season.

2021/2022 Leighton are hoping to be challenging at the top end of the table but we are well aware that this is a difficult Division and several other strong teams will be competing to finish in the top 2 places.

Leighton Town 3-1 Baldock Town Saturday 28thAugust 2021



Today's Matches InvolvingPremier Division Clubs

Туре	Date / Time	Home T	eam		Awa	y Team	Venue	Competition
PREM	04/09/21 15:00	Leighton Town	0	vs	0	Holmer Green	Bell Close	Premier Division
PREM	04/09/21 15:00	London Colney	0	vs	0	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	LONDON COLNEY FC	Premier Division
PREM	04/09/21 15:00	Milton Keynes Irish	0	vs	0	Crawley Green	The Irish Centre	Premier Division
PREM	04/09/21 15:00	New Salamis	0	vs	0	Leverstock Green	HARINGEY BOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB	Premier Division
PREM	04/09/21 15:00	Risborough Rangers	0	vs	0	Dunstable Town	Windsors	Premier Division
PREM	04/09/21 15:00	Tring Athletic	0	vs	0	Harpenden Town	The Grass Roots Stadium	Premier Division
FAC	04/09/21 15:00	Arlesey Town	0	vs	0	Bowers & Pitsea	New Lamb Meadow	THE EMIRATES FA
FAC	04/09/21 15:00	Banbury United	0	vs	0	Ardley United	Spencer Stadium	THE EMIRATES FA
FAC	04/09/21 15:00	Broadfields United	0	vs	0	South Park	TITHE FARM SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	THE EMIRATES FA
FAC	04/09/21 15:00	Hadley	0	vs	0	Enfield	Brickfield Lane	THE EMIRATES FA
FAC	04/09/21 15:00	Harefield United	0	vs	0	Hastings United	PRESTON PARK	THE EMIRATES FA CUP
FAC	04/09/21 15:00	Oxhey Jets	0	vs	0	Kingstonian	The Boundary Stadium	THE EMIRATES FA
FAC	04/09/21 15:00	Weston Super Mare	0	vs	0	Flackwell Heath	The Optima Stadium	THE EMIRATES FA CUP



AUGUST RESULTS

	Tuesday	3rd Aug	ust 2021	
SSML	Crawley Green	0 1	Hadley	72
SSML	Dunstable Town	0 4	Milton Keynes Irish	138
SSML	Flackwell Heath	0 1	Ardley United	94
SSML	Harpenden Town	1 1	Arlesey Town	139
SSML	Holmer Green	3 3	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	92
SSML	Leighton Town	1 1	Risborough Rangers	337
SSML	Leverstock Green	2 0	Baldock Town	105
SSML	London Colney	1 4	Broadfields United	52
SSML	Oxhey Jets	1 1	Tring Athletic	126
	Tuesday	10th Aug	ust 2021	
SSML	Harefield United	1 1	New Salamis	105
	Saturday	14th Aug	gust 2021	
SSML	Ardley United	0 2	Arlesey Town	90
SSML	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	1 4	Leverstock Green	93
SSML	Baldock Town	2 4	Oxhey Jets	61
SSML	Crawley Green	2 3	Harpenden Town	40
SSML	Hadley	2 1	Flackwell Heath	101
SSML	Holmer Green	1 3	London Colney	46
SSML	Milton Keynes Irish	2 2	Harefield United	96
SSML	New Salamis	2 3	Leighton Town	52
SSML	Risborough Rangers	7 0	Broadfields United	102
	Saturday	21st Aug	just 2021	
SSML	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	4 1	Crawley Green	101
SSML	Leverstock Green	3 4	Harpenden Town	60
SSML	London Colney	0 3	New Salamis	32
	Saturday	28th Aug	just 2021	
SSML	Arlesey Town	1 2	Holmer Green	83
SSML	Harefield United	0 3	Ardley United	50
SSML	Harpenden Town	3 0	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	89
SSML	Leighton Town	3 1	Baldock Town	260
SSML	Leverstock Green	3 0	Dunstable Town	63
SSML	London Colney	0 4	Risborough Rangers	47
SSML	Milton Keynes Irish	0 0	Hadley	66
SSML	Oxhey Jets	1 1	Crawley Green	52
	Tuesday	31st Aug	ust 2021	
SSML	Ardley United	1 1	Leighton Town	106
SSML	Dunstable Town	0 1	Hadley	113
SSML	Flackwell Heath	0 1	London Colney	70
SSML	Harefield United	1 3	Leverstock Green	50
SSML	Harpenden Town	2 0	New Salamis	151
SSML	Oxhey Jets	4 6	Arlesey Town	92
SSML	Risborough Rangers	4 0	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	170
SSML	Tring Athletic	1 2	Holmer Green	100

