

MALMESBURY VICTORIA



Vs Shortwood United

Hellenic Division One

Saturday August 19th 2023

3.00pm KO

Welcome from Ant Brown

Good afternoon and welcome to the flying monk. Today we welcome Shortwood players, staff and committee. We would also like to welcome our three match officials for todays Hellenic division one league match.









We look forward to seeing a new look Shortwood at the Vics today, having picked up the same points (7), we are now sat next to each other in the table, it should be a good game.

Following on from our recent good results, we are looking to continue a very positive start and take that deep into the season, the next 6 days see us facing tough opposition so we will need to be at our best if we are to take anything from this game.

I'd like to say a big thanks to the recent tremendous support at the Monk, we will need that backing today for sure. Enjoy the game and we will see you in the bar after.

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The Vics Recent Results

Type	Date / Time		Home Team	Away Team
HL1	15/08/23	19:45	Newent Town 	0 - 5 (HT 0-3) 
HL1	12/08/23	15:00	Malmesbury Victoria 	2 - 0 (HT 1-0) 
HL1	08/08/23	19:45	Malmesbury Victoria 	0 - 0 



Respect

Code of Conduct

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

We all want a referee for every match, yet thousands of match officials drop out because of the abuse and intimidation they receive on and off the pitch.

Respect our referee today and we may just get one for every match this season. Play your part and please observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for players and spectators at all times. All players are reminded to:

- **Adhere to the laws of the game**
- **Display and promote high standards of behaviour**
- **Promote Fair Play**
- **Always respect the match officials decisions**
- **Never engage in public criticism of the match officials**
- **Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour**
- **Never engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment**
- **Speak to team mates, the opposition and coaches/managers with respect**
- **Remember that we all make mistakes**
- **Win or Lose with dignity, shake hands after the match**

As spectators and supporters of the playing teams, we are all reminded to:

- **Always respect the match officials decisions**
- **Remain outside the field of play and within the designated spectators areas**
- **Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour**

These guidelines are taken very seriously by our club and breaches may lead to sanctions against offending individuals. We hope that everybody enjoys today's match in the friendly atmosphere that encourage.



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Recent Results

Date / Time	Home Team		Away Team	Type
16/08/23 19:45	FC Bristol	2 - 5	Devizes Town	HL1
16/08/23 19:45	Southam United	2 - 1 (HT 1-0)	Long Crendon	HL1
15/08/23 19:45	Abingdon United	0 - 1 (HT 0-1)	F C Stratford	HL1
15/08/23 19:45	Cheltenham Saracens	3 - 0	Moreton Rangers	HL1
15/08/23 19:45	Chipping Sodbury Town	1 - 3	Stonehouse Town	HL1
15/08/23 19:45	Newent Town	0 - 5 (HT 0-3)	Malmesbury Victoria	HL1
15/08/23 19:45	Shortwood United	2 - 0	Calne Town	HL1
15/08/23 19:45	Sporting Club Inkberrow	2 - 3	Kidlington Res	HL1
15/08/23 19:45	Hartpury University	1 - 2 (AET, HT 1-0)	Holyport	FAC

Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	F C Stratford	4	4	0	0	8	12
2	Clanfield 85	3	3	0	0	12	9
3	Devizes Town	3	3	0	0	10	9
4	Southam United	4	3	0	1	1	9
5	Malmesbury Victoria	3	2	1	0	7	7
6	Shortwood United	4	2	1	1	4	7
7	Sporting Club Inkberrow	4	2	0	2	4	6
8	Tytherington Rocks	3	2	0	1	3	6
9	Hartpury University	3	1	1	1	0	4
10	Calne Town	4	1	1	2	-1	4
11	Stonehouse Town	4	1	1	2	-1	4
12	FC Bristol	4	1	1	2	-5	4
13	Newent Town	4	1	1	2	-6	4
14	Kidlington Res	3	1	0	2	-1	3
15	Abingdon United	3	1	0	2	-2	3
16	Cheltenham Saracens	4	1	0	3	-6	3
17	Moreton Rangers	4	1	0	3	-8	3
18	Chipping Sodbury Town	4	0	1	3	-11	1
19	Long Crendon	3	0	0	3	-8	0

The Vics – Fixtures list Aug/Sep

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue
HL1	19/08/23 15:00	Malmesbury Victoria	Shortwood United	The Flying Monk Ground. SN16 9FG
HL1	22/08/23 19:45	Calne Town	Malmesbury Victoria	Bremhill View. SN11 9EE
HL1	25/08/23 19:45	Malmesbury Victoria	Devizes Town	The Flying Monk Ground. SN16 9FG
HL1	29/08/23 19:45	Chipping Sodbury Town	Malmesbury Victoria	The Ridings. BS37 6GA
HL1	02/09/23 15:00	Kidlington Res	Malmesbury Victoria	Yarnton Road Stadium. OX5 1AT
HL1	06/09/23 19:45	FC Bristol	Malmesbury Victoria	Oaklands Park. BS32 4AG
MCC	09/09/23 15:00	Malmesbury Victoria	Cheltenham Saracens	The Flying Monk Ground. SN16 9FG
FLC	13/09/23 19:45	Longlevens AFC	Malmesbury Victoria	Sawmills End. GL4 3DG
HL1	16/09/23 19:45	Malmesbury Victoria	F C Stratford	The Flying Monk Ground. SN16 9FG
HL1	19/09/23 19:45	Malmesbury Victoria	Tytherington Rocks	The Flying Monk Ground. SN16 9FG
HL1	27/09/23 19:45	Devizes Town	Malmesbury Victoria	Nursted Road. SN10 3DX
HL1	29/09/23 19:45	Clanfield 85	Malmesbury Victoria	Radcot Road. OX18 2ST

FA VASE



23/09/2023
15:00



VS



AEK Boco OR
Tuffley Rovers



Manager: **Ant Brown**
Assistant: **Jordan Stallard**
Assistant : **Paul Carson**
Physio: **Becca Maynard**

Malmesbury Victoria

- Travis Wood (GK)
- Matt Fusco
- Zac Berry
- Lewis Toop
- Andy Baker
- Kyle Pitts ©
- Matt Jones
- Biagio Mazzotto
- Jack Smith
- Ben Patey
- Kyle Witt
- Danny Gudger
- George Evatt
- Harvey Scholes
- Jasper Marsh
- Dale Richards
- Aaron Stevens
- Martin Sinclair
- Josh Langley



Manager: **Dan Gillespie**
Assistant: **Matt Tunley**
Coach: **Andrew Moody**

Shortwood United

- Billy Thomas (GK)
- Brad Loveridge
- Ethan Royer
- Kieron Mace
- Marcus Foxwell
- Shay Lyons
- Joe Tryner ©
- Fin Byrnes
- Keegan Bowes
- Ollie Price
- Essa Sabbally
- Ben Sluman
- Alex Freeman (GK)
- Dom Kent
- Jordan Molyneux
- Martin Smith
- Alex Gayner
- Ryan Dobbins (VC)
- Ethan Gilson - Clarke
- Ollie Elliot (GK)

Today's Match Officials

Referee

Mr Scott Ellis

Assistant 1

Mr Peter Darby

Assistant 2

Mr Nicholas Waite



The Vics Squad 23/24

Adam Clatworthy
Keeper



Experienced keeper, played at this level for many years, superb shot stopper.

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Josh Langley
Keeper



Lang is a local lad who has played at a higher level, and you can see why. Excellent commanding keeper.

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Travis Wood
Keeper



Trav re-joins the Vics this season after a couple of seasons the other side of the bridge. A great addition with brilliant distribution and shot stopping.

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Kyle Pitts
Defender – Captain

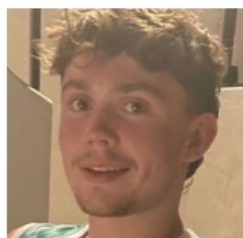


Pittsy is a commanding, experienced leader at centre back. Came to the Vics last season and has taken on the armband this year.