LEAGUE TABLE

			Overall					Home					Away						
		Р	w	D	Ĺ	F	A	W	D	Ļ	F	A	w	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harpenden Town	5	4	1	0	13	6	2	1	0	6	1	2	0	0	7	5	+7	13
2	Leverstock Green	5	4	0	1	15	6	2	0	1	8	4	2	0	0	7	2	+9	12
3	Risborough Rangers	4	3	1	0	16	1	2	0	0	11	0	1	1	0	5	1	+15	10
4	Hadley	4	3	1	0	4	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	2	0	+3	10
5	Leighton Town	4	2	2	0	8	5	1	1	0	4	2	1	1	0	4	3	+3	8
6	Arlesey Town	4	2	1	1	10	7	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	9	5	+3	7
7	Ardley United	4	2	1	1	5	3	0	1	1	1	3	2	0	0	4	0	+2	7
8	Holmer Green	4	2	1	1	8	8	0	1	1	4	6	2	0	0	4	2	0	7
9	London Colney	5	2	0	3	5	12	0	0	3	1	11	2	0	0	4	1	-7	6
10	Milton Keynes Irish	3	1	2	0	6	2	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	4	0	+4	5
11	Oxhey Jets	4	1	2	1	10	10	0	2	1	6	8	1	0	0	4	2	0	5
12	New Salamis	4	1	1	2	6	6	0	0	1	2	3	1	1	1	4	3	0	4
13	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	5	1	1	3	8	15	1	0	1	5	5	0	1	2	3	10	-7	4
14	Broadfields United	2	1	0	1	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	8	-4	3
15	Harefield United	4	0	2	2	4	9	0	1	2	2	7	0	1	0	2	2	-5	2
16	Tring Athletic	2	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	-1	1
17	Crawley Green	4	0	1	3	4	9	0	0	2	2	4	0	1	1	2	5	-5	1
18	Flackwell Heath	3	0	0	3	1	4	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	-3	0
19	Baldock Town	3	0	0	3	3	9	0	0	1	2	4	0	0	2	1	5	-6	0
20	Dunstable Town	3	0	0	3	0	8	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	1	0	3	-8	0

LEAGUE FIXTURES UP TO 18thSEPTEMBER

	Tuesday 7th	Sep	tember 2021	
SSML	Holmer Green	"	Harefield United	19:45
SSML	Leighton Town	(Dunstable Town	19:45
SSML	Tring Athletic	"	Broadfields United	19:45
	Saturday 11th	n Sep	otember 2021	
SSML	Hadley	(Baldock Town	15:00
SSML	Leighton Town	U	Harpenden Town	15:00
SSML	Milton Keynes Irish	"	Flackwell Heath	15:00
	Tuesday 14th	1 Ѕер	tember 2021	
SSML	Arlesey Town	(Crawley Green	19:45
SSML	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	U	Milton Keynes Irish	19:45
SSML	Broadfields United	(Holmer Green	19:45
SSML	Dunstable Town	U	Baldock Town	19:45
SSML	Hadley	(London Colney	19:45
SSML	Harefield United	U	Tring Athletic	19:45
SSML	Harpenden Town	(Flackwell Heath	19:45
SSML	Leverstock Green	(Leighton Town	19:45
SSML	New Salamis	•	Oxhey Jets	19:45
SSML	Risborough Rangers	(Ardley United	19:45
	Saturday 18tl	h Sep	otember 2021	
SSML	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	(Hadley	15:00
SSML	Baldock Town	U	Harefield United	15:00
SSML	Broadfields United	(Milton Keynes Irish	15:00
SSML	Dunstable Town	U	Harpenden Town	15:00
SSML	Flackwell Heath	()	Arlesey Town	15:00
SSML	Holmer Green	(Crawley Green	15:00
SSML	London Colney	()	Leverstock Green	15:00
SSML	New Salamis	(Ardley United	15:00
SSML	Oxhey Jets	()	Risborough Rangers	15:00
SSML	Tring Athletic	(Leighton Town	15:00