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Colin Pitts

Ben Patey
Defender



Patey has been with the club a few seasons now. Young defender with great potential. Great energy across the pitch.

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Aaron Stevens
Defender



Az re-joined the Vics after a spell at Chipping Sodbury. He's a strong centre back who's good in the air and loves a challenge.

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Andy Baker
Defender



Bakes is coach, club captain, fines master and key member of the squad. A brilliant attitude on and off the pitch and a consistent performer.

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Zac Berry
Defender



Zac came to the club last season from Hartpury. A young left back full of potential. Strong, quick and fit lad.

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Cecily Developments

Matt Fusco
Defender

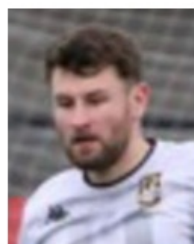


Fusco, been back with the club a few seasons now and recently converted to right back. One of the best touches around this level.

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Dale Richards
Defender

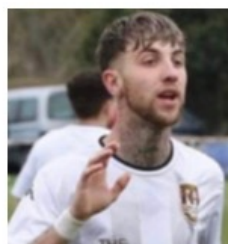


Dale joined last season from Wootton Bassett. He is a ball playing defender who has an eye for goal. When he strikes it, it stays struck.

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Lewis Toop
Defender / Midfielder

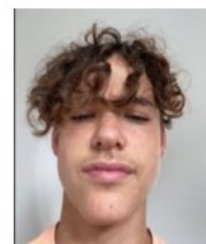


Toop came to the club last season and has played a variety of positions. Set piece specialist who loves a tackle.

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George Evat
Midfielder



George is a homegrown lad who has huge potential for a young lad. A tricky midfielder with excellent feet.

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The Vics Squad 23/24

<p>Biagio Mazzotta- Midfield</p>  <p>Biag joined the club last season from Fairford. A centre midfielder who rarely gives the ball away, keeps us ticking.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p> 	<p>Martin Sinclair Midfield</p>  <p>Martin has been with the club for a few seasons and has made the step up from the development. Good on the ball and in the air.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p> 	<p>Harvey Scholes Midfield</p>  <p>Scholesy is a new addition this season. Previously at Wantage. Scholesy loves getting on the ball and has an excellent range of passing.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p> 	<p>Kyle Witt Attacker</p>  <p>Kyle is a local lad who has shown brilliant commitment to the club. Tricky winger with an eye for goal.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p> <p>Charlie Reid</p>
<p>Danny Gudger Attacker</p>  <p>Gudger recently joined from Fairford town. A winger with an excellent eye for goal. A huge summer addition.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p> 	<p>Matty Jones Attacker</p>  <p>Matty joined last season from Fariford town. Massive part of the squad on and off the pitch. Loves a long throw.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p> 	<p>Jack Smith Attacker</p>  <p>Smithy was new to the club last season. Quality at holding the ball up and has an excellent touch. A key part of the squad.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p> 	<p>Jasper Marsh Attacker</p>  <p>Jasp is a new addition this year. He has impressed in preseason. He's a presence up front, has a decent touch and holds the ball up well.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p> 

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Malmesbury Victoria Club History

The Club was originally formed in 1898, and was known as Malmesbury Town, then Malmesbury United. Then in the 1960's, amalgamated with a successful Swindon Club known as Swindon Victoria.

The Club has played in various locations in and around the Town before eventually settling on the present site, known as The Flying Monk Ground. The ground was previously owned by the pub known as The Flying Monk.

There have been ups and downs over the past few years, but in 1999/2000 the Club was extremely successful with both Saturday sides winning their respective Leagues for the first time since 1974. The first team won the Wiltshire Premier League to clinch promotion to the Hellenic League, with the reserves winning the equivalent Junior Division to gain promotion to the Premier Division.

During their first season in the Hellenic League the first team acquitted themselves well to finish 4th in the League. Since then things have been much harder to finish in the top half of the league, but in 2001/2002 the Club did win the Wiltshire Senior Cup. 2004/2005 saw the Club decide to start an Under 18's team in the Wiltshire Floodlit League.