LEAGUE ATTENDANCE

	Attendances									
	Team	Lowest	Highest	Average	+/-					
1	Leighton Town	260	337	299	-2.92%					
2	Risborough Rangers	102	170	136	+36.00%					
3	Dunstable Town	113	138	126	+14.55%					
4	Harpenden Town	89	151	126	-7.35%					
5	Hadley	101	101	101	-21.71%					
6	Tring Athletic	100	100	100	0.00%					
7	Ardley United	90	106	98	+63.33%					
8	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	93	101	97	-2.02%					
9	Oxhey Jets	52	126	90	+15.38%					
10	Arlesey Town	83	83	83	+2.47%					
11	Flackwell Heath	70	94	82	-10.87%					
12	Milton Keynes Irish	66	96	81	+47.27%					
13	Leverstock Green	60	105	76	-1.30%					
14	Holmer Green	46	92	69	+27.78%					
15	Harefield United	50	105	68	-25.27%					
16	Baldock Town	61	61	61	-33.70%					
17	Crawley Green	40	72	56	N/A					
18	New Salamis	52	52	52	+4.00%					
19	London Colney	32	52	44	-6.38%					
20	Broadfields United	0	0	0	-100.00%					



PRESSURE in football is supposedly reserved for managers, players and even referees – but there can't be anyone who has to perform when it really matters like the physio.

Most of the time we're used to seeing them dash on for minor knocks and strains. A bit of treatment, a blast of the freeze spray, a dab of the magic sponge, a squirt of the water bottle and on we go (I'm sure it's roughlythat easy!).

Yet nobody is in the bar after saying, "Physio had a great gametoday". It's probably how they prefer it. Unseen, just going about their business quietly and efficiently.

But I'm here to argue physios – and other medical staff at games – are the most important people in a football ground. Because when something really goes wrong, they are front and centre – often with hundreds, if not thousands, of eyes staring right at them.

Anyone who has been in a ground when a bad injury occurs knows it can be quite a scary time – especially anything involving the head, neck or spine. I'll never forget hearing a striker's leg break in a challenge at the other end of a ground. Or seeing a player having a seizure on the ground.

But the medical experts can't get caught up in all that. Keeping calm, assessingthe situation, they go through their processes, using all their knowledge from years of studying and observing to give the best possible care to a player.

Already this season we've seen cases of games abandoned because of really bad injuries.

Last season Darlington's Nicky Hunt suffered a head injury in a National League North game against Boston United.

Darlo therapist Danny O'Connor - who was helped by the Pilgrims' medical staff as well - spoke after about the situation that even saw

Hunt stop breathing twice. The team stayed in position for hours waiting for an ambulance, keeping Hunt comfortable.

"You kind of go into robot mode when something like this happens," he told NE Sport News. "It's a bit strange because you're just dealing with the situation and everything else becomes irrelevant.

"It's quite interesting really because when I've spoken to people afterwards the majority say they wouldn't know what to do in that situation, whereas I felt quite comfortable knowing what to do and when to do it, but that just comes down to experience."

It's a remarkable responsibility to take on – I'd wager the majority of us couldn't do a job like that.

Last month Hallam physio Shannon Brooks drew high praise for her expertise and care when assistant referee Andrew Jarvis fell in during a game. Her quick actions saved his life and has led Shannon to fundraise for defibrillators having seen the importance of one being available first-hand.

Thankfully, incidents like this tend to be few and far between. Hopefully at your game today you have no real need to notice any of the medical staff.

But let's keep showing them the appreciation they deserve.

Matthew Badcock

LEIGHTON TOWN FIRST TEAM SEPTEMBER FIXTURES



ARDLEY UNITED V LEIGHTON TOWN 31ST AUGUST 2021 ARDLEY UNITED 1 - LEIGHTON TOWN 1



Leighton Town Under 18's FA Youth Cup - 2nd September Leighton Town 5 - Corby Town 0



Leighton Town Under 18's FA Youth Cup - 2nd September Leighton Town 5 - Corby Town 0



FINAL POOLING

MATCHDAY SQUAD FROM



Leighton Town Red&White/Red/Red

Connor Coulson Joe Fitzgerald Tom Silford Eathan Flanagan Dave Murphy Luke Dunstan James Towell Jordon Frederick Sonny Newbury-Barr Danny Webb Dave Parkinson Oran Swales Ashton Campbell Ross Adams

Holmer Green Green & White

- (1) Karl Beaumont (GK)
- (2) JJ Jarrott
- (3) Jamie Mitchell ©
- (4) James Bent
- (5) Jamie Franks
- (6) Jose Daio
- (7) Ben Booker
- (8) Oskar Esplund-Evans
- (9) Eddie Eghuiudje
- (10) Alex Dimitrejevic
- (11) Alex Rice
- (12) Luke Williams
- (14) Jethro Odumosu
- (15) Isaac Thompson
- (16) Kudzai Chunga
- (17) Pavel Kotwica

Manager Joe Sweeney/Paul Copson Physio:John Rutherford Lorraine Smith

Manager: Matt Stowell Assistant Manager Physio:Tom Bryant

Match Officials
Referee Stephen Bates

Assistants: Mark Mellor/Kovilen Sawmynaden