The Club has made huge steps to improve the facilities, in the summer of 2004 the giant step of installing floodlights was completed and the summer of 2005 saw the complete refurbishment of the Clubhouse.

In the 2006/07 season, we were unlucky not to get promotion into the Hellenic Premier League, finishing in fourth place. The following season 2007/08, we had a poor start, and half way through, after a change of management finished the season in 15th place.

The 2008/09 season saw the Club finish in the runners-up spot in Division 1 West, and with it came promotion to the Hellenic Premier Division, this being the Club's highest level of football in its history. However, the Club was relegated at the end of 2009/10 as the ground had not reached the required standard to continue in that division.

After dropping down and returning to a focus on local players, the club saw great success in the Wilts premier league, ending in being champions in 2014/15 season and gaining promotion to the Western League for 2016/17 season and finishing in a very respectable 9th position. Following a mid-table finish in 2017/18, League re-structuring has seen the club return to the Hellenic League in the 1 West Division where we look forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones.

The Club is in the early discussion stages to move to a new ground close to the present one, but high enough not to have to worry about flooding.

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THE HISTORY OF SHORTWOOD UNITED



Shortwood United Football Club was formed in 1900 and since then have played at 4 different grounds, Nailsworth Playing Field, Table Land, Wallow Green and finally at our current ground, Meadowbank.

The club has been at Meadowbank since 1972, and includes an all weather training area opened by the late Ted Croker. Gradual improvements over the years culminated in a major enhancement in 2009 to meet ground grading criteria for any future promotions.

League football was commenced in the Stroud League where following continued success during the 1970s promotion was gained to the Northern Senior and then the Gloucestershire County League. Promotion to the Hellenic league was achieved in 1981 only to be relegated in our first season but finishing runners up the following year ensured promotion straight back. In 1983 we won the Hellenic Division One Cup and GFA Trophy and in the following year won the Hellenic League. It was a further six years until success was realised again when the treble of League winners, GFA Trophy and Stroud Charity Cup was completed.

The 2007/08 season started a resurgence in Shortwood's fortunes in finishing 5th in the league and winning the supplementary cup, defeating Ardley 4-2 in the final. The subsequent season pushed our success even further when following a good run in the FA Cup and semi finalists in the League Cup, we pressed the eventual Champions Hungerford to the final day of the season where we lost out on goal difference after amassing 99 pts and scoring 99 goals. Shortwood's fine form continued into the next season when they again finished second in the league to Almondsbury, and runners up in the GFA Trophy again to Almondsbury, had good FA Cup and Vase runs and reached the final of the Floodlit cup. Having lost the away leg 3-0 to Reading Town they produced one of the most exciting comebacks and entertaining matches ever seen at Meadowbank where the score remained at 0-0 till the 67th minute when the deadlock was broken and Shortwood ran out 5-0 winners (AET).

Shortwood's league campaign in 2011 was a disappointment by their own high standards, but more silverware was added in the shape of the GFA Trophy after a 1-0 win over Tuffley Rovers in the final.

2011-12 season, however, was pivotal in the Club's history! Not only did they reach the quarter final of the FA Vase, they also reached the final of the Hellenic League Floodlit Cup and the GFA Trophy Final. Most important was their league position where they finished 2nd by 1 point behind Oxford City Nomads. With Nomad's not applying for promotion, and with Shortwood filling all the relevant criteria, they were promoted to the Southern League for the first time in their history!

The 2012-13 season was again a successful one. Following a disappointing early exit from the FA cup the club had a good run in the FA Trophy including a magnificent away victory at premier league side Weymouth on the way. In their first season in the Southern League they finished a creditable eighth position.

The 2013-14 season saw Shortwood progress further in the FA Cup than ever before! Early wins over Egham and Aylesbury put them up against Conference South outfit Dorchester and a 1-0 away win, and a further 1-0 win at Didcot put them into uncharted waters of the fourth qualifying round where they drew Conference side Aldershot at Meadowbank. A late, but deserved, equaliser gave them a replay and a heroic 2-1 win sparked wild celebrations. A home draw pitted Shortwood against League 1 side Port Vale in front of a record crowd of 1,247 plus a live television audience courtesy of BT Sport. Shortwood bowed out – but with the plaudits their cup run earned ringing in their ears.

The league season was also highly successful with a sixth placed finish, one point outside the play-off positions.

2014-15 failed to reach the heights of the previous season with many players moving on to higher things but for most of the season a play-off place looked possible until a decline in form towards the end of the season resulted in an 11th place finish.

2015 -16 continued Shortwood's continued stability in the Southern League as they finished the season 7th in the table with 78 points and the end of the season saw the end of an era as joint Manager John Evans retired after 20 seasons involvement with Shortwood – and the club moved forward with Alex Sykes now in sole charge.

2016-17 was a strange season with the Wood exiting the FA Cup and the FA Trophy at the first hurdle and showing inconsistent league form but despite that they managed to finish a more than respectable 9th.

Paul 'Des' Meredith took over the management reins at the start of season 2017-18.

In 2017 -18 the club had an excellent run in the FA Trophy and produced some excellent results in the league interspersed with some heavy defeats but this was only to be expected with a very young side – but throughout the year they strived to play football the Shortwood way. After Christmas Shortwood faced a difficult dilemma. The ever increasing demands of the FA around ground gradings and the loss of their major sponsor left the club with no choice but to resign from the Southern League and they applied to the FA to be placed in the Toolstation Western League and they were successful in that application. Des Meredith did not feel that he could carry on with a complete rebuild of the side and departed and the club moved on with Jason Scrivens and Joey Tustain taking the helm. They did a tremendous job getting a squad together in next to no time in almost impossible circumstances.

Shortwood finished bottom of the Toolstation Premier in 2018-19 and we were relegated and moved to the Hellenic Div 1 West, but the future is more optimistic than for a very long time. Shortwood's two youth sides enjoyed an incredibly successful season and with the reintroduction of a Development side for season 2019 / 20 the club was building and giving young local players a complete chance to progress. Mat Blythe was added as joint manager with Jason Scrivens, and Simon Blythe was added as 1st team Coach. While Chris Hicks and Shane Mathews took the reins of the Development side.

The COVID pandemic saw the cancellation of the season 2019 20 in March 2020 with the first team lying in a healthy 4th place in the league and the development team beginning to show some late form. During the enforced break Mat Blythe became sole first team manager, while Jason Scrivens took the reins of the now Shortwood Reserves side with Will Dunn coming as Coach. Season 20-21 was also curtailed and hardly ever got going. Shortwood retained most of last season's squad and have added a few exciting additions. They also strengthened the Management team with Neil Long coming in as number two and Josh Loveridge as 1st Team Coach. Rich Cullimore took the reins as Reserve team manager. With the club also starting an Under 18 side in the floodlit league Jason Scrivens moved up as Director of Football overseeing the whole club. In 21-22 Wood never fulfilled their potential and towards the end of the season Wood made the decision to replace the first team management and Ian Soule came in with a wealth of experience behind him and Lewis Fogg came in as his number two.


With Ian and Foggy departing at the end of season 22 – 23 the club wasted no time in appointing Dan Gillespie, Matt Tunley and Andrew Moody and are delighted to have done so. They recruited well and with skipper Joe Tryner and Wood faithful Fin Byrnes and Keegan Bowes staying the squad is looking fresh and ready to go. The club appointed Will Dunn, Matt Fanstone and Tim Butler to run the Reserves and the Club moved the Reserves to the Stroud League division one and again this is a positive step with the Reserves playing more locally and in a more competitive league. Last but not least the club appointed Toby Colliver and Ollie Elliott from last seasons U18's to run this years U18's. The Club took every step with care and consideration and under the watchful eye of Jason Scrivens there is a real optimism around the Club.

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
